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NOTE FROM PENINSULA SPORTS CLUB PRESIDENT HORACE L. UNDERWOOD, JR.

Welcome to the 59th Annual Headliner's Night. I have been proud to serve the community and the Peninsula Sports Club as president this past year. We have had a very active year with our members and community. Three Coaches' Night events, annual Car Party, Night with the Pilots, Day at Colonial Downs, Shriner's Oyster Bowl weekend, Holiday Party, participation with the Denbigh High School Holiday Basketball Tournaments, Virginia Duals, Boo Williams AAU Basketball Tournaments, recognition of three Life Membership Awards, recognition of five Milestone Awards, and now Headliner's Night.

Thanks to my officers and my Board of Directors for their unyielding efforts, energy, and time to make this year a success.

I encourage those who have been active to remain so and the others, you don't know what you are missing. Become a member and get involved in your community by joining the Peninsula Sports Club.

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WELCOME Mike Evans
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BOB MOSKOWITZ MEDIA AWARDHorace Underwood
JULIAN RICE AWARDHorace Underwood
RED SIMPSON AWARD.....Horace Underwood
SPORTS PERSON EMERITUSBud Porter
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SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS.....Kathleen Brown
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MOREWITZ SPORTS PERSON OF THE YEAR..... Sam Vreeland
PRESIDENT'S AWARD Mike Evans
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HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS

Outstanding Female Athlete High SchoolBud Porter
Julie Conn Outstanding Male Athlete High School.....Bud Porter

COLLEGE AWARDS

Apprentice School Athlete of the Year..... Joe Sabol
College of William & Mary Athlete of the Year Joe Sabol
Christopher Newport University Athlete of the Year Joe Sabol
Hampton University Athlete of the Year Joe Sabol
Outstanding Female Athlete In State College..... Sam Vreeland
Outstanding Male Athlete In State College Sam Vreeland
Outstanding Female Athlete Out of State College..... Sam Vreeland
Outstanding Male Athlete Out of State College Sam Vreeland

CLOSING REMARKS.....Horace Underwood



Since its founding in 1949, the Peninsula Sport Club has been an active force on the sports scene. The First Headliner's Night was held in 1950 and continues to recognize high school, college, and professional athletes, coaches, and volunteers from local communities. In 1955 the first All-Peninsula football team was honored. In 1958, baseball, basketball, and track were added.

The Club became involved in community projects, advocating a "civic center" which became the Hampton Coliseum, and was involved in bringing professional baseball back to the Peninsula in 1963.

The Club has provided financial aid to athletes at Christopher Newport University and Hampton University, and now presents a yearly total of \$4,000 in scholarships. The Club presents a plaque to the Peninsula High School Athlete with the highest academic average. It is active in hosting events surrounding the Virginia Duals and the Boo Williams AAU National Basketball Tournaments. It also organizes group trips to many sports contests, has seasonal dinners highlighting upcoming seasons and coaches, and hosts notable sports figures as guests at other meetings.

The goals of the Club have remained the same over the years, to identify and recognize Peninsula citizens who promote sports activities or make outstanding contributions to perpetuate community athletics; and to recognize outstanding Peninsula athletes, many of whom have gained national acclaim. The Club continues to recognize and honor the successes of male and female high school and college athletes throughout the area.

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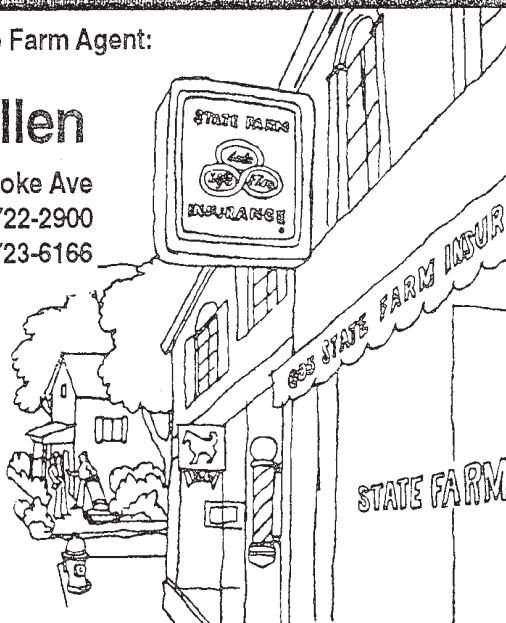
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Mike Tomlin



If you missed a pair of last month's graduation ceremonies, one in Pennsylvania and one in Virginia, tonight's Peninsula Sports Club festivities should have a special luster to them. On May 10, Mike Tomlin was the commencement speaker at St. Vincent College in Latrobe, Pa., and the next day he delivered the commencement address at his alma-mater, the College of William and Mary. Thus, our gathering here to honor the PSC Sports Person of the Year focuses on a truly distinguished gentleman as well as an extremely young success in professional sports.

The Newport News native brings with him a carload of other references and honors. He is only the Steelers' third head coach in 39 years and at the time of his selection late in January, 2007, he was 35, the second youngest head coach in any major American sport.

Despite his comparative youth, he had worked under a trio of brilliant National Football League coaches before receiving the Pittsburgh challenge. His pre-Steelers tenure included time under both Tony Dungie and John Gruden at Tampa Bay and Brad Childress at Minnesota. Of course, he had played and starred for Jimmie Laycock, the legendary long-time football boss at the College of William and Mary.

As a rookie leader, Tomlin guided the Steelers to a 10-6 regular-season record, good enough to take first place in the AFC North, which not only was a rebounding season from the 2006 record of 8-8, but it was a nice way to celebrate the Steelers' 75th year of NFL participation.

Laycock talks highly of the under-recruited wide receiver out of Denbigh High in Newport News whose last three years with the Green and Gold helped produce records of 9-2, 9-3 and 8-3. Tomlin was a co-captain his senior year, finishing with school-records (then) of 20 touchdown catches and an average of 20.2 yard per catch. They were the result of 2,045 career yards on 101 receptions. As a senior he was a first-team All-Yankee Conference selection. Recalls Laycock: "He displayed outstanding character and leadership. . . . He was like a lot of our players -- He was bright. . . . He also was enthusiastic, always enjoyed himself. He moved up [the coaching ladder] pretty quick."

Indeed. Tomlin progressed with such dispatch that as recently as 2006, when he became defensive coordinator of the Minnesota Vikings, one of those under his rule was safety Darren Sharper, a former W&M teammate. When Tomlin ascended to the head of the Steelers after only one season with the Vikings, he became the 10th African American coach in NFL history and first in Pittsburgh. Also, he was just the second coach in team history to post a winning record, win a division title and earn a playoff berth in his initial season.

Tomlin's coaching career began in 1995 as the wide receivers' coach at Virginia Military Institute. He spent the 1996 season as a graduate assistant at the University of Memphis, where he worked with the defensive backs and special teams. Following a brief stint on the University of Tennessee at Martin's staff, he was hired by Arkansas State University in 1997 to coach defensive backs. Tomlin stayed there two seasons before being hired as defensive backs coach at the University of Cincinnati.

Then the really fast climb to head NFL coaching status began. Tampa Bay hired Tomlin to coach defensive backs in 2002 and in 2005 the Buccaneers led the NFL in fewest total defensive yardage allowed per game. In the other three seasons with the Bucs, the defense never ranked worse than sixth in the league and they won Super Bowl XXXVII following the 2002 season. Tampa's defensive backs intercepted five passes, three for touchdowns in that title test. He had become the Vikings' defensive coordinator before the 2006 season at age 33.

TOMLIN TIDBITS – Mike was recruited to William and Mary out of Denbigh High by current Christopher Newport University head football coach Matt Kelchner. . . . In his one year at Minnesota, the Vikings had the unusual distinction of finishing as the top-ranked defense against the run and the worst-ranked defense against the pass. . . . At Tampa Bay, his teams never ranked worse than sixth. . . . His reported 2007 salary was a four-year deal at \$2.5 million per year, with an option for a fifth year. . . . He's the first Steelers' head coach to win his first contest against the archrival Cleveland Browns. . . . Tomlin's oldest brother Ed was a standout and captain of the University of Maryland 1989 football team. . . . Mike Tomlin is often noted for his strong resemblance to actor Omar Epps. . . . Mike was a standout jumper at Denbigh where students voted him "Most Likely to Succeed." Obviously, a great choice.

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EVENTS for 2007 - 2008

July 2008 Day at the Races
September 2008..... Fall Coaches Night
November 200822nd Annual Car Party
December 2008 Holiday Party
January 2009Virginia Duals
April 2009..... Boo Williams Boys Tournament
April 2009..... Boo Williams Girls Tournament

Articles written by **Bob Moskowitz**



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would like to express our appreciation to the
Board of Directors of the Peninsula Sports Club
and the members for their continued dedication
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We also would like to express our continued support of your
organization and its efforts in support of the youth of our community.

