

Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame

JAMESTOWN, NY

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"A Conversation with Jim McCusker"



Join the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame as it honors our hometown hero, Jim McCusker, with a free public screening of a rare film featuring the 1961-1962 Philadelphia Eagles on which Jim played left tackle.

Following the film, Jim will be interviewed by Greg Peterson about his outstanding football years at Jamestown High, the University of Pittsburgh, and his 7-year professional career with the Chicago Cardinals, Philadelphia Eagles, Cleveland Browns and New York Jets.

Thursday, March 24, 2011, 7:00 PM Robert H. Jackson Center, Jamestown

CSHOF Inductee of the Month

Harry Martenson

1904-2003



Harry Martenson lived in Jamestown his entire life and was active in baseball most of those years.

Martenson first became involved in sandlot baseball and played for a team called the Triangles in 1929. He was an outstanding pitcher and took his talent to the Jamestown Chair team which was managed by Joe Nagle, a Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame inductee.

In 1941 Martenson bought a restaurant, Harry's Lunch, on Forest Avenue and baseball was always the topic of conversation there. In 1964 Martenson and some other players formed a team to play the Warren Oldtimers which led to the formation of the Jamestown and Area Oldtimers team. It was formed by

Martenson, Nagle and Morrie Mistretta, another 1987 CSHoF inductee. The Oldtimers' organization continued to grow and now plays a full schedule each summer, including road games in Ohio and Pennsylvania. Martenson was named the organization's secretary-treasurer in 1964 and held the position for many years.

The main function of the Jamestown and Area Oldtimers is not to play baseball, but to support youth baseball. Every year the Oldtimers raise money to provide equipment and trophies to youth leagues in the area. Martenson was very active in fund raising and used his home as a distribution point for the equipment. A trust fund was established by the Oldtimers and all the interest from it is used to purchase equipment for youth leagues.

Martenson remained one of the most active members of the Oldtimers and when he was not handling his duties as secretary-treasurer, he kept the media informed of the organization's upcoming events.

Harry Martenson was inducted into the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame in 1987.