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The votes are in and the following sports luminaries have been named to the Chester County Sports Hall of fame for 2009.

HOWIE BEDELL

A former Major League Baseball player, Howie was a part of Ed Good’s Pottstown baseball team that won a nationally-recognized 48 straight games in the early days of the Ches-Mont League. An outfielder, Bedell played for the Milwaukee Braves in 1962 and the Philadelphia Phillies in 1968. He batted left-handed and threw right-handed. While in the American Association in 1961, Bedell recorded a league record 43-game hitting streak. After his playing career ended, Bedell managed several minor league teams, headed the Phillies’ farm system, winning his first of three World Series rings in 1980. He coached the Kansas City Royals in 1984 and the Seattle Mariners in 1988, and was farm director of the Cincinnati Reds in 1990 and 1991. He is presently a professional baseball consultant.

ART DOUGLAS

In 1955, Arthur M. Marple came to Chester County to work for WCOJ Radio in Coatesville. He became Art Douglas, the “Voice of Chester County” for over 40 years. Art was well known for broadcasting high school sports, Little League Baseball, but most of all, he was deeply dedicated to the West Chester University football program, where he enjoyed doing play by play on the radio. During his time with West Chester University Football, he had missed fewer than five games—an Olympian feat of endurance, also covering Chester County’s high school football and basketball games with the same consistency. Due to failing health, Art retired in 1996 and died on July 31, 2005.

MONTE IRVIN

Irvin was a former left fielder and right-handed batter in the Negro Leagues and Major League Baseball who played with the Newark Eagles (1938-42, 46-48), New York Giants (1949-55) and Chicago Cubs (1956). Monte Irvin attended **Lincoln University** and was a star baseball and football player. In 1951,

Irvin sparked the Giants’ miraculous comeback to overtake the Dodgers in the pennant race, batting .312 with 24 homers and a league-best 121 runs batted in, en route to the World Series (he went 11-24 for .458). That year Irvin teamed with Hank Thompson and Willie Mays to form the first all-black outfield in the majors. Later, he finished third in the NL’s MVP voting. In 1952 he was named to the NL All-Star team. In his major league career, Irvin batted .293, with 99 home runs, 443 RBI, 366 runs scored, 731 hits, 97 doubles, 31 triples, and 28 stolen bases, with 351 walks for a .383 on base percentage, and 1187 total bases for a .475 slugging average in 764 games played. He was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1973.

BILLY JOE

During his stellar sports career he starred in football and track and field. He was all Ches-Mont in both sports, excelling in football as a hard running fullback. He earned his B.A. in Economics in 1963 from Villanova University, where

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News bites

2009 Banquet

It's official! The 2nd annual CCSHOF induction banquet to honor the new class of inductees will be held November 7th at the Red Clay Room in Kennett Square. Tickets go on sale September 1st and are \$45 per person. To purchase tickets, contact Pam McCardell at pamccardell@aol.com or mail the form included on page 5.

Memorabilia Needed at Winner's Circle

As we mentioned in the previous news letter, Nick Cacchione, owner of the Winner's Circle Sports Grille has partnered with the CCSHOF to display the Hall of Fame's memorabilia in the front of the restaurant's Exton location. The Winner's Circle is a family-friendly, sports oriented restaurant and is a great partner for the CCSHOF. Memorabilia from local teams as well as out of area teams hang from the walls and you can always catch a sports game on one of their many plasma televisions. Nick Cacchione is working on making the memorabilia display a hit for his patrons. However, there are certain items from the collection that cannot be displayed for insurance purposes, this leaves a lot of room for more memorabilia. Nick is asking members of the CCSHOF for their help in filling out the display. Anyone who has memorabilia from the 2008 inductees and would like to put it on display at The Winner's Circle should contact Jerry Schneider at 610-869-0887 or e-mail jerry@jerryschneider.com

Blue Rocks Outing

Thirty members and friends attended West Chester Community Night at the Wilmington Blue Rocks on May 7. District Judge Mark Bruno threw out the first pitch for the Chester County Sports Hall of Fame contingent.