PAST HEADLINER'S NIGHTS

1950 - Associated Press Sports Writer Whitney Martin spoke, no one person was honored.

1951 - Newport News Basketball Coach and Athletic Director Julie Conn "Man of the Year" - Long Island University Basketball Coach Clair Bee, guest speaker.

1952 - Hampton Football Coach, J.M. "Suey" Eason - Princeton's most successful football coach, Charlie Cardwell.

1953 - Newport News Apprentice School Coach Gordon E. "Pop" Lamkin - Humorist Football Coach Bob Fumble.

1954 - Professional Golfer Jack Isaacs, Amateur Golfer Wynsol Spencer; College Football Coach Jack Freeman of William & Mary; High School Football Coach J.M. "Suey" Eason of Hampton; Professional Baseball Manager Stan Wasiak of the Newport News Baby Dodgers; Little League Official Lem Wheeler of Newport News - Look Sports Editor Tom Meany.

1955 - Warwick Football Coach Milt Drewer - Sportscaster Al Helfer.

1956 - Long-time youth leader Herbert Morewitz - Sportscaster Mel Allen.

1957 - Newport News Basketball Coach Bill Chambers - North Carolina Basketball Coach Frank McGuire.

1958 - Daily Press Sports Editor Charles Karmosky - Sportscaster Red Barber.

1959 - Boys Club of Virginia Peninsula Director Harry Shoff - Clemson Athletic Director and Football Coach Frank Howard

1960 - Newport News Football Coach J.C. "Cowboy" Range and Phoebus Post 48 American Legion Junior Baseball Coach Bill Ball - Former U.S. Naval Academy Director Capt. Slade Cutter and National Junior Legion Baseball Commissioner Lou Brissie.

1961 - Norman Snead, former Warwick 3-sport star, all-time Wake Forest quarterback great - W.A. "Weeb" Ewbank, coach of the Baltimore Colts.

1962 - Henry Jordan, former Warwick and University of Virginia football and wrestling star and All-Pro tackle for the Green Bay Packers - Vincent Lombardi, Packers Coach.

1963 - Charlie Nuttycombe, Newport News head football and co-track coach, and Hampton Roads Post 31 American Legion Baseball Coach Nelson Catlett - Paul Dietzel, Army Football Coach.

1964 - H.V. "Bird" Hooper, Newport News City Councilman, former Newport News High and Virginia Tech athlete, Southern Conference football official and long-time civic leader - Wayne

Hardin, Navy Football Coach.

1965 - Ed Kilgore, long-time Peninsula tennis player, youth leader and active off-the-court force in guiding State tennis activities - Famed tennis player and promoter Jack Kramer.

1966 - Frank Emanuel, All-American linebacker at the University of Tennessee from Warwick High School and Dr. Tommy Jobe III, long-time youth leader - Tennessee Football Coach Doug Dickey.

1967 - Curt Edwards, successful long-time American Legion Warwick Post 255 coach - Baltimore Orioles third baseman Brooks Robinson.

1968 - Chris Hanburger, All-pro linebacker with Washington Redskins of the National Football League. Leroy Keyes All-American halfback at Purdue University, third round draft choice in 1969 - Charlie Johnson St. Louis Cardinal quarterback.

1969 - Wayne Jackson, long-time outstanding Amateur Golfer - Carl C. Byers, Speakers' staff of General Motors Corp's Department of Public Relations.

1970 - John Palmer, Ron Peterson and Glenn Russell, Sonny Jurgensen and Jim Piersall, speakers.

1971 - Thad Madden - successful high school coach for 29 years. Guest speaker, Don McCafferty of the Baltimore Colts.

1972 - Bennie McRae - Pro Football Star for the Chicago Bears and N.Y. Giants, speaker, Dizzy Dean.

1973 - Doug Burroughs, Peninsula Youth Activities/Red Speigle, Golf Pro and Instructor; Norm Snead, Master of Ceremonies. Duke Snider, speaker.

1974 - Bill Shivar, Tennis Pro Instructor; Jack Hull, Fox Hill Softball Coach; Billy Packer, Master of Ceremonies; Tommy Bell, speaker.

1975 - Tommy Reamon, Pro Football; Mal Campbell Master of Ceremonies; Sonny Jurgensen, speaker.

1976 - Charles "Lefty" Driesell, Head Coach, University of Maryland; Mal Campbell, Master of Ceremonies; Norman Sloan, Speaker, Head Coach - North Carolina State University.

1977 - Dennis Kozlowski, Head Football Coach, Bethel High School, Hampton, and Dr. Robert Screen, Hampton Institute Tennis Coach, Billy Packer, Master of Ceremonies and Lou Holtz, speaker, Head Football Coach, University of Arkansas.

1978 - Mike Smith, Hampton High School Head Football Coach; 16-year NFL quarterback Norman Snead, Master of Ceremonies; Head Football Coach, University of Tennessee, speaker.

1979 - Otis "Cootie" Allmond, long-time college and high school basketball and football official - Billy Packer, Master

of Ceremonies and Al McGuire, Sportscaster, former Head Basketball Coach, Marquette University.

1980 - John Montague, successful major league baseball player - Tim McCarver, telecaster, Master of Ceremonies, and Jim Fregosi, California Angels Manager, speaker.

1981 - Dr. Pat McCormick, nationally-acclaimed wrestling official - 16-year NFL quarterback Norman Snead, Master of Ceremonies; Harold "Tubby" Raymond, University of Delaware Football Coach, speaker.

1982 - Bev Vaughan, Christopher Newport College basketball coach and athletic director - Billy Packer, telecaster, Master of Ceremonies; University of Virginia Basketball Coach Terry Holland, speaker.

1983 - Lawrence Taylor - New York Giants football great; Pete Robinson, ex-longtime multi-sport high school and college coach, Master of Ceremonies, and former NFL All-Pro Quarterback Norm Van Brocklin, speaker.

1984 - Marion Cutchens and Ron Kubesh, both long-time youth league coaches - Sportscaster Bob Rathbun, Master of Ceremonies; Atlanta Falcons Head Coach Dan Henning, speaker.

1985 - NFL great Dwight Stephenson - Radio personality and executive Dick Lamb, Master of Ceremonies; Georgia Tech Head Basketball Coach Bobby Cremins, speaker.

1986 - Mike Smith, Hampton High School Head Football Coach - Chuck Noe, ex-basketball coach and sports talk show host, Master of Ceremonies; former major league pitching star Gaylord Perry, speaker.

1987 - Lew Worsham, Former winner of U.S. Golf Open - Radio personality and executive Dick Lamb, Master of Ceremonies; All-Pro soccer player Kyle Rote Jr., Speaker.

1988 - Tabb High Football Coach Charlie Hovis and York High Girls Basketball Coach Brad Williams- Long-time college and professional Basketball Coach Horace "Bones" McKinney, Master of Ceremonies; Washington Redskins quarterback Doug Williams, Speaker.

1989 - Youth and college wrestling activist John Graham - ex-basketball coach and sports talk show host Chuck Noe, Master of Ceremonies; Washington Redskins defensive tackle Dave Butz, speaker.

1990 - Christopher Newport College Boys and Girls Track Coach Vince Brown - Long-time college and professional Basketball Coach Horace "Bones" McKinney, Master of Ceremonies; James Madison University Basketball Coach Charles "Lefty" Driesell, Speaker.

1991 - Marcellus "Boo" Williams, founder of area AAU basketball programs - Ex-basketball coach and sports talk show host Chuck

Noe, Master of Ceremonies; Head Liberty University Football Coach Sam Rutigliano.

1992 - Long-time highly successful amateur golfer Moss Beecroft - former athlete and sports personality W.A. "Bud" Porter, Master of Ceremonies; Hampton University Assistant Basketball Coach and former NBA standout Bobby Dandridge and local sports personality Godfrey Smith III, speakers.

1993 - National Football League star Chris Slade and Bethel High Football and Track Coach Dennis Kozlowski - Former athlete and sports personality W.A. "Bud" Porter, Master of Ceremonies; Sports telecaster Mike Fabrizio, speaker.

1994 - Major League baseball player Wayne Kirby - Sports Personality W.A. "Bud" Porter, Master of Ceremonies (no speaker).

1995 - Long-time York County coach and youth leader Guy Wirt - Former athlete and sports personality W.A. "Bud" Porter, Master of Ceremonies.

1996 - Hampton High Football Coach Mike Smith - Former athlete and sports personality W.A. "Bud" Porter, Master of Ceremonies; Former NFL standout Frank Emanuel, Speaker.

1997 - Hampton High Football Coach Mike Smith - Bud Porter, Master of Ceremonies (speakers discontinued).

