

1984 4X100 Meter Relay Team

Christina Rama
Sonia Johnson
Rahmah Gray
Dorothy Vereen
Della Porter

The girls 4X100 meter relay team in 1984 was ranked 9th in the East Coast by the USA Today track poll. The relay team placed 6th at the Penn Relays, and came in 2nd at the New York State Meet. The relay team ran a 48.9, which was a Dutchess County record.

The relay team won All-League, All-County and All-State honors and was anchored by All-American sprinter Dorothy Vereen.

To this day, the relay team's accomplishments rank among Beacon's most prestigious and finest, not equaled in Track and Field.

Dorothy Vereen, Rahmah Gray, and Sonia Johnson went to the States in individual events placing 1st, 2nd and 6th respectfully in 1985.

Michael T. Slinsky

Class of 1987

Mike is an Honorary Inductee into the Hall of Fame for his achievements after high school when he became one of the area's best long distance runners. He was a collegiate regional 10K champion, was on the Division III National Cross Country Team at Delhi, and qualified for the Olympic Trials in the marathon in 1996. In 1997, the pro-athlete was ranked 10th nationally in the marathon.

As a distance runner in cross country and track and field for the "Bulldogs", Mike earned numerous All League honors from 1984 to 1987.

Killy Hayden

Class of 1988

Killy excelled in football, basketball, and baseball, but his accomplishments on the baseball diamond truly earned him this honor. He is most remembered for his slick defensive play at shortstop and the offensive firepower he provided the Bulldogs. Killy had a phenomenal senior year: Batting .471, 10 home runs, 45 RBI's, 33 runs scored. His 49 hits and 12 doubles were school records. In 122 plate appearances, he struck out only 3 times. He led the varsity baseball team to two league championships and two Sectional final appearances. Awards were plentiful as Killy made All-League, All-Section, and was a Dutchess County and Poughkeepsie Journal All-Star for his success that senior season. He also was an All-League selection in both football and basketball.

Michael Smith

Class of 1985

Mike Smith excelled in football, basketball and baseball. He is being inducted into the Hall of Fame for his "aerial attack" as a quarterback for the Bulldogs.

The Beacon Evening News called Mike the next "Joe Namath" for his 6'4", 210 pound frame and his ability to throw the football. During Mike's three years as quarterback, he shattered all Beacon High School passing records, including 3,910 career passing yards and 39 touchdown passes.

He capped his illustrious football career by throwing for 1,397 yards in his senior year, including 19 touchdown passes. His most prolific outings that year came against Spackenkill and Walter Panas, firing 5 touchdown passes against each of them. Mike quarterbacked the Bulldogs to a 6-3 record, which included a 26-24 loss to Poughkeepsie in the league championship game.

Mike was All-League, All-County, and All-Section for three years. As a senior he earned All-State Honors.

Lee Radford

Class of 1987

Lee Radford was best remembered for his many tape measure home runs during his 2 years of varsity baseball. Lee slugged twenty-five round-trippers, a Beacon High School record. Lee was productive on the mound as well. He finished with a career mark of 13-4. During his junior year, Lee averaged .366 with 14 home runs (another school record) and 36 RBI's. For his efforts, Lee was named Poughkeepsie Journal "Player of the Year" and was a member of the All-Section team. Lee helped propel the baseball team to Beacon High School's first baseball league championship and Sectional final appearance. Lee also played on the varsity football team for 2 years.