CCHOF Web Site

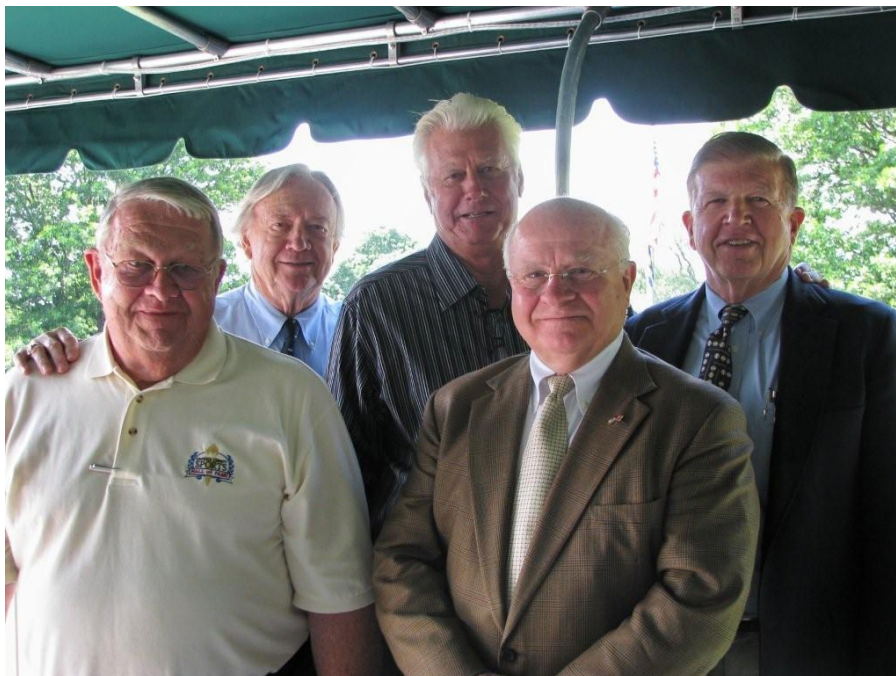
Our Web site is up and running! Please visit www.chestercountysportshalloffame.com for a sneak peek.

Dallas Green Luncheon

On Tuesday, July 7, the Chester County Sports Hall of Fame held a luncheon at the West Chester Golf and Country Club to honor former Phillies manager and CCSHOF inductee, Dallas Green. Green had been unable to attend last year's induction banquet because of the Phillie's drive to the World Series Championship. West Chester Mayor Dick Yoder, Bill Kashatus, and Howie Bedell gave introductory remarks.

Green presented a wonderful speech in which he thanked the CCSHOF for an informal and intimate gathering.

Approximately 20 CCSHOF members were in attendance.



Among the attendees at the luncheon were (front row): Jerry Schneider, Dick Yoder; (back row) Howie Bedell, guest of honor Dallas Green, and Roy Jackson.

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He continued his football career. He also earned a B.A. in History from Cheyney (PA) State College and a M.A. in Secondary Education from Antioch (Ohio) College. He was drafted by the Denver Broncos in the American Football League (1962) and played professionally with Buffalo, (1965), Miami (1966-67) and the New York Jets (1968-69) He then moved on to coaching at Cheyney State College, Central State (Ohio) and Florida A&M University. He was the 1963 Rookie of the Year in American Football League. He made the AFL all-star team for the Buffalo Bills in 1965 when they won the Championship over the San Diego Chargers. Billy also coached the running back under Head Coach Dick Vermeil from 1979-80. He is the number two all time winningest coach for a career for Black Coaches. He is second in career wins in Division 1 AA from 1972-present with 237 wins. (.685 winning percentage) He is 4th in total wins in Division 1 behind only Bobby Bowden, Joe Paterno, and Lou Holtz. Presently he is the head coach at Miles College in Fairfield, Alabama (Division 11).

ADDY KELLY

Lifelong West Chester resident and co-owner of Kelly's Sports, she donated freely of her time, money and talents for the betterment of athletics in and around the West Chester area for most of her adult life. She and her husband, Alvy, started Kelly's Sports Ltd. in West Chester in the 1970s and showed strong devotion and commitment to the community and to West Chester University. They annually sponsored some 50 youth and adult sports teams. Her donations to WCU, area high schools, and numerous community projects are legendary. The Addy Kelly Award is presented to a West Chester alumnus who "exhibits outstanding support which has directly contributed to the enhancement of WCU women's athletics, displayed loyalty, commitment, and dedication, and reflected the impeccable integrity and strong and moral ethical character that was always the essence of Addy Kelly." Kelly, who died in 2005, was the first recipient of the award.

