

A stylized, high-contrast illustration of a tiger's face. The tiger is depicted in shades of orange, black, and white, with large, expressive yellow eyes. The style is graphic and bold, with thick black outlines and a limited color palette. The tiger's mouth is open, showing white teeth and a red tongue. The background is a mix of orange and white, suggesting the tiger's fur.

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Ipswich High School has been the home of interscholastic athletics for more than a century. We have been privileged to witness many wonderful and talented athletes accomplish individual and team successes while wearing the black and orange for the Ipswich Tigers, and they live in our memories. There are reminiscences shared by Ipswich residents every day about great games, great plays, great teams, great athletes and great coaches.

This Committee was formed to create and perpetuate an Ipswich High School Athletic Hall of Fame to honor athletes, coaches and individuals who have made a substantial contribution to the Ipswich High School Athletic Program in order to recognize and preserve their accomplishments and memories.

Our year long efforts have culminated in the selection of the individuals being honored this evening. The selection process for the 2017 Athletic Hall of Fame Class was extremely difficult because there continue to be so many worthy candidates. The Committee is extremely proud of this group of inductees, and we look forward to honoring deserving recipients at future ceremonies.

The Ipswich High School Athletic Hall of Fame will continue to grow in size and stature with the continued support of the community. Please visit the Ipswich High/Middle School to view the plaques of all of our Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees. They are located on the walls outside of the Elliott C. Roundy Gymnasium. We hope that you enjoy the evening and that our collective goal of enhancing and preserving Ipswich High School's athletic traditions will be achieved and perpetuated.

Ipswich High School
Athletic Hall of Fame Committee
November 24, 2017

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PROGRAM

The Ipswich High School Athletic Hall of Fame
welcomes you to the
2017 Induction Ceremony and Banquet.
We hope you enjoy this memorable evening.

THE HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE

WELCOME

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INTRODUCTION OF INDUCTEES

ATHLETES

William "Billy" Alexson	Class of 1965	Basketball, Baseball, Cross Country
Maureen Bowen Beaudet	Class of 1982	Soccer, Softball, Basketball
Billy Ray Coleman	Class of 1973	Track, Football, Basketball
Kathleen Gagnon Daly	Class of 1984	Field Hockey, Basketball, Track
Andrew DiMichele	Class of 2001	Swimming
Justin "Judd" Logan	Class of 1978	Baseball, Football, Basketball
Brian Phaneuf	Class of 1977	Football, Basketball, Baseball

COACH

Steve Hopping	Class of 1967 1986-2003	Baseball, Football, Hockey Baseball Coach
William "Bill" Laakso	1966-1977	Hockey Coach

MERITORIOUS SERVICE

Jim Daly	1967-1987	Sports Correspondent - Chronicle
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PAST INDUCTEES — BY INDUCTION CLASS

CLASS OF 2010

Jayne Benirowski Canty	Basketball	Class of 1979
Ruben Britt Jr.	Basketball	Class of 1970
Brett Budzinski	Football, Basketball, Track	Class of 1993
John "Bubba" Galanis	Football, Basketball, Lacrosse	Class of 1972
Edward Mackey (Machaj)	Baseball, Basketball	Class of 1941
Philip "Jo Jo" Robishaw	Football	Class of 1940
Dr. Ann "Kiki" Papagiotas	Basketball Coach 1970–1984	Class of 1966
C. Elliott Roundy	Coach and Athletic Director	1951–1983
John Thomas	Meritorious	Class of 1967
Jack Welch	Football Coach, Track Coach	1964–2000

CLASS OF 2011

Bernard Adell	Football, Track	Class of 1978
Jean Clarkin	Basketball, Track	Class of 1983
Joan Clarkin	Basketball, Track	Class of 1981
Charles Gianakakis	Football, Basketball, Baseball	Class of 1954
Jack Gillespie	Football, Basketball, Baseball	Class of 1957
Peter Gorniewicz	Football, Basketball	Class of 1971
Kevin Nylen	Soccer, Basketball, Lacrosse	Class of 1999
Kathy Paganis	Field Hockey, Basketball, Track, Softball	Class of 1977
Joseph Rogers	Teacher, Principal	1950–1985
Arthur Carey	Lacrosse Coach, Football Coach	1967–1981
Ken Spellman	Track, Football and Basketball Coach	1969–Present

CLASS OF 2012

David Bialek	Hockey, Baseball, Football	Class of 1970
John Bialek	Hockey, Baseball, Football	Class of 1933
Chris Bromby	Lacrosse, Hockey	Class of 1993
Venetia Constantine Reilly	Field Hockey, Basketball, Track	Class of 1976
James LaRochelle	Wrestling, Football	Class of 1971
Joseph "J.J." Millette	Cross Country, Track	Class of 1986
Edward Sklarz	Baseball, Basketball, Football	Class of 1953
David Whipple	Basketball Coach	1966–1978
Angelo Perna	Teacher, Coach, A.C.P. Sports	1968–2012