1998 - Former athlete and civic leader William E. Brown - Bud Porter, Master of Ceremonies.

1999 - Christopher Newport University Athletic Director and Basketball Coach C.J. Woollum - Bud Porter, Master of Ceremonies.

2000 - Former athlete, all-around activist W.A. "Bud" Porter - Master of Ceremonies Steve Kast, Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Virginia Peninsula.

2001 - Heritage High School football coach John Quillen - Bud Porter, Master of Ceremonies.

2002 - Phoebus High School football coach Bill Dee and Lafayette High School football coach Paul Wheeler - Bud Porter, Master of Ceremonies.

2003 - Steve Stanaway World Arm Wrestling Champion - Scott Cash, Master of Ceremonies.

2004 - Al Albert, William & Mary Soccer Coach - Bud Porter, Master of Ceremonies.

2005 - Terry Kirby, NFL Football great - Jim Healy, Master of Ceremonies.

2006 - Edward G. Williams II "Coach Eddie" Bethel High School Track Coach - Willie Brown, Master of Ceremonies.



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WHO ARE THESE GUYS?

Several Peninsula Sports Club awards are labeled, but not identified...

The **JULIE CONN** Most Outstanding Male Athlete in High School Award remembers the colorful, extremely successful Newport News High School athletic director and coach of virtually all sports at one time or another. He was, however, pretty much unequalled in basketball and track for decades. Although he stopped coaching basketball in 1953, he actually spent 56 years in the Newport News school system before mandatory retirement at age 65 in 1970. Among major accomplishments by Conn, whose first love was baseball:

His basketball teams (from 1927 to 1953) never missed a VHSL state tournament and never lost in the first round. In that 27-year span, the Typhoon won 396 games, losing only 77. In track, his tutelage led to 21 outdoor state championships. He and Lou Plummer constructed the first NNHS track in the 1940's and Conn started the school's junior varsity football program around the same time. He was the Sports Club's first Man of the Year (1951), was National High School Track Coach of the Year in 1958 and Julius Conn Gymnasium enables is the only area structure named for a coach.

The **CHARLES S. KARMOSKY** Award recognizes the community spirit which symbolized Karmosky's 38 years as sports editor of the *Daily Press*. The award honors a Sports Club member for outstanding contributions to PSC activities. Karmosky, who emphasized consistent coverage of high school and state college sports, was the PSC president in 1951. Among his many non-journalistic contributions to the area's growing sports community in the three decades following World War II: He was a founding member of the Sports Club in 1948; he was founder and president of the Tri-County baseball League from 1948-55; he was PSC Man of the Year in 1957 and was on one of the original feasibility groups which led to construction of Peninsula War Memorial Stadium and what was originally Hampton Roads Coliseum. He was in the first class of those admitted to the media wing of the Virginia State Athletic Hall of Fame (1997) and is in the Virginia High School League Hall of Fame. In its editorial tribute at his death in 1988, the *Daily Press* wrote that Karmosky "simply had no equals."

The **THAD MADDEN** Table of Champions has been a Headliner's Night staple for years and will resume in the future. Madden was the long-time football, basketball and track coach at Huntington High School in Newport News starting in 1943. He ruled the Vikings 28 years before transferring to Warwick for a 10-year stay that ended with his 1981 retirement. His career football record was 251-114-16. In a four-year stretch at Huntington, his basketball record was 112-13 that included three Virginia Interscholastic League Eastern District titles and in track, the Vikings posted an unbelievable 198 state crowns including two national mile relay teams. Madden accomplished these feats through tireless dedication. He conveyed the traits to the endless stream of athletes with whom he came in contact.

The **HERBERT MOREWITZ** Sports Person of the Year Award is presented in honor of the club's first president (1949) and an organization co-founder. Morewitz was many things to many people, especially those involved in sports. Mostly, he was tireless, generous and always optimistic. He spent untold hours coaching youngsters playing for his Hurricanes in the 1940s and 1950s, while also working with Boy Scouts and the Boys and Girls Club of the Virginia Peninsula for five decades until his death in 1997. His most successful venture was spearheading a drive that raised \$1.2 million in 1985 for construction of a Boys Club building in Denbigh. He also engineered raising \$235,000 to assist in the opening of Peninsula War Memorial Stadium in 1948. Among many other activities he was general manager of the Virginia Squires in 1971 and the next year he was general manager of the Peninsula Whips, of the Class AAA International League. No one else backed Peninsula minor league baseball as fervently or tried as diligently to return it here after its collapse in 1992. He was honored numerous times for his endless efforts to support his community. Even today, he stands without equal.

The **BOB MOSKOWITZ** Media Award is presented an area media person for exemplary presentation of area sports. Moskowitz, a Sports Club president in 1961, has been in journalism for over 50 years and was with the *Daily Press* for 34 of them. He is in the Media Wing of the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame.

Charles Karmosky Award

Knights of Columbus 5480

They've been there, done that. The way Chuck Olson, the Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus Walter Pollard Council 5480, explains things, it's all perfectly simple. And it is and it isn't. The council, which received this award in 2006, has been a veritable busy beaver at helping others for years.

For instance, Wisconsin transplant Olson reveals that "our goal is charity." The result of much hard work by volunteers is that the council contributes \$300,000-\$350,000 a year to worthy causes. While the Peninsula Sports Club is certainly not tops on the list of those assisted, making the council's facilities available several times a year eases the strain of raising scholarship funds, which is the PSC's major annual goal.

Success in other endeavors by Council has also become matter of fact. "We win first place every year," Olson says of a contest sponsored by the City of Newport News called "Adopt a Spot," which more realistically is a road. The Council efforts have netted 13 first places in the past 15 years. It was second last year.

Included in Olson's activities is being present at functions like those the Sports Club holds at the Council building. He also participates in similar affairs for Apprentice School students in engineering (SME).

PAST WINNERS

1989.....	Herb Morewitz	1999.....	Bob Moskowitz
1990.....	Bob Moskowitz	2000.....	Mary Jo Horton
1991.....	L.W. "Duff" Kliewer	2001.....	Frank J. Ottofaro
1992.....	William Van Buren, Jr.	2002.....	Frank J. Ottofaro
1993.....	W.A. "Bud" Porter	2003.....	Frank J. Ottofaro
1994.....	Frank A. Schwalenberg	2004.....	Denbigh High School
1995.....	Gerald Nichols	2005.....	Knights of Columbus Walter Pollard Council 5480
1996.....	Sammy Vreeland	2006.....	Sammy Vreeland
1997.....	Connie Powers		
1998.....	none named		

JULIAN RICE TROPHY

Julian Rice – Still A Winner

Julian Rice thought of himself as a winner. In his mind, Newport News High School never really lost an athletic contest, no matter what the scoreboard said.

Now, of course, there is no longer a NNHS and Newport News Intermediate has gone the way of all flesh.

Possessed with a hunger for statistical trivia, Rice developed a virtually unparalleled penchant for details concerning minor league baseball and high school sports on the Peninsula, Newport News in particular. The point system used to select a winner encompasses all Peninsula District sports.

Nevertheless, his zeal and support for teams representing this area — once his beloved Typhoon was no longer in contention — made him a legend in his own time.

Time ran out for the perpetual pipe smoker in 1967, and the Peninsula Sports Club decided to honor him with an award named for him in 1970.

The roving, highly-coveted honor is awarded the Peninsula District Group AAA high school which has accumulated the most points during a year of competition. Tabulation is designed to follow systems embraced by college conferences. Schools eligible for this award are Bethel, Denbigh, Gloucester, Hampton, Kecoughtan, Layfayette, Menchville, Phoebus, Warwick, Heritage, and Woodside.

Rice, incidentally, was the Peninsula Sports Club's first secretary.

His enthusiasm for all sports and sporting events led to a perpetuation of the trophy.

JULIAN RICE TROPHY

1969-70Hampton	1987-88Lafayette
1970-71Bethel	1988-89Lafayette
1971-72Menchville	1989-90Lafayette
1972-73Menchville	1990-91Lafayette
1973-74Ferguson	1991-92Menchville
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1986-87Lafayette	2005-2006Menchville

LEWIS ELMORE "RED" SIMPSON TROPHY

Like its Group AAA counterpart, the Rice Trophy, the Simpson Trophy symbolizes athletic excellence in all areas of competition at the AA level in what was the York River District and is now the Bay Rivers District.

Red Simpson is a name synonymous with athletic excellence within the York River District, and the Peninsula. The kindly Newport News native administered, taught at, and coached at two of the member schools, leaving never to be forgotten memories, records, and a number of pupils and players who returned to their alma maters to carry on his legacy.

An outstanding athlete in his own right, his record in the javelin throw stood for many years in collegiate ranks. At the University of Kentucky, he was mentioned on a number of All-American football teams, and played in the fabled East-West Shrine Game in 1938.

