

## Brian Plimley

Class of 1991

Brian Plimley was the most prolific baseball player Beacon High School ever produced. He played four years of varsity baseball of which those teams appeared in three sectional finals and won four league championships and one sectional championship.

Brian Plimley's pitching commandment: "thou shall not walk to first base". Brian struck out 322 batters while only walking 40.

His career pitching record was 38 wins and 8 loses with a 2.04 ERA. In addition Brian's career batting average was .409 with 21 home runs and 109 RBIs.

Brian was All Section (3 years), All League (4 years), and a Poughkeepsie Journal All Star (4 years). He was named Poughkeepsie Journal's Pitcher of the year twice, the teams Most Valuable Player three times and in 1991 the Conference "B" Pitcher of the Year. Brian was also a member of the Empire State Games baseball team which won a silver medal.

## Edward Steitz

Class of 1939

Dr. Edward Steitz is an honorary inductee to the Beacon High school Hall of Fame. He was the "Father of the Three Point Shot" in college basketball.

As a member of the NCAA Basketball Rules Committee he was instrumental in bringing the three point field goal, the 45 second clock and many other rules changes to college basketball. Dr. Steitz authored or edited 91 books and wrote more than 300 articles for magazines and professional journals.

After graduating Cornell University, Dr. Steitz went on to receive his master's and doctoral degrees from Springfield College. Dr. Steitz later became the head basketball coach and athletic director at Springfield College, "The Birthplace of Basketball".

Dr. Steitz was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame in 1984. The renowned basketball authority died in 1990.

## Jack I. Dexter

Class of 1950

Jack was selected to the hall of fame for his athletic ability in baseball, football, basketball and cross country.

In 1951, Jack led the Rutgers University freshman baseball team with a .500 batting average and was named the team Most Valuable Player. That same year he scored a team high of 8 touchdowns as a fullback for the 150 lbs. football team.

From 1955 to 1970 Jack played semi-professional baseball for several teams including the Beacon Braves. At the age of 66 he is still playing in various softball leagues.

Jack was inducted into the Dutchess County Old-timers Baseball Hall of Fame (1983), the Dutchess County Fast Pitch Softball Hall of Fame (1985) and the Dutchess County Sports Museum Hall of Fame (1985).

Jack has been a prominent member of the community. Jack still remains very active in politics, athletics and in other many aspects in Beacon and Dutchess County.

## Evan Whitson

Class of 1992

Evan Whitson played four years of varsity boys soccer, where he earned many honors. After graduating Beacon High School, Evan went on to play soccer at Virginia Wesleyan College.

At Virginia Wesleyan, Evan set the school career goal record with 56 and the school most career points record with 148 ( 56 goals, 36 assists). In 1995 he led Virginia Wesleyan to a 20-1-1 record. He was Player of the Year for Division I and II in the state of Virginia and earned All American honors. Evan also played in the College Select All Star game.

In 1997, Evan went on to play professional Indoor soccer for the Huntsville Fire, where he was the league's third leading scorer. Evan finished his professional soccer career in the National Soccer League for the Buffalo Blizzard.

## Cathy McCarthy Schetter

Class of 1989

Cathy McCarthy excelled in volleyball, basketball and softball. Cathy was a two time team Most Valuable Player in volleyball and softball and a three time Most Valuable player in basketball.

Cathy was known for her tenacious play as a point guard on the basketball team and a catcher on the softball team. She was a member of the 1989 basketball team which went to the sectional finals.

She is best remembered for helping lead the softball team to a New York State Championship in 1989. That year, she batted .490 while collecting eight doubles, three triples, four home runs 51 RBIs and 58 runs scored.

Her impressive resume of honors includes: Volleyball All League (1 year), Basketball All League (3 years) and Softball All League (3 years); Basketball and Softball All Section (2 years); Poughkeepsie Journal All Star in Basketball (1 year) and Softball (2 years); 1989 Poughkeepsie Journal Softball Player of the Year; All State Player in basketball and softball.

## Veronica Wakley

Class of 1992

Veronica was inducted into the Hall of Fame for her accomplishments in girls basketball. Veronica played five years of varsity basketball, which included being a member of the Sectional runner-up team in 1989. In addition to her basketball accomplishments, Veronica played two years of varsity softball.

Veronica set a school record by scoring 1,437 career points as a member of the "lady bulldogs" basketball team.

Veronica was All league (4 years), All Section (3 years) and a Poughkeepsie Journal All Star (2 years). She was the team's Most Valuable Player for three consecutive years. Veronica also was featured on the Madison Square Garden's Pepsi Sports Spotlight.

## 1989 Softball Team

"New York State Champions"

The 1989 Girls Softball team achieved what no other team in Beacon High School has ever done. They won the New York State Softball Championship.

The team was led by the pitching of Krisanne Rokitowski and the hitting and defense of Cathy McCarthy and Kristin MacDonald.

In the softball team's quest for a State Championship, the team won 23 games and lost 3 and won a League Championship. In the Sectional tournament the team beat Ossining, Yorktown and East Chester before beating Our Lady of Lourdes 8-3 in the third game of the best two out three Championship Finals.

With a Sectional Championship under their belts the team went on to the Regional Finals, where they beat John S. Burke 6-4.

The State Championships were held at West Point. Beacon beat Mineola 4-3 in the semi-finals and then beat Chenango Falls 9-7 to become New York State Class B Softball Champions.