CLASS OF 2013

Holly Foster	Field Hockey, Basketball, Coach	Class of 1974
Megan Frederick	Soccer, Track	Class of 2001
Carl Mattarochia	Football, Lacrosse	Class of 1970
Ellen Galanis Nich	Basketball, Softball	Class of 1977
Peter Pickul	Football, Basketball, Baseball	Class of 1960
Greg Smith	Football, Hockey, Track	Class of 1983
Dorothy Stanley	Basketball, Softball	Class of 1981
Cameron Wallace	Football, Basketball, Baseball	Class of 1960
Frances D. Cogswell	Basketball, Softball Coach	1942–1960
Robert Conary	Football Coach	1921–1942
Rick Storer	Soccer Coach	1970–2010
Chester F. Bowen Jr.	Athlete, Writer, Manager, Friend	1941–1945
John H. Stella	Superintendent of Schools	1968–1981

PAST INDUCTEES — BY INDUCTION CLASS

CLASS OF 2014

Jeff Camacho	Wrestling, Football	Class of 1970
Roger Day	Football, Basketball, Baseball	Class of 1973
Rob Dolman	Football, Track	Class of 1991
Dennis Doty	Football, Basketball, Baseball	Class of 1969
Chris Farfaras	Football, Track, Basketball	Class of 1985
Carol Graffum	Field Hockey, Basketball	Class of 1975
Justin Lemire	Soccer, Track	Class of 1997
Cindy Scherer	Field Hockey, Basketball, Track, Softball	Class of 1976
Norm Sheppard	Football, Basketball, Baseball	Class of 1955
Jen Usher	Basketball, Track, Soccer	Class of 1996
Bob Burke	Wrestling, Football, Baseball Coach	1951–1966
George Geanakos	School Committee	1957–1966

CLASS OF 2015

Andrew “Doc” Alexson	Baseball, Basketball, Football	Class of 1939
Dr. Kristine Corkum	Lacrosse, Soccer	Class of 2004
Dr. Julie Crawford MacDonald	Basketball, Field Hockey, Softball	Class of 1989
Dorothy Fenton Wallace	Basketball, Field Hockey, Softball	Class of 1979
Karen Jacunski	Basketball, Field Hockey, Softball	Class of 1967
Matthew Lemire	Soccer, Basketball, Lacrosse	Class of 2004
George “Mike” Singer	Baseball, Basketball, Football	Class of 1947
William Smith	Baseball, Football	Class of 1942
Kelly Usher Merrell	Indoor and Outdoor Track, Soccer	Class of 1995
Jeffrey Vitale	Football, Lacrosse	Class of 1994
Walter J. Dembowski, Jr.	Baseball Coach, Football Coach	1962–1981
Douglas Woodworth	Baseball, Basketball, Football	Class of 1972
	Coach of Girls’ and Boys’ Basketball	1978–2015
	Softball, Football, Golf	
	Meritorious	2000–2015

CLASS OF 2016

Jean Dauer	Sports Correspondent – Chronicle	1970s–1980s
John Davis	Basketball, Baseball, Track, Soccer	Class of 1983
Susan Mikel Donaher	Field Hockey, Basketball, Track	Class of 1990
Robert Dudek	Basketball, Baseball, Cross Country	Class of 1964
Nancy Campus French	Field Hockey, Basketball	Class of 1978
C. Barry “Butch” Johnson	Football, Baseball, Wrestling	Class of 1967
Eleanor Knowles	Basketball, Softball, Dory Racing	Class of 1960
	Coach	
Nick Kokinacis	Basketball, Baseball	Class of 1957
Paul Lees	Football, Hockey, Track	Class of 1978
Robert McKenna	Coach, Basketball, Track	1956–1966
	Cross Country	
Tyler Smith	Soccer	Class of 2003
David Williams	Football, Basketball, Baseball	Class of 1953
D. Justin Woodworth	Basketball, Golf	Class of 2005

PAST INDUCTEES — BY GRADUATION CLASS

1930s	CLASS	INDUCTION
John Bialek	1933	2012
Doc Alexson	1939	2015

1940s	CLASS	INDUCTION
Jo Jo Robishaw	1940	2010
Eddie Mackey	1941	2010
Bill Smith	1942	2015
Chet Bowen	1945	2013
George Geanakos	1945	2014
Bob Burke	1946	2014
Mike Singer	1947	2015