HUGH "BUTCH" McDEVITT

Butch McDevitt attended Downingtown High School until his family moved to West Chester in 1921. He graduated from St. Agnes High School where he began writing about school activities for the Daily Local News. During his senior year in 1923, he began working for the Local. In the late '20s he became sports editor and served in that capacity until named managing editor in 1951. For more than 25 years he covered all sports for St. Agnes and West Chester as well as other local high schools. He also reported on West Chester State Teachers College and was their sports publicity director for 10 years terminating in 1959. While he was the sports editor he was also a full-time reporter. Butch was a sports and news correspondent for the Philadelphia Bulletin (25 years), Inquirer (15 years), and other Philly papers and national news services. He was a charter member of the Philadelphia Sports Writers Association and was their first treasurer, a position he held for 15 years. Butch was active in the West Chester community and was a member of numerous local organizations. In 1960 he was given the Dr. Leslie Hill Human Relations Award. This award was given to the person who helped to promote better understanding among people through athletics. He died at age 55 on May 11, 1961. In 1963 the Daily Local News instituted the Hugh V. McDevitt Trophy for the annual outstanding all-around athlete of the Ches-Mont League.

CURT SCHILLING

Schilling lived in Kennett Square while pitching for the Philadelphia Phillies from 1992 until 2000. He also played for the Arizona Diamondbacks and most recently the Boston Red Sox. Curt was a key member of the Phillies 1993 World Series team with 186 strikeouts and a 16-7 record and was named NLCS MVP. He won World Series championships with Arizona in 2001 (was named co-MVP) and with Boston in 2004 and 2007. Curt was also a member of six All-Star teams and was runner up in Cy Young Award voting in 2004. He was the only athlete

ever to be named twice as the Sports Illustrated Sportsman of Year. Curt is regarded as one of the best playoff pitchers in MLB with a career record of 11-2. Curt Schilling retired in March of 2009 with a won-loss record of 216-146, a 3.46 ERA and 3116 career strikeouts (14th most in major league baseball). He will appear on the MLB Hall of Fame ballot in 2013.

DON STROCK

Strock is a college football head coach and former player who was the head coach of the Florida International University football team from 2002-2006. Strock played for Owen J. Roberts H. S. and Virginia Tech. In 1972, Strock led the nation in total passing and total offense, yet finished only ninth in voting for the Heisman Trophy. To date, Strock still holds many collegiate football passing records at Virginia Tech and was inducted into the Virginia Tech Athletics Hall of Fame in 1985. Strock played in the NFL as a quarterback and spent the majority of his professional career with the Miami Dolphins (1973-1987). He also played one season with the Cleveland Browns (1988) and part of a season on the Indianapolis Colts roster (1989) before retiring as a player. Strock is well-remembered for coming off the bench on January 2, 1982, for the Miami Dolphins in an AFC Divisional Playoff Game against the San Diego Chargers at the Miami Orange Bowl. Strock led Miami from a 0-24 deficit to tie the score in the 3rd quarter. Ultimately, Miami lost the game to San Diego, 41-38, in overtime. The game is also remembered for the image of San Diego tight end Kellen Winslow being helped off the field by his teammates while suffering from exhaustion. Strock finished the game with 29 of 43 completions for 403 yards and four touchdowns, with one interception. The game later became known as The Epic in Miami and has entered NFL lore as one of the greatest games ever in NFL history.

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MARIAN WASHINGTON

Marian Washington attended West Chester High School and then matriculated to West Chester State College. She immediately became an outstanding student and star athlete for the Lady Rams where she lettered in both basketball and track. She was a star player on the WCU's 1969 National Championship Basketball team. In 1973 she became the head coach of women's basketball at the University of Kansas, a position she held until 2004. Her won-lost record at Kansas was 560-363 (.607). She led the Jayhawks to 11 NCAA postseason tournaments. She was named Conference Coach of the Year three times. She also served as Kansas's Director of Women's Athletics. Washington was an assistant coach of the 1996 U. S. Olympic gold medal winning team. In 2004 Coach Washington was inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame. Coach Washington was also inducted into the Kansas Hall of Fame.