His return to the Peninsula marked the beginning of his coaching career, as he served as an assistant to Coach Frank Dobson at the Newport News Apprentice School (he also played for a semi-pro team known as the NN Builders which had a number of former high school grid stars).

After a stint in the Navy, he returned to coaching and led Poquoson High School to a State Championship in 1949. Along came another war, and Red served again in Korea (he retired from the Naval Reserve in 1965 as a Lieutenant Commander).

Back home again after two and one half years serving his country, he moved on to a new school in 1954. In 1958 his York High Falcons won a league championship with a perfect 9-0 record, defeating some larger Group I Schools in the process.

Red moved on up the administrative ladder in the educational system to Athletic Director, and later Assistant Principal, giving up his first love, coaching, but he left behind a record of championships, of memories of him as a kind, honest, competitor; a man to be emulated.

It is entirely fitting that Poquoson High, where he first coached in high school, should win the first Simpson Trophy, and that Tabb High, whose Athletic Director Willard Hunt played under Red, and Head Coach Charlie Hovis, who began his coaching career under Red, should win the second Simpson Trophy.

Red Simpson, a man to be looked up to and copied. We are proud that he was with us.

SIMPSON TROPHY WINNERS

1979-80 ... Poquoson	1993-94 ... Tabb
1980-81 ... Tabb	1994-95 ... Poquoson
1981-82 ... Tabb	1995-96 ... York
1983-84 ... Tabb	1996-97 ... Tabb
1984-85 ... York	1997-98 ... Poquoson
1985-86 ... Tabb	1999-00 ... Poquoson
1986-87 ... Tabb	2000-01 ... Lafayette
1987-88 ... Tabb	2001-02 ... Tabb
1988-89 ... Tabb	2002-03 ... Lafayette
1989-90 ... Tabb	2003-04 ... Lafayette
1990-91 ... Tabb	2004-05 ... Lafayette
1991-92 ... Tabb	2005-06 ... Lafayette
1992-93 ... Tabb	2006-07 ... Lafayette

Eligible schools are Bruton, Poquoson, York, Tabb, Grafton, Lafayette, and Jamestown.

Bob Moskowitz Media Award

Jim Heath



The man keeps busy. Spell it in capital letters – BUSY. A one-armed paper hanger is lazy compared to James A. Heath, sports information director, multi-sport statistician, webmaster and, oh yes, a 183 average bowler. In retrospect, says Heath, one Dennis Kozlowski triggered all of it – except the bowling.

The 39-year-old Newport News native, but long-time Hamptonian, was recruited by then football coach/track coach/athletic director Kozlowski to keep statistics for the Bethel football team. That led to numerous other channels of endeavor for Heath.

“That got me started in contact with the Daily Press,” he recalls. He worked there some in the sports department after high school graduation and still is a stringer. After Heath enrolled at Christopher Newport University, he found that “Koz” had contacted athletic director/basketball coach/golf coach C.J. Woollum, who recommended him to sports information director Wayne Block.

From there, in effect, Heath spread throughout Tidewater.

He has been the SID for Newport News Apprentice School since 2000 and also owns the tag of assistant athletic director. It would be egregious to stop there with his list of current duties in the local world of sports. He still strings for the Daily Press (mostly high school sports), is: media director for the Virginia Duals, SID for the National Collegiate Wrestling Association, SID for the Atlantic Central Football Conference, special assistant to the U.S. Collegiate Athletic Association and last year became webmaster for the ACFC (acting as content manager for the conference as well as the Apprentice website).

Along the way he was official statistician for the 2004 NCAA Division III Women’s Basketball Final Four at Virginia Wesleyan; has been an official statistics crew member for the Portsmouth Invitational Tournament since 2001; was 2003 media director for the AAU Senior Olympics; and was media director for the AAU Junior Olympics in 2001 and 2006. He also was a graduate assistant in the Old Dominion University Sports Information Department. He also has been detected filling in as official scorer for the Peninsula Pilots of the Coastal Plain League.

At the Apprentice School, Heath has helped promote over 450 athletes for honors ranging from Player of the Week to All-American. He has won three College Sports Information Directors Association Publication awards, and was selected SID of the Year in 2000-01 by the National Small College Athletic Association.

Sports Person Emeritus

Jimmy Starboard



Jimmy Starboard fittingly hurdles all barriers and verbally sprints to the crux of the situation with no hesitation.

He grew up, he says, “at a wonderful time. I was so fortunate to have such wonderful coaches. It was just great.” A former hurdler and sprinter and school principal, Starboard was pretty good himself.

Under the tutelage of irrepressible head coach Julie Conn and sprint and hurdling coach Lou Plummer, Starboard began setting state records in an AAU meet in 1954 and never shifted gears all the way through college. He graduated Newport News High School in 1955, by then owning the state AAU mark in the 220-yard low hurdles and the Virginia High School League records in both the low and high hurdles in both indoors and outdoors, accomplishments registered in his senior year.

As a Terrapin, Starboard’s head coach was the legendary Jim Kehoe, later the athletic director whose many successes at that post included luring former Newport News High School basketball coach Lefty Driesell from Davidson to Maryland. The coach of the hurdlers was Jim Ruckert. Both Kehoe and Ruckert helped Starboard speed to the Atlantic Coast Conference 70-yard high hurdles meet record in 1959. His year’s whirlwind-like feats netted him the H.K. Evans Track Award to the most outstanding male track performer at the university for scholarship, leadership and athletic ability.

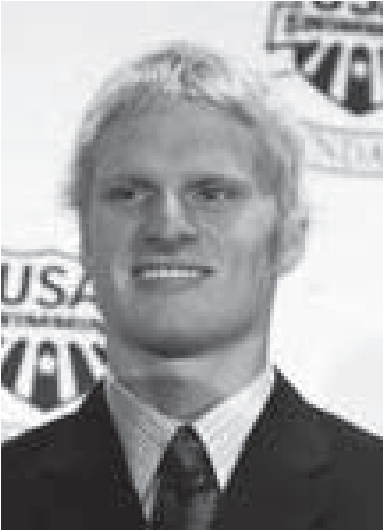
While at Maryland he became a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, a national honorary leadership fraternity; was listed in *Who’s Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities*; and made the Atlantic Coast Conference Academic Honor Roll. After Maryland, he earned his Masters of Education at the College of William and Mary in 1962 and in 1976 he achieved his Doctorate of Education at Nova University in Jacksonville, Fla.

His teaching career – all in Newport News until after his initial “retirement” – began in 1960 at South Morrison Elementary, followed by tenures at Yates Elementary and Warwick High School. In 1964 he became principal of South Morrison, followed by a 12-year term as Warwick High School principal, ending in 1978. He spent three years after that in the Newport News School Board office before initial retirement. Then came stints at various private schools, including two stops in North Carolina. Retirement became permanent in 2002.

Jim and Kiddy Starboard have two children and four grandchildren.

Special Achievement Award

David Walters



Wayne Walters has been proud of his son for many years. But nearly two months ago, the excitement and tingle of positive emotion reached a peak for the elder Walters as already extremely successful University of Texas sophomore David Walters achieved a new pinnacle of swimming greatness.

This spine-tingling drama unfolded at Federal Way, Wash., during the NCAA championship swimming and diving championships. David, only 20, already claimed the U.S. National championship in 2007. He displayed even greater savvy and sheer speed with a stirring charge from behind over the final 25 yards to produce a key triumph for the Longhorns who finished second in the team standings.

Newport News native Walters, who became a swimming great at Tabb High in York County, entered six events at the NCAA meet, also finishing second in the 100 freestyle, fifth in the 500 free and contributed to the second-place finish in the 500 free relay. His heroics have enabled him to participate in the current U.S. Olympic trials in Omaha. Accepting his award tonight is his sister Gailey, a 2004 Tabb graduate who was this year's James Madison University women's swim team captain.

David's 200-meter triumph marked the first time Texas has won that NCAA event since 2006 and it's one of an endless string of strong teams that have emerged under the rule of 30-year coach Eddie Reese. Walters has impressed the veteran coach since his arrival on campus. A month prior to the NCAA meet, he was the lead swimmer for the 800 freestyle relay team that establish an American record with a time of 6:10:56 in the Big 12 Conference championships.

If the figures alone don't impress, consider these words from the wily coach Reese whose teams have won nine NCAA titles at Texas and whose swimmers have hauled in 21 Olympic gold medals. "David Walters is one of the hardest working swimmers I've ever coached," he said. "He always wants to do more and he always does it faster than I want him to. That can get you in trouble as a coach." The fear, Reese said, is that a swimmer can come into a meet "too tired." Maybe, but not in Federal Way, Wash.