1950s	CLASS	INDUCTION
Ed Sklarz	1953	2012
Dave Williams	1953	2016
Charlie Gianakakis	1954	2011
Dave Whipple	1954	2012
Norm Sheppard	1955	2014
Jack Gillespie	1957	2011
Nick Kokinacis	1957	2016

1960s	CLASS	INDUCTION
Ellie Knowles	1960	2016
Peter Pickul	1960	2013
Cammy Wallace	1960	2013
Robert Dudek	1964	2016
Bill Alexson	1965	2017
Kiki Papagiotas	1966	2010
Steve Hopping	1967	2017
Karen Jacunski	1967	2015
Butch Johnson	1967	2016
John Thomas	1967	2010
Dennis Doty	1969	2014

1970s	CLASS	INDUCTION
Dave Bialek	1970	2012
Ruben Britt	1970	2010
Jeff Camacho	1970	2014
Carl Mattarocchia	1970	2013
Peter Gorniewicz	1971	2011
Jim Laroche	1971	2012
Bubba Galanis	1972	2010
Doug Woodworth	1972	2015
Billy Ray Coleman	1973	2017
Roger Day	1973	2014
Holly Foster	1974	2013
Carol Graffum	1975	2014
Venetia Constantine	1976	2012
Cindy Scherer	1976	2014
Ellen Galanis	1977	2013
Kathy Paganis	1977	2011
Brian Phaneuf	1977	2017
Bernie Adell	1978	2011
Nancy Campus	1978	2016
Paul Lees	1978	2016
Judd Logan	1978	2017
Jayne Benirowski	1979	2010
Dorothy Fenton	1979	2015

1980s	CLASS	INDUCTION
Joan Clarkin	1981	2011
Dottie Stanley	1981	2013
Maureen Bowen	1982	2017
Jean Clarkin	1983	2011
John Davis	1983	2016
Greg Smith	1983	2013
Kathy Gagnon	1984	2017
Chris Farfaras	1985	2014
J. J. Millette	1986	2012
Julie Crawford	1989	2015

1990s	CLASS	INDUCTION
Sue Mikel	1990	2016
Rob Dolman	1991	2014
Chris Bromby	1993	2012
Brett Budzinski	1993	2010
Jeff Vitale	1994	2015
Kelly Usher	1995	2015
Jen Usher	1996	2014
Justin Lemire	1997	2014
Kevin Nysten	1999	2011

2000s	CLASS	INDUCTION
Andrew DiMichele	2001	2017
Megan Frederick	2001	2013
Tyler Smith	2003	2016
Kristine Corkum	2004	2015
Matt Lemire	2004	2015
Justin Woodworth	2005	2016

COACHES	INDUCTION
Bob Burke	2014
Arthur Carey	2011
Frances Cogswell	2013
Bob Conary	2013
Walter Dembowski	2015
Bill Laakso	2017
Bob McKenna	2016
Kiki Papagiotas	2010
Elliott Roundy	2010
Ken Spellman	2011
Rick Storer	2013
Jack Welch	2010
Dave Whipple	2012
Doug Woodworth	2015

MERITORIOUS	INDUCTION
Chet Bowen	2013
Jean Dauer	2016
Jim Daly	2017
George Geanakos	2014
Angie Perna	2012
Joe Rogers	2011
John Stella	2013
John Thomas	2010

THANK YOU

To our Patrons, Sponsors and Friends:

The Ipswich High School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee would like to thank all of our patrons and sponsors who have contributed to this year's Hall of Fame program. Your contributions, donations and support of our Athletic Hall of Fame is greatly appreciated. A special thank you to the Institution for Savings for their continued generous support, not only to us but to the Town of Ipswich.

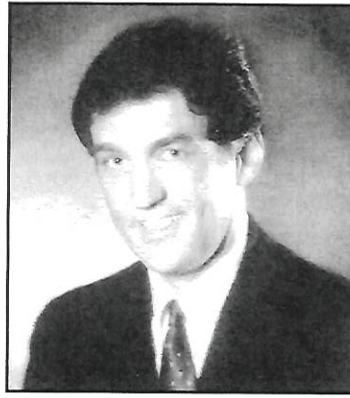
We would like to express our congratulations to this year's Hall of Fame Inductees, Class of 2017. Over the years there have been so many athletes, coaches and friends of the Ipswich High School Interscholastic Athletic program that have made significant contributions to one of the most admired and respected programs in the area. We will continue our efforts to recognize and preserve all of their accomplishments and memories.

We are extremely proud of all of our Athletic Hall of Fame members and we look forward to our next year's Class of 2018!

Congratulations!