DICK YODER

Yoder attended West Chester State Teachers College where he played quarterback for the renowned football Coach Dr. Glenn Killinger. Following graduation, in 1959, Dick taught and coached at a Junior High School in West Chester and returned to his alma mater, as the QB coach and Assistant Professor of Physical Education in 1962. After teaching and coaching football for 17 years, he was named Director of Athletics in 1979 a position he held for nine years. While AD he was elected to the NCAA Council and NCAA Football Championships Committee. Between 1984 & 1992, he also served as a member of the NCAA Football Rules, Legislative & Interpretation and Eligibility Committees. In 1987, he was elected as President of the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference. Additionally, Dick was instrumental in bringing the Philadelphia Eagles pre-season training camp to WCU. After 38

years at the University, Dick retired as a Professor of Kinesiology and was subsequently elected as Mayor of the Borough of West Chester, a position he holds until 2010. Other awards: Dick was inducted into the WCU Killinger Football Hall of Fame, the Sturzebecker Hall of Fame and recently the recipient of the University's Distinguished Alumni Award. Dick also served a tour of duty with the United States Marine Corps. Dick also played baseball at West Chester High School and in the West Chester Adult Baseball League.

SPECIAL AWARD:

MIGHTY MACS

The Immaculata Mighty Macs, from the tiny Catholic women's school in Malvern, won their first championship (the first national collegiate tournament for women ever played) in 1972, when the game was still emerging from the age of "separate spheres." AAU teams had played full-court for years, but college ball had just graduated from archaic "women's rules," which restricted players to half of the court and three dribbles. Most teams still played in skirts. The national tournament was such a novel idea that few reporters

knew it was happening. One Philadelphia sportswriter who heard Immaculata had won the first championship told his colleagues, "I didn't even know they had gone full-court." But in 1974, after two more national trophies, the whole country could follow the Mighty Macs, as reporters flocked to their games. The team had stars, such as Rene Muth Portland, now head coach of the Penn State Lady Lions. The Mighty Macs also had 1974 Player of the Year, Theresa Shank and All-American Marianne Crawford, whom one sportswriter called the best point guard in Philly, male or female. They had a young, visionary coach, Cathy Rush, who imported men's game strategies like picks and presses to beat bigger schools with scholarship players and well-funded programs. The team also had a following. At Mighty Mac games, reporters couldn't get enough of the Immaculate Heart nuns, the team's biggest fans. Dressed in identical blue habits and veils, the sisters weren't above cheering or ref-baiting. One reporter was amazed to watch as a sister stood and 'in her shrillest falsetto yelled, "Watch the pick and roll!". Observers said the most compelling thing about the Mighty Macs, though, was that they seemed to love to play.

CCSHoF Meetings

All members of the CCSHOF are welcome to attend the monthly meetings held at the Daily Local News located at 250 N. Bradford Ave in West Chester. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm in the conference room.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23!



11th Annual Valor Bowl

The 11th annual Valor Bowl took place on May 28th at Coatesville High Schools Memorial Stadium. The Valor Bowl is an all-star football game that benefits the Special Olympics and showcases the best senior players from Coatesville, Downingtown East, Downingtown West, W.C. Henderson, W.C. East, W.C. Rustin, Avon Grove, Conestoga, Unionville, Phoenixville, Spring-Ford, Malvern Prep, Great Valley, Owen J. Roberts, Kennett and Bishop Shanahan high schools. The CCSHOF donated \$1,250 to this year's Valor Bowl and that money went to a banquet for all the players held on May 8th at the Kimberton Hall.

A few members from the CCSHOF set up an information table to help attract new members and inform the community about our mission. Among those working that evening were Mark Bruno, Chick and Anne Chiccino, Charlie Di Marco, Greg Green-day (press box), Jim Jefferies, Alvy Kelly, Pam McCardell, Julian McCrackin, Matt McFillin, Tom Walsh, Ralph Watson, and Dennis White. Since 2006, the Valor Bowl has recognized two student athletes for their community as well as athletic achievement. This year's Kyle Renehan Memorial Award went to Jamie Taylor of Oxford and our very own Al Kelly presented the