Special Achievement Award

Dave Walters

Arguably, Dr. Walter Lovett knows as much as, if not more than, anyone living about the history of African-American athletes on the Peninsula. A Hampton native who attended and excelled in athletics at Phenix High School, coached at Carver High, Virginia State University (his alma-mater) and what was Hampton Institute before advancing to athletic director at what had become Hampton University.

So, he is to be taken quite seriously when he extols Dave Walters' skills on and off a football field. "What impressed me most was that, although he was a little undersized, he was an inspiration to other kids the way he played with pain.

He knew the game and the experiences he had prepared him well. He was a good academic student and he learned that coaching is nothing but teaching. I hope if he learned one thing from me it was that yelling doesn't get it done."

Despite Lovett's self-deprecating bit of humor, Walters did indeed learn from his former mentor. "Coach Lovett," he says, "had a big influence on me. Any coaching I've done he's the reason." Walters has coached Aberdeen Intermediate Youth Football League teams for 21 years, all the while focusing, not on records, but on seeing that his athletes succeed in life. He constantly talks to his athletes about going to college and giving back to their community. Walters maintains that he rejoices in their accomplishments.

Commissioner of the Aberdeen Athletic Association for 10 years, Walters also is the group's most senior active coach. His non-coaching duties include managing the leagues for the City of Hampton. That means checking on nine associations and a total of 36 teams of players ages 12-14. The activities serve as a feeder system for all of the city's high schools.

His athletic background includes participation in high school sports, first at Hampton and then at Bethel, from where he graduated after participating in football and track. His gridiron capabilities netted him a scholarship to Hampton University from where he graduated in 1974.

These days Walters owns a recruiting service for people all over the country. He had worked there nearly 20 years before purchasing the business a year ago. He and his wife are the parents of two adult children and grandparents of three

Special Achievement Award

Jack Locke



This is not to claim that Jack Locke strays from the truth. Still, this one-time “army brat” who hails from the Hawaiian Islands and talks of continuing to coach youth league basketball although he’s 82 years old, insists “I don’t deserve this. I didn’t do anything special. . . . I enjoyed coaching and got more out of it than the kids did.”

Not so, insists Erick Mays, a former Christopher Newport University letter winner in basketball who played for Locke as a boy ages 10-12. “It was a critical time in my growing days. He hooked me on basketball. He made me want to play forever.” Instead of playing more than occasionally, Mays, now 33, is the boys’ varsity basketball coach at Menchville High School in Newport News.

More than that, Mays figures Locke “is one of the best coaches I ever had. He was a great motivator. He is very honest about your playing and your strengths. He allowed freedom to make plays in ways that would help the team.”

The tennis-loving Locke has coached youth basketball since 1963. He started coaching in YMCA and Church Leagues. He helped start the Jenkins Midget League which used eight-foot baskets. Even then. In his early efforts with the Newport News Recreation Department, he focused on development. His objective has always been to see that each athlete develop and mature, making his goal to provide guidance and direction, not just competitive victories.

“I enjoy the kids and their parents, too,” he says. A NASA retiree since 1981, he came to Hampton with his family in 1943, when his father was transferred from West Virginia to Fort Monroe. Locke graduated from Hampton High the next year after playing basketball for J.M. “Suey” Eason, who is renowned as the Crabbers’ long-time highly successful football coach. A three-year Navy stint followed and included a final year in which he was hospitalized with tuberculosis.

He attended Hampden-Sydney College for one year before attending NACA (later NASA) Apprentice School and remained there until retirement. Meanwhile, he was married and the couple had two boys in a family that now includes four grandchildren and one great grandchild. When his oldest son was 8, he wanted to play and the team needed a coach. Actually, it needed some players, too. So Locke recruited a handful on a weekend and the following Monday the team lost 12-0.

Undeterred, he remained in that league six years, then switched to a Newport News Rec league “and I just stayed.” Almost apologetically, he concedes that his teams have won titles along the way and at one stretch won the city tournament for his age group 10 years in a row. “I had good coaches,” he says, referring to Carl Brookman in particular, who worked with Locke for 10 years.



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She runs, she jumps, she plays piano, she helps others and the lowest grade she ever received in four years of high school was a 93 in freshman physical education. That pretty much portrays the picture of this brilliant young lady who has compiled a 4.74 grade point average while seemingly engaged in everything but concentrating solely on her studies.

Vanderbilt-bound Elizabeth Magdycz has lettered in Peninsula Catholic varsity track four years and volleyball three years. As a freshman she participated in junior varsity basketball and volleyball. A versatile track performer, as a freshman she was chosen the Knights' Most Improved performer and as a senior received the same honor in volleyball. The latter team captured first place in this year's competition in the Tidewater Conference of Independent Schools. The team also placed second in the state meet for independent schools.

On the track she competed in triple jump, long jump and high jump, 4x1 and 4x4 relays and 100-meter hurdles. At Vanderbilt, she figures to participate in club volleyball and expects to try out for the jumps in track.

Away from athletics at school, she is vice president of the National Honor Society, is a member of the Peninsula Catholic Honor Code Council, and her SAT scores qualified her for recommendation for a National Merit Scholarship. She also has written a paper on the Effects of Water Quality on Health in Haiti. The paper became reality when her father, Dr. Bill Magdycz, invited her to join him on a medical mission team in Haiti, where he has been volunteering for the past dozen years.



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Scholarship Award

Jennifer Skidmore

Gloucester High School



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Bryan Beckno of Phoebus High School received the initial Peninsula Sports Club Scholarship in 1990. That, like the others that would follow, was \$1,000 for four years. All totaled, last year's contributions pushed the club donations to scholarships and local sports activities just over \$103,000. This past year, the club donated \$8,300 of which \$4,000 went for the scholarships, \$2,000 went to help the Peninsula Wrestling Association in its sponsorship of the Virginia Duals (a wrestling spectacular in the Hampton Coliseum involving college, high school and middle school athletes), \$1,000 to the Boo Williams basketball tournament, \$500 to the Apprentice School baseball tournament, \$500 to the Denbigh High School

Christmas Basketball Tournament and \$300 to the Shriners' Khedive Temple Oyster Bowl football game.

For much of mankind's history, the word hero was limited to the male specie. Happily, that type thinking no longer prevails. Tonight we honor a young lady, supposedly for her academic skills while there is so much more to be admired about her. She is a peppery, warm-hearted, athletic Gloucester High senior who has survived awesome barriers en route to her straight A's and a 4.456 grade point average.

As a gymnast she learned how to struggle and conquer the art of balance. As obstacles seemingly flew in her face, she learned, too, to deal with life's hurdles and keep them in perspective. Indeed, she is a survivor. Jennifer has become close-mouthed about near tragedies. So, what could have loomed mountainously shows little effect on her grades and upbeat approach to daily happenings. Two years ago, she not only emerged unscathed from what could have been a deathly automobile crash, but hours later, she arose at 5:30 a.m. to take her SAT's and wound up by scoring among the nation's top 1 percent! But there's more.

Now headed for Virginia Tech (where she'll use the Sports Club scholarship), Jennifer has managed her scholastic success while active in numerous high school activities including her first-love, gymnastics, cross country and track where she was a pole-vaulter. All this while becoming a surrogate mother to a younger brother and sister for more than the past year while her mother, Page Joyce Skidmore, has struggled to recover from brain surgery.

Shouldering the many obvious responsibilities, Jennifer nevertheless remains in many ways typically teen. She drives. She needs gas money. So, she has become a paid sports correspondent for the Gloucester Gazette. Meanwhile, her mother asked her what she would like for a graduation gift. The surprising answer really shouldn't surprise. She opted for a missionary trip to Venezuela this summer, when she will get a chance to use her modest knowledge of Spanish in helping youngster there learn to read.

Some high school accomplishments, just as a senior, include National Honor Society historian, BETA Club vice president and Fellowship of Christian Athletes membership. Also, her membership in clubs includes the FCA, Spanish Club, Happy Club and FBLA. She has worked with children at youth soccer camps, and taken mission trips to the Gulf Coast helping Hurricane Katrina victims.

Finally, in her essay to the Sports Club applying for her scholarship, she wrote in part: "Sports have inspired me to step outside of my comfort zone. Sports have broadened my perspective on life. Sports have proven to me that hard work pays off and that with the right attitude I can win even when I lose. Sports have taught me that potential is unending and ever-growing. Sports have shown me how to work hard and pursue a passion. Sports have made me a better person."

President's Award

Marcellus 'Boo' Williams

WHAT IS THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD?

According to the Peninsula Sports Club constitution, criteria for a nominee for the President's Award include being an individual or organization "who has had an outstanding year or years of service in a sport or sports organization;" or an individual or organization "has made a special contribution and or commitment to sports on the Peninsula . . . Or that "achievements are such that this individual or organization's accomplishments stand out in a rare and unique manner." The award is not necessarily given out annually.