Ipswich High School
Athletic Hall of Fame Committee





WILLIAM D. ALEXSON

Basketball, Baseball, Cross Country
1961–1965

Following in the steps of his well-known dad, Doc Alexson, a 2015 Hall of Fame inductee, Bill Alexson continues the family legacy this year for his own outstanding athletic contributions to the Ipswich High School sports program.

Bill had a terrific basketball career under the auspices of 2016 Hall of Fame Coach Bob McKenna, whom Bill had the honor of introducing at last year's induction ceremony. During his high school career, Bill was a three-year Varsity starter for the basketball team, which he captained his senior year. He was the CAL's leading scorer, averaging 25 points per game. A proud achievement, which stood for twenty years, was holding the single-game scoring record of 43 points in a game. Bill was a CAL All-Star his junior year, and the captain of the CAL All-Star Team his senior year. He was a member of two Tech Tourney teams. Also under Coach McKenna, Bill trained for basketball by running cross country and playing JV baseball.

Bill's post-high school accomplishments are world-wide in keeping with his basketball talent. He played professionally for two years as a member of the Greek National Team. He then founded the Players' Chapel Program of the NBA. He served as the chaplain to the Boston Celtics for twenty years and is now the Chaplain to the 2017 Big 3 NBA retired players league. For over twenty-five years, Bill has served as the President of SportsPower International, which he founded. He has received recognition and commendations from high-powered public officials and dignitaries for his contributions to the international sports community, traveling with pro athletes to various countries to play the sport, all the while instilling character, leadership, responsibility, goodwill and faith in the lives of the youth of those countries. Bill has recently conducted 122 school assemblies, impacting 130,000 youth, in Baltimore City, where he lives with his wife Valerie and son Brandon.



MAUREEN BOWEN BEAUDET

Soccer, Basketball, Softball

1978-1982

Maureen Bowen Beaudet was an outstanding three sport athlete at Ipswich High School who led by example. This is best exemplified by her selection as a varsity captain by her peers in three sports: soccer, basketball and, softball.

Maureen grew up in Ipswich. Her childhood revolved around sports. She benefitted from Ipswich youth sports including soccer, basketball and softball. In junior high school, Mo played on the boys' soccer team because there weren't enough girls to field a team.

When Maureen entered IHS in 1978, she helped solidify the girls' soccer program and paved the way for future soccer players. Mo was selected as the MVP for two years, established many scoring records and was selected to the very first Salem News All-Star Girls' Soccer Teams in 1980 and 1981.

In addition to soccer, Maureen excelled at softball and basketball. She played point guard in basketball on championship teams and was selected as a Beverly Times All-Star in her senior year. Mo was also a CAL All-League selection in softball as well as a Beverly Times and Salem News All-Star. She also batted .400 in 1981 and 1982, in the state tournament play for the CAL Division II Softball Champion Tigers.

After graduating from IHS, Mo attended NCAA Division II Stonehill College where she holds the rookie season record of 20 goals. She also is among the top 5 for career goals scored at Stonehill and helped establish Stonehill College as a competitive women's soccer program.

After graduating from Stonehill, Magna Cum Laude, Maureen played for the Eastern Mass Women's Soccer League where she was the leading scorer for the 1994, Division II Championship team. In addition to her athletic accomplishments, Maureen earned a master's degree from Tufts University. She has been a guidance counselor for 21 years. Mo lives in Ipswich with her husband, Mark, and their two dogs, horse and parrot.



BILLY RAY COLEMAN
Football, Basketball, Track
1969-1973

Billy Ray Coleman was an exceptional three sport athlete at Ipswich High School, lettering in football, basketball and track.

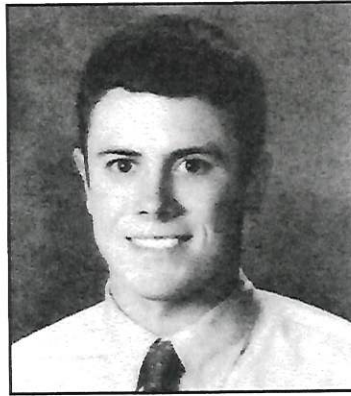
During his senior year in football, Billy was the Cape Ann League leading scorer and rusher and the North Shore's leading scorer. He averaged 6.2 yards per carry, and was also dangerous out of the backfield, where his average yard per catch was a dazzling 35.3 yards. Bill was selected to the Cape Ann League All-League team and was a Boston Globe and Boston Herald All-Scholastic that year.

During his senior year in basketball Bill was an integral part of the team that posted an 18-4 record that included a trip to the Boston Garden in the Tech Tourney, a game the Tigers lost by a narrow margin to North Andover. Bill was selected to the Cape Ann League All-Star team that year.

Bill also excelled in outdoor track. He was undefeated in the 100 and 220 yard dash in the Cape Ann League for three years, 1971-1973. He was also the Class C State champion for the 100 yard dash in 1972 and 1973, and was the Cape Ann League champion in the 220 yard dash in 1972. He was the Cape Ann League MVP in both 1972 and 1973. Bill also set, at that time, the Cape Ann League long-jump record at the 1973 league meet.

Following his career at Ipswich Bill played college football at the University of Massachusetts where he was a first team Yankee Conference running back in 1977.

Bill currently resides in Amherst where he works as a security and special police officer at the University of Massachusetts.



ANDREW DIMICHELE

Swimming
1999–2001

Like so many who grew up in Ipswich, Andrew DiMichele learned to swim. Unlike others, Andrew learned to fly through those waters, whether as a member of the Beverly YMCA's swim team or as a founding member of the Ipswich High School Swim Team. As a team captain during its debut season, Andrew set a pace in the water that few have been able to match. Whether it was a 50-yard individual event or a 400-yard team relay, no matter the distance or the stroke - back, fly (butterfly), or freestyle ("crawl") - Andrew not only swam everything, he excelled at it, particularly his specialties - the 100 fly and 100 back.

After an undefeated season in his individual events and earning Team MVP honors, Andrew's first season for the Tigers culminated in a record-breaking first-place finish at the Cape Ann League Championships in the men's 100 fly with a time of 57.83, and a first-place finish in the 100 back with a time of 58.95.

Andrew's success continued in the team's second season, when he set a Cape Ann League record for the men's 100 yard backstroke of 54.73 that still stands. Closing out the season at CALs, he earned first-place finishes in the 100 fly and 100 back, breaking yet another CAL record in the 100 back that was previously set at 56.71. He was named Cape Ann League Male Swimmer of the Year for 2001, and was the only entrant for the Ipswich men's squad at the North Sectionals in 2001. He also earned the repeated honor of being named Team MVP by his Ipswich teammates.

After graduation, Andrew attended Columbia University, where he was an active member of the Varsity Swim Team from 2001 to 2005. Even after graduation, he continued swimming in Masters Swim Club events and Bay State Games. In 2009, Andrew won a gold medal at those Games in the Men's 19-34 Division in the 100-meter backstroke and two bronze medals in the 100-meter fly and 100-meter free.

Andrew is currently the Chief Technology Officer at Onduo, a cutting-edge digital healthcare company in the Greater Boston area. He resides in Newton.



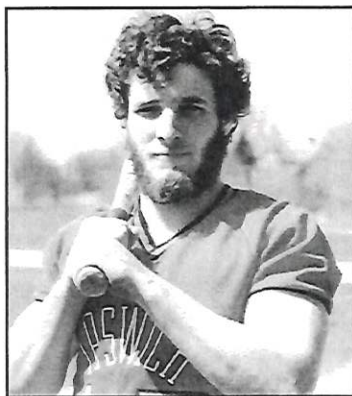
KATHLEEN GAGNON DALY
Field Hockey, Basketball, Track
1980-1984

Kathleen Gagnon Daly grew up in a large family and was very competitive from an early age. The beginning of her interest in sports began in neighborhood “pick-up” games, backyard wiffle ball games, and flag football. Being part of a big family always provided teammates and, or, opponents at any time.

Kathy started playing “GALS” softball in 4th grade. In Jr. High, she played field hockey, basketball and softball. At Ipswich High School, Kathy was a field hockey stand out, earning CAL All-Star honors in her sophomore, junior and senior years! She was a CAL All-League selection in her junior and senior years and was named a Boston Globe All-Scholastic in her senior year. She was also selected as the team captain and MVP.

Kathy was also a four year varsity basketball player on very successful teams during her four years on the varsity. She was selected as a CAL All-Star in her sophomore, junior and senior years and selected as a CAL All-League in her senior year. She was also chosen as team captain and MVP in her senior year. Kathy was a Salem News and Beverly Times All-Star in both field hockey and basketball. Kathy was also a four year varsity track participant, who qualified for “States” for four years in the javelin. Kathy was also selected Outstanding Athlete by the Class of 1984.

Kathy lives in Ipswich. She has three children; Aaron (excellent athlete at IHS), Kelsey (excellent athlete at IHS), and Riley, who is just beginning her athletic career at Ipswich High School.