One requirement for this Peninsula Sports Club award is that the accomplishments by the individual honored "stand out in a rare and unique manner." If those words don't accurately reflect Boo Williams' achievements, the world is upside down and stars no longer twinkle nightly.

Truly a success at virtually everything he has touched, the former Phoebus High School basketball great has already been recognized throughout the mid-Atlantic area and his major achievement is only in its infancy. The multi-million dollar Boo Williams Sports Plex stands in resplendency at the east end of Hampton Roads Center Parkway just off Armistead Avenue in Hampton.

Williams initially charged to success in basketball, first on court, where he excelled for Phoebus and then Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia and later through his phenomenal efforts at founding and developing his AAU teams and programs. But the Sports Plex steps beyond such confines as a facility for 16 sports, banquets, training rooms and a large concession area.

It is in a masterpiece of understatement, then, that Boo calls the sprawling building's completion, which was 10 years in the making, "one of my best accomplishments." At first glance, the 6-foot-7, 275-pounder doesn't reflect a whirling dervish of business activity. Still, his phone "never stops ringing," he seldom, if ever, sleeps as much as five hours a night, but simultaneously, he's seldom without a contagious laugh or a project in the making.

It is impossible to record all of Williams' feats and honors in the space allotted here. Some of the top ones would include: Daily Press Citizen of the Year (1991); he is in the Peninsula Hall of Fame, St. Joseph's Hall of Fame and the Philadelphia Big Five Hall of Fame; he has been honored for community service by Alpha Phi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Portsmouth Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and Virginia NAACP. Others recognizing him included the Hampton Rotary Club, Nike, the Norfolk Sports Club, Disney Wide World of Sports (as Volunteer of the Year) and he was named head coach of the 2004 USA Basketball Men's Junior National Select Team. To be sure, Boo also is a Sports Club past president and was its Sports Person of the Year in 1991.

Among many of his posts – other than earning a living as an insurance agent for State Farm since 1988 – he is national boys' basketball chairman for the Amateur Athletic Union. Before starting the ultra-successful Boo Williams AAU program here, he played three years of professional basketball in Europe and then survived many doubters as he talked about expanding his program and dreamed of his Sports Plex. The AAU program here started with four teams in 1982. Currently there are 250 teams. All this after people like the famous Howard Garfunkel "told me I was crazy." Indeed, friends will attest that Boo is on target when he observes: "I'm still the same old Boo. . . I don't have any problem dreaming."

He once served on the USA/ABA Cadet Committee for Development of Future Olympians, the McDonald's Boys' and Girls' High School Basketball All-American Team Selection Committee and the Hoop Summit Selection Committee and several other similar committees.

Highlights he lists include having attracted 2,500 participants from that four-team beginning in both summer and AAU Leagues which have produced 450 college scholarship players. His teams won national championships in 1992, 1997, 1998, 2001 and 2007. The coaching, he says, "is my only peaceful time. That's my vacation." Oh yes, he also has served on Drug Awareness programs and his teams have traveled to Europe, China, and South America and hosted foreign teams in his local tournaments.

Asked if any one or two people had more effect on him than others other than his parents, he named the late Bob Tysinger and his godmother, Mildred Manning. Boo and his wife Saunya have been married 18 years. He has sisters Terri and Marion and a brother, Michael, who was an All-American in basketball at the United States Military Academy in West Point, N.Y.

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Ronald Curry



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 1984.....Dwight Stephenson
 1985.....Jerry Holmes
 1986.....Shaun Gayle
 1987.....Al Toon
 1988.....Jesse Kersey
 1990Jerry Holmes
 1991.....Mel Gray
 1993.....Mark Carnevale
 1994.....Reggie Langhorne
 1997.....Chris Slade
 2001.....Aaron Brooks
 2003.....Michael Vick
 2006.....David Macklin
 2007.....Antoine Bethea

This award is not presented annually.

It is safe to say that anyone -- absolutely anyone -- who witnessed Ronald Curry in action on a football field for Hampton High School back in the middle and late 1990s harbors to this very day at least one exhilarating memory of his exploits, if not a veritable carload of them. He was a virtually unstoppable quarterback in those days, running, dodging would-be tacklers, passing and even occasionally catching passes.

More than that for much of his Crabber days, he was beastly effective in the defensive secondary, even running an opponent's potential two-point pass back for a defensive score. Finally, he returned kicks with electrifying results. On either side of the ball he was a magnificent, record-setting performer. His high school days included being selected as an All-American in both football and basketball and one year he even lettered in tennis. So it was no surprise that in 1997 he received the Dial Award as national high school scholar-athlete of the year.

Now fast-forward through four years of two-sport excellence at the University of North Carolina to the National Football League. It's 2004 and the 6-foot-2, 210-pound Curry has been a rapidly improving wide receiver but injured his Achilles tendon to squelch what was becoming an outstanding season. Despite extensive off-season rehab work, he re-injured the same tendon in the second game of the 2005 campaign and was through for the year. The next two seasons Curry's skills began to blossom once again. Both times, on a mostly struggling team, he led the Raiders in receiving yards and receptions. Last year, when Oakland was 4-10, Curry's 55 catches produced 717 yards (both team bests) and he was second among receivers in average per catch at 13.0 and with four TD catches. Along the way, the Raiders also saw fit in 2006 to endow Curry with a neat five-year contract totaling \$20 million.

All this is well and good, but perhaps what rings truest is that he emulates the Henry Jordan persona. That's why it was gratifying, but not surprising, when last December, he sponsored what hopefully will become the first annual Ronald Curry Christmas Classic. The three-day basketball festival raised funds for some of Curry's favorite charities and renewed area interest in the sport during the holiday break.

Curry retains his Virginia roots and exposes a warm and open distinctiveness that makes people want to be his friend. Those who remember the late NFL Hall of Famer Henry Jordan are quick to recognize and treasure such similarities. Adding the name Ronald Curry to an already distinctive list of recipients simply adds another touch of glory to the gloried.

Most Outstanding Female Athlete High School

Bonae Holston

Heritage High School



Dwayne Peters, the athletic director at Heritage High School, puts his description of Bonae Holston succinctly. She is, he says, "in a class by herself." Many, obviously, agree. Carrying a 3.4 GPA, which placed her 13th in her graduating class of 400, the 6-foot standout has received a full scholarship to play basketball for North Carolina State University.

Figuring to play up front, where her power game will be most beneficial to the Wolfpack, Holston, a National Honor Society member since 2006, leaves Heritage owning a mountain of impressive statistics. She is the school's all-time leading scorer and rebounder with 1,731 points and 1,075 rebounds. A four-year, first-team Peninsula District selection, she was the district's Player of the Year her sophomore and junior year and then was caught in child-like politics as a senior when she was denied the honor again.

Nevertheless, Holston's career ended as the Group AAA Player of the Year and was an Associated Press first-team All-State selection. The Daily Press picked her on its first team all four of her years as a Hurricane and named her its top player as a senior. In her last two seasons, Holston was named to the Eastern Regional squad and was the region's Player of the Year as a senior. She was a regional second-team selection as a junior.

Holston had more than a little to do with Heritage's climb to the State Group AAA championship this past winter. The team served warning the previous season it would be reckoned with this time around when it became the Eastern Region runner-up, which advanced it to the state tournament semifinals. Her senior season saw the Hurricanes emerge as Peninsula District champs, district tourney champs and Eastern Region champs before taking the state crown.

As meaningful as any of the honors was her nomination among around 1,000 others to the McDonald's All-American basketball classic last March.

Julie Conn Most Outstanding Male Athlete High School

Andrew Williams

Tabb High School



From “mat rat” to one of the nation’s most sought after high school wrestlers, Andrew Williams’ excellence in his sport at Tabb High School has been anything but a secret since he arrived there as a flashy 103-pounder. This past season, with his weight up to 130 pounds, he charged to his third successive state Group AA championship and his mystique continues to magnify.

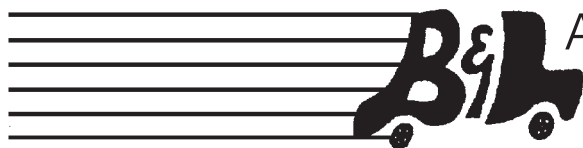
Willard Hunt, long-time THS coach and athletic director, points to several pertinent facts about the Williams steamroller. Although officially retired, Hunt, among other things, keeps statistics for the wrestling team. It is then, knowledgeably that he reveals Williams has not ever lost a post-season tournament match in his three varsity campaigns.

Having watched high school wrestling in York County since 1967, Hunt figures he has seen many standouts in the sport from various county schools. Williams, he says, “gets prepared better than any I’ve seen here.” Williams has been a special one since an early age and his legend grows steadily.

Named the “Wrestler of the Year” by the Daily Press this past winter, Williams has caught the attention of most of the nation’s top-flight wrestling colleges. Among them is Cornell, which has been attracted by Williams’ thr-year A average as well as his athletic skill.

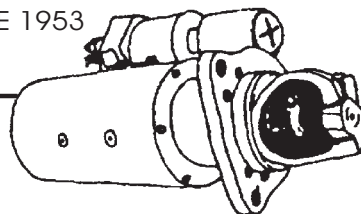
Wrestling most of his junior year at 125 pounds, at least one website ranked Williams tops in the state at 125 pounds. He moved up to 130 in post-season competition. Tabb coach Doug Roper was quoted in the Daily Press, only part in jest: “It’s actually kind of hard coaching a kid with his talent level. There aren’t many kids . . . quite like him.”

Williams’ junior year record was 42-5. Four of the losses came in the nationally prominent Beast of the East and Walsh Ironman tournaments.



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Christopher Newport University's 2008 Athlete of the Year **BRITTANY COLLINS**

BRITTANY COLLINS is the 2008 Peninsula Sports Club Athlete of the Year from Christopher Newport University. Collins had an outstanding four-year career with the CNU volleyball squad, re-writing the record book in the assist and service ace categories. She was the first volleyball player to achieve All-America status at Christopher Newport, and also the first to earn All-Region status.

A native of Richmond and graduate of Mills Godwin High School, Collins was named the USA South Player of the Year the last two seasons. She also achieved All-America status, named to the All-South region squad and named State Player of the Year each of the last two seasons.

Following her senior season, the Captains honored Collins by retiring her #13 jersey. She was also selected the Team MVP.

Brittany Collins led the CNU volleyball squad to an overall record of 124-31 over her four years for a winning percentage of 80%. The Captains were also 56-4 in USA South play during her career for a winning percentage of 93%.



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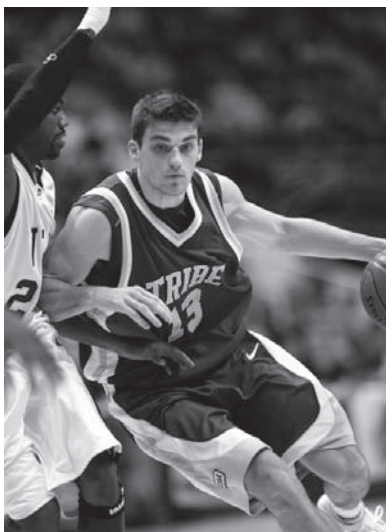
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Athlete of The Year William & Mary

Laimis Kisielius



Laimis Kisielius came to the College of William and Mary as part of head coach Tony Shaver's first full recruiting class at the historic institution. Kisielius was a part of the class tasked with the duty of helping to turnaround a struggling program. After leading the Tribe to both its first-ever national television and Colonial Athletic Association Championship Game appearances in 2008, Kisielius and his fellow classmates have done their part in the Tribe program's rebuilding process and put the Green and Gold on the map.

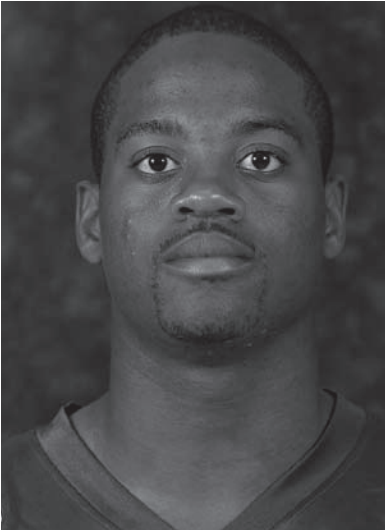
The Vilnius, Lithuania native won at every level of his career and his tenure with W&M was no different. Kisielius prepped at the Miller School in Charlottesville, Va., and guided the program to a national ranking. In the summer of 2006, the 6-8 forward helped the Lithuania national team to a silver medal at the Global Games after playing for the junior national team throughout his career. Along with advancing to the CAA Championship game in 2008, the Tribe finished with a 17-16 record, posting back-to-back .500 or better season for the first time in nearly 25 years. Kisielius' senior campaign was also only the sixth time in school history that W&M posted 17 or more victories in a season.

In 2008, Kisielius led the Tribe in scoring at 11.3 points per game and earned team most valuable player honors. He was a Third-Team All-CAA selection as well as a league All-Academic Second Team honoree. Kisielius became the 22nd player in Tribe history to score 1,100 career points (finishing with 1133) and scored his 1,000th career point in a win at James Madison on Jan. 30. Recently, he was named one of three finalists for the AEF Tribe Club Male Athlete of the Year award.

Kisielius saved the best for last in his W&M career. He averaged 16.3 points per game of the CAA Tournament in leading the College to its first championship game appearance. Kisielius led the Tribe in scoring over each of the final three games of the championship. In front of a partisan VCU crowd during the semifinals, he scored a game-high 23 points and banked in a leaning six-footer with three seconds to play to clinch the Tribe's 56-54 upset win over the regular season champion Rams. In the championship game against George Mason, despite a game-high 22 points from Kisielius, the Tribe fell to the Patriots. He garnered CAA All-Championship honors for his efforts during the league tournament.

He graduated from William and Mary with a degree in business in May. Kisielius plans to sign a professional basketball contract in Europe during the coming months and most likely will return to play in his home country of Lithuania.

Athlete of The Year Hampton University
Jeremy Gilchrist



Athlete of The Year Christopher Newport University
Brittany Collins



Athlete of The Year Apprentice School

Travis Reid & B.J. Maben



With a senior year that rewrote the record books for the football and the golf teams, the Apprentice School named Co-Athletes of the Year for the 2007-08 athletic seasons. Seniors Travis Reid and BJ Maben join a long list of honorees that finished their careers with the highest Apprentice School athletic honor available.

Reid electrified the football field this past fall being named the Offensive Player of the Year in the Atlantic Central Football Conference. That was the first ever honor for an Apprentice School football player from the ACFC. He ended his career a two-time first-team All-ACFC wide receiver and had a senior season for the ages.

The Goose Creek, SC native became the first receiver in the near 90-year history of Builder football to have a 1,000-yard season as he set an ACFC record averaging 104.9 yards per game in receiving. He set eight school season and career records this year as he caught 71 passes for 1,049 yards and 13 touchdowns. For his career he had 169 receptions for 2,895 yards and 33 touchdowns.

He rose up in the big games for the Builders, including a 178-yard game in a road victory over North Carolina Wesleyan College as a junior. His last game for the Builders was one for the record books as he caught 12 passes for 170 yards and three touchdowns as the Builders fell 61-55 in four overtimes to Chowan University.

"Travis was suggested to me by his high school coach who was a former Division I head coach," said former Apprentice School Head Coach Phil Janaro. "He has great ability to find the ball and go get it, in addition he will catch the ball in traffic and is a great deep threat. Travis is unusual in that he also takes pride in his blocking from the wide receiver position. We will miss him as a punt returner next season. He had the respect of the players on the team throughout his career as he never missed a practice and was a leader by example. Travis also did it in the classroom where he was an ACFC All-Academic Team member this year," he added.

According to his supervisor Anthony Bryan, Travis stepped up as well on the job. "Travis has been instrumental in the testing of # 3 and # 4 A/C plants and the testing of sound powered phone circuits in the propulsion plants. His electrical exposure, in this his last rotation, has honed his skills to be a productive and valued X31 graduate," he said.

As Reid electrified the football field, BJ Maben shot his way into the record books as one of the best golfers ever for the Builders. This Hampton, Va. Native and a maintenance pipefitter apprentice scorched his way into the modern era record book for Apprentice School with numbers rarely seen on the links.

Maben, who played number one in the Builders' lineup throughout his collegiate career, was a three-time U.S. Collegiate Athletic Association All-American including a second-place finish as a freshman and a sophomore. His low single round was a 68 as a freshman in a dual match with Marymount and two-round total 144 at Southern Virginia Invitational this season.

He won seven medalist honors as a Builder and helped lead the Builders to the Southern Virginia University Invitational title as a junior along with a pair of U.S. Collegiate Athletic Association National Invitational titles in his career. Maben currently holds the top four single season averages topped by his 75.9 as a sophomore. Prior to his arrival, the lowest single season average since 1990 was a 79.40 and only twice the average was below 80.

Not only did Maben help lower the modern era records individually, he helped cut the team records by nearly 10 strokes. Prior to his arrival, the lowest season average was a 329.94. In his last three seasons, Maben helped lower that mark to a 320.

"B.J.'s performance during his career with the Apprentice School has been nothing less than stellar," said Apprentice School Golf Coach Gary Crockett. "His personal performance has driven the team scoring average down nine strokes in his four years. His leadership on and off the course has pushed his teammates to play better as well.

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Most Outstanding Male Athlete VA College

Xavier Adibi
Virginia Tech



If he were a horse, Xavier Adibi's pedigree would be rich and prophetic. For the benefit of those not in the know, his father, Abiodun Adibi, was a college soccer player at Oklahoma State and is a professor at Hampton University. And older brother, Nathaniel Adibi, was a standout defensive end for Virginia Tech. Now, fresh from a brilliant football career at Tech where he earned first-team All-American honors as a senior linebacker, Xavier Adibi has become a proud member of the Houston Texans. Picked in the fourth round (118th overall) in this year's National Football League college draft, he became just the second linebacker in Hokie history to earn first-team All-American honors when so cited by the American Football Coaches Association.

Last fall, besides becoming a first-team All-Atlantic Coast Conference selection, he was one of 12 semifinalists for the Rotary Lombardi Award given to the nation's top collegiate lineman and was one of 15 semifinalists for the Chuck Bednarik Award for the Outstanding Defensive Player of the Year. This followed his collegiate farewell season in which he paced a unit which finished third in the nation in scoring defense, allowing only 16.07 points per game, fourth in total defense, and fifth in rushing defense. The season marked his third as the team's starting inside linebacker.

As one of the most aggressive players to come out of Phoebus High School in Hampton, Adibi helped the Phantoms of coach Bill Dee win their first Virginia High School League Group AAA championship during his junior year. As a senior, he was an integral part of a contingent that became the school's first undefeated football team and winner of its second successive state crown. Playing fullback, Adibi rushed for 155 yards and four touchdowns in the latter title contest. By then there was no doubt as to the pedigree of this football "horse."

A native of Oklahoma, Adibi majored in apparel, housing and resource management.

Most Outstanding Female Athlete VA College

Jacque Mayer
Christopher Newport University



She accumulated honors by the carload as a magnificent defender. But perhaps the most telling accolade comes to Jacque (pronounced Jackie) Mayer from her Christopher Newport University field hockey coach, Carrie Moura. "We based our entire defensive formation around Jacque since she was a freshman because she was such a contributor," says the Captains' fifth-year coach.

Aggressiveness, continues the coach, was the key to a career that netted the York High School graduate selection to the National Field Hockey Coaches Association Division III All-American team as a senior – the first from her school to be so recognized.

This past season Mayer anchored a defense that allowed just 15 goals in 19 games. The net result was a 16-3 record (including 10 shutouts) to match its best overall winning percentage of 71.4 percent, initially set in the 2000-2001 school year. The field hockey team, which made the NCAA tournament for the second consecutive year, also helped CNU teams win 235 times for the year, bettering last year's previous high of 221.

Mayer's contributions were such that honors for her seemingly streamed in endlessly. She was a first-team women'sfieldhockey.com All-American and first-team South Region player as well as the state small-college Player of the Year and was chosen by the NFHCA to play in the 2007 Division III senior all-star game when her goal in penalty strokes helped her South team beat the North in overtime. Mayer finished her sparkling career as the Captains' all-time leader in saves with 10, including four last season. She scored one goal and recorded two assists while helping teammates carve out a 54-14 record in four years, a span in which she started every game.

To no one's surprise Moura predicts Mayer "will be a phenomenal coach. . . She already has coached at clinics and has coached swimmers since she was 15."

At York High, she earned 10 letters in field hockey, soccer and swimming, and was class president in her junior and senior years.

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Most Outstanding Female Athlete Out of State College

Emily Wylam
Ohio University

Informed by her mother, Lisa, of her selection as the Sports Club's top female athlete of the year at an out-of-state college or university, Emily Wylam asked: "Why me?" Let us count the ways.

A brilliant performer out of Grafton High School in York County, she has been the Ohio University women's swimming team captain the past two years. She was selected to the All-Mid-American Conference first team three consecutive years, capping that off by sparking the Bobcats to their second crown of the century. Her contribution in the meet came from points scored in five events – 100-yard backstroke, 200 back, 200 individual medley and backstroke legs on two medley relay teams. One of those was a school record 1:43.81.

We keep counting. She didn't lose a backstroke race at home this year, when OU posted an overall 11-1 record en route to the MAC title. For the season, she triumphed in 12 individual races – six in the 200 back, five in the 100 back and one in the 200 free. She was second in three other races and participated in seven medley relay triumphs and one freestyle relay victory. Her four varsity seasons at OU saw her named MAC Swimmer of the Week five times.

Of course, she didn't just leap into prominence. At Grafton High, she set a Group AA record in the 100 back (59.08) in 2004 and she also swam on the Clippers' state meet record-setting 200 free relay (1.42.45).

With impressive performances behind her, now, with a psychology degree under her belt, she sets her sights on more sophisticated goals. She wants to coach an NCAA Division I program. It could even be at Athens, Ohio. After all, she's the third generation of her family to attend the school. Her grandfather, Col. John F. Wylam, USAF (Ret.) was a 1952 Bobcat graduate and her father, Lt. Col. John M. Wylam, USAF (Ret.) was in the class of 1978.

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Most Outstanding Male Athlete Out of State College

Chris Behm

Georgetown University

Sailing is ostensibly a quiet sport. The bow of the boat knifes silently through the water as one craft manages to battle wind and surf better than the others. On the other hand, reverberations from Georgetown University's ICSA national championship in Newport, R.I. on June 4 rattled quickly and with resonance as far away as Hawaii via internet and jubilant e-mails shortly after the school's crew captured the coveted crown. In the midst of the grueling triumph, as he has been for four years, was Hampton's Chris Behm.

Overlooked by recruiters for potential sailing stars, the youngster out of Hampton Roads Academy has been nothing less than a four-year jewel for the Hoyas of head coach Mike Callahan. The Hoyas' leader since 1998, Callahan has been at Georgetown nearly 13 years as a student and employee. He says this about Behm: "In my opinion, Chris is among the top one per cent of students that I have observed in my time at Georgetown University."

A business major, Behm, points out Callahan, found time to be outstanding both in class and as an athlete. For the uninitiated, competing in the sport of sailing is no less demanding than that of any varsity collegiate sport, bar none. A starter since his freshman year, Behm, says the coach, "has been an integral part of teams that have been ranked consistently in the top five in the nation as well as the team that won 2006 Collegiate Sailing National Championship. He sails almost every weekend of the school year and yet is never behind in school work."

He was the only sophomore in the country to be named All-American. As a junior he became one of the top two or three sailors in the country and as a senior he remains among the top three. Callahan also points out that "when Chris was applying to Georgetown some in the admissions office felt that since he was slightly below average in SAT's he might not succeed at Georgetown. Since Chris has been a student here he has worked harder than anyone in his class and his grades are certainly well above average. When given a chance Chris never disappoints."

Behm was team captain the past two years and, barring a surprise, will be a three-year All-American. His credentials include being a starter on the team that won the 2006 intercollegiate Sailing Team Racing National championship. In 2006 he finished runner-up in B-Division at the Collegiate Fleet Racing National Championship. Behm has also teamed with Carly Chamberlain to earn All-American honors in co-ed competition.



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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

The Peninsula Sports Club was formed in 1949 to provide an organization for the advancement of sports, and to arrange forums for discussions on athletics. Membership is open to everyone. There are no requirements nor restrictions, nor do new members have to be sponsored.

Annual club activities include luncheon and dinner meetings with guest speakers, attendance at high school, college, and semi-professional and professional athletics contests, presentation of All District Plaques to athletes, and coaches Corner (when the coaches of each sport in season tell about their prospects). The Club also hosts the VA Duals Banquet, and the Hospitality Room for the Boo Williams National AAU Basketball Tournament. The highlight of the year is the Headliner's Night at which club honors high school, college, and professional athletes, coaches, and volunteers from the local communities.

The Club offers two types of membership: a single person at \$50, or a family (2 people) at \$75. Each membership includes a Headliner's Night ticket (\$25), a ticket to the Fall Coaches Corner and Pig Pickin', and reduced-price tickets to all other Coaches Corner Nights and guest speakers, events and Holiday Party.

Members are billed on either June or January, so there is no "best" time to join. Fill out the attached application, and mail it in with your first year's dues.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The undersigned makes application for active membership in the Peninsula Sports Club, and upon admission agrees to adhere to all by-laws, rules and regulations. The annual dues for single membership are \$50, attached herewith, with all rights and privileges thereof included.

NAME: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____

WORK ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: () _____

WORK PHONE: () _____

FAX NUMBER: () _____

EMAIL: _____

SOLICITING MEMBER: _____

☐ SINGLE (\$50) ☐ FAMILY (\$75)

I am interested in participating in the area(s) checked below:

____ Board of Directors ____ High School Awards

____ Car Party ____ Membership

____ Special Events ____ Golf Outings

____ Publicity ____ Programs

____ Communication ____ Headliner's Night

____ Holiday Party ____ Individual Awards

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