JUSTIN "JUDD" LOGAN

Baseball, Football, Basketball

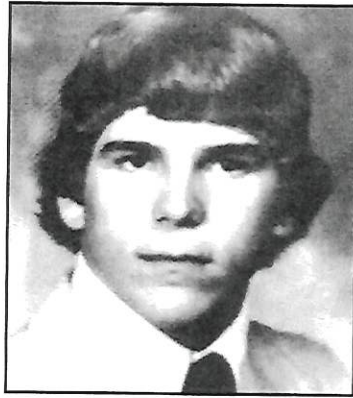
1974-1978

One of the great natural leaders in school history, Judd captained the 1978 North Sectional Champion baseball team. A catcher, he possessed a cannon like throwing arm and also hit some of the longest home runs of his era. Tough as nails, Judd was famous for blocking the plate and many times opposing runners humorously stopped dead in their tracks rather than challenge him at the plate. A four-year starter Judd caught a no-hitter in his first varsity game as a freshman and his accomplishments continued to pile up. As a senior Judd led the Cape Ann League in home runs, hits and RBIs and was the only player in the league voted to the Eastern Mass All Star team. A two-time CAL All Star Judd was recruited by several colleges to play baseball, finally settling on UMass.

In football, Judd played outside linebacker and was a vital player in the Tigers' first Super Bowl Championship in 1977. He had one of his best games of his career in that Super Bowl, a 54-13 drubbing of Newburyport, contributing several tackles and an interception. In that 1977 season, Judd was voted to the Agganis All Star game as well as being named a Salem News and Beverly Times All-Star, and was named to the CAL All League team.

Judd also captained Dave Whipple's last team and was voted CAL All Star his senior year.

In a 1978 class that won baseball and football championships, Judd's classmates voted him Class Athlete.

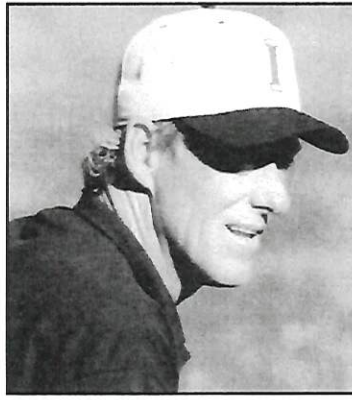


BRIAN PHANEUF

Baseball, Basketball, Football
1973-1977

The Phaneuf family relocated to Ipswich from Morris Plains, New Jersey, when Brian entered the sixth grade at Doyon Elementary School, a move which clearly was Ipswich's gain. In high school, Brian played varsity football, basketball and baseball for four years. A three-sport captain, he was the high scorer in basketball his senior year, and had the natural ability to fill several positions in both football and baseball. On the football field, he could be called upon to play wingback, punter/kicker and safety and on the baseball field, pitcher and shortstop. He was awarded for his athletic contributions by being the recipient of the Dudek Award in basketball and the AHEPA Award in football and Agganis game participant. Additionally, Brian was a Cape Ann League All-Star for four years in baseball, three years in football and two years in basketball.

After high school, Brian attended Ferrem Junior College, the national champion in football his freshman year. Brian also pitched for the Chiefs. According to Hall of Famer Mike Singer, they lost two games in Brian's final year, both one-hitters. Another Hall of Famer, the late Dave Whipple, considered Brian one of the top five players he coached in basketball. Brian credits fellow 2017 Hall of Fame inductee Steve Hopping, his junior high school coach, as always bringing out the best in him.



STEPHEN L. HOPPING

Athlete: Hockey, Football, Baseball – 1963–1967

Coach: Baseball – 1986–2003

Steve Hopping is one of those rare inductees that excelled both as an athlete and coach during his time at Ipswich High School. A graduate of the class of 1967, he lettered in three sports; hockey, football, and baseball. He began his varsity career in hockey as a seventh grader and continued for the next six years, being named Captain as a senior. He quarterbacked the Varsity Tigers under Hall of Fame Coach Jack Welch from 1964–1967. His exploits on the baseball field were no less remarkable as he was the starting first baseman on the Tiger nine from 1965–1967 culminating in his selection as Captain in 1967.

Following high school, Steve attended the University of Maine where he played first base for the Black Bears from 1969–1971. He was a member of the UMaine, Yankee Conference Champions in 1970, and the Maine State Series Champions from 1969–1971. During this time he also starred for the Inter-Town League Ipswich Chiefs baseball team from 1965–1975, and was honored as the youngest player ever inducted into the league's Hall of Fame in 1981.

Steve spent his entire adult career as a beloved physical education and science teacher at the Ipswich Middle School where he began his lengthy coaching career in wrestling, hockey, football, and baseball. Steve was appointed Varsity Baseball Coach in 1986, compiling 176 victories through 2003. He piloted the Tigers to three consecutive Cape Ann League championships from 1996–1998 and was named Cape Ann League “Coach of the Year” in 1997. Today, he continues to run the Norman Hopping Baseball School for Ipswich youth.

Steve's love of athletics began at an early age. Raised in a family of six siblings he quickly realized the importance of hard work, sacrifice, and competition. He was most influenced by his father, a star football and baseball player at Ipswich High School in the early '40s. His fondest memories are of those early days playing “pee gee” in the backyard with his brothers, ice hockey on the rink at Linebrook Playground, and claiming multiple league championships as a member of his father-coached Little League Red Sox.

Steve and his wife Jodie reside in Georgetown. He has three children, Emily, Christopher, and Steve Jr. and eight grandchildren.



WILLIAM "BILL" LAAKSO

Ice Hockey Coach

1966-1977

Bill came to I.H.S. as an English Teacher and was offered to become the first Head Ice Hockey Coach at Ipswich High School in 1966. Coach Laakso had to establish every necessity for a program to run efficiently – from equipment to padding to sticks to ice time, and much in between. He did this and after 2 no-win seasons his program began to win. In season 3, producing a 7-5-2 record in the 1970-71 season, the team finished with a 12-0-2 record. The team was awarded a berth in the State Championship Tournament and drew Falmouth with an 8-0-1 record. I.H.S. played a memorable, heart pounding 2-1 OT loss in that game.

Bill continued to coach and teach until 1977, when he was named to chair the English Department at I.H.S.. He retired from coaching hockey to concentrate on those duties.

Bill Laakso is welcomed to the I.H.S. Hall of Fame as the Founder, as well as the Head Coach, with distinction, of the I.H.S. Boys' Ice Hockey Team.



JAMES "JIM" DALY
Meritorious/Correspondent
1967-1987

Jim Daly wrote North Shore sport columns for 20-plus years, covering Ipswich as well as other North Shore communities. He is best known in Ipswich as the Ipswich Chronicle's sports writer covering Ipswich High School sports with game and seasonal coverage articles throughout his career. His famous byline weekly article was his "*Daly's Doubles*" reports featuring his honest assessments and the ins and outs of the high school sports teams.

Jim began his weekly writing in 1967 and wrote for 20 years. Jim also served Ipswich as the Recreation Director for 20 plus years. Jim increased recreational offerings beyond the scope of the youth summer playground programs to also feature Fenway Park trips, the Sand Castle Competition at Crane Beach and other field trips.

Jim was active as a member of St. Joseph Church, Knights of Columbus and VFW. Jim Daly was one of several founders of Ipswich Little League baseball.

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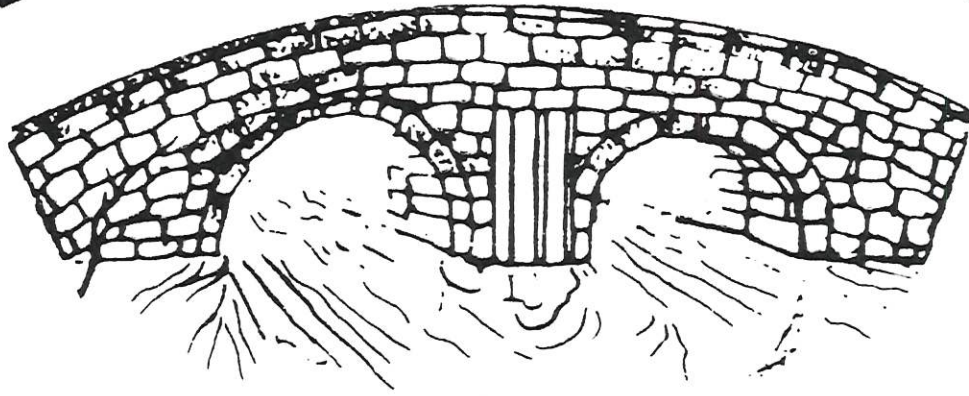
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Justin Logan, Brian Phaneuf and the
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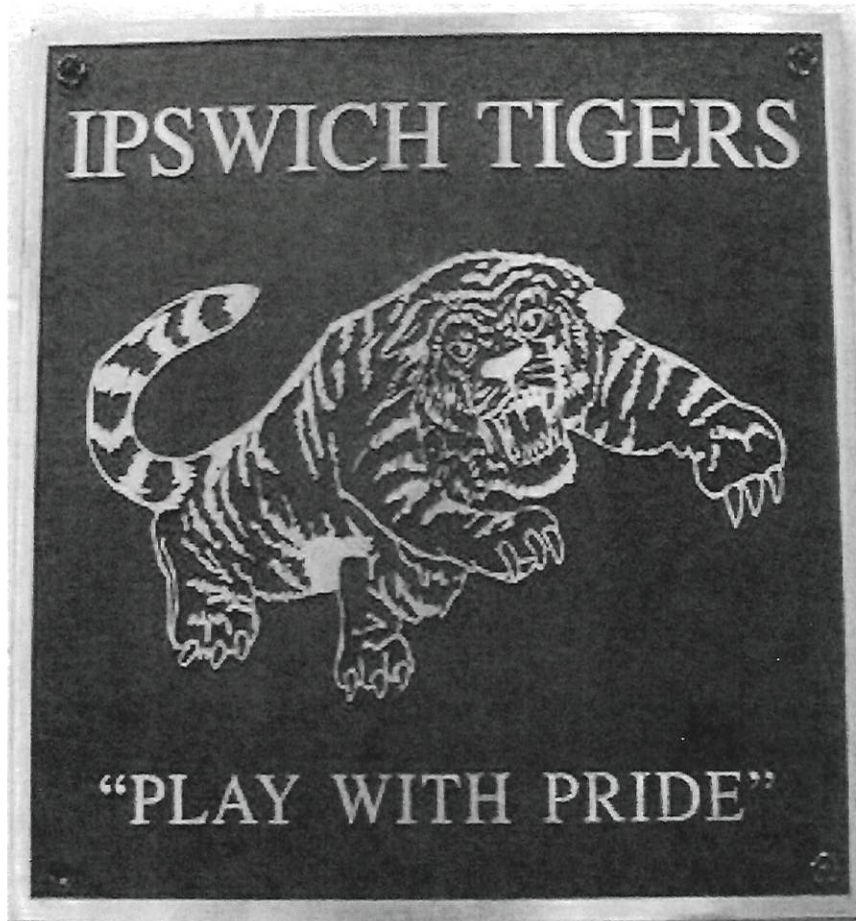
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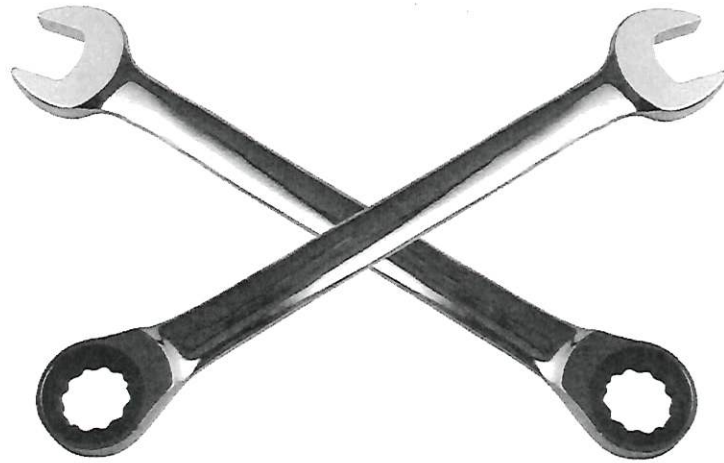
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ARTICLE IX
NOMINATION AND ELIGIBILITY

SECTION 1 — Membership in the Hall of Fame is open to those individuals who have distinguished themselves in the field of athletics, made a significant contribution while a student or coach at Ipswich High School, and who have displayed sportsmanship and have brought honor and distinction to Ipswich High School

SECTION 2 — ATHLETES: To be eligible the athlete shall have attended and participated at least two (2) years at Ipswich High School and have been part of a class that has graduated at least ten (10) years prior to the nomination for election. Consideration may also be given to outstanding performances during the nominees' college, amateur and professional athletic career.

SECTION 3 — COACHES: To be eligible, coaches shall meet the following minimum criteria:

They must have coached for at least five (5) years at Ipswich High School and must have coached for at least ten (10) years in their sport. They must also be out of coaching for the sport nominated in for at least one (1) year prior to nomination.

SECTION 4 — MERITORIOUS SERVICE: To be eligible for selection for the Hall of fame for meritorious service, individuals must have made a significant contribution to Ipswich High School athletics.

ARTICLE VIII
NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Ipswich High School Hall of Fame Committee shall not discriminate in its policies, solicitations or selection on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation or national origin.

**Ipswich High School
Athletic Hall of Fame
Nomination Form**



Date _____

Please check:

- Athlete nomination Faculty/Coach nomination Meritorious service nomination

Name of Candidate:

Class of _____ or years attended Ipswich High School Sport(s) participated in: _____

Statistics, records and other achievements: _____

Reason(s) why this athlete/candidate should be admitted to the *Ipswich High School Athletic Hall of Fame*: _____

Please provide information or documentation, newspaper articles, periodicals and statistical information to support your candidate's nomination.

Submitted by:

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man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could
have done them better. The credit belongs to
the man who is actually in the arena, whose
face is marred by dust and sweat and blood;
who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes
up short again and again, because there is no
effort without error and shortcoming; but who
does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows
great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who
spends himself in a worthy cause; who, at the
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achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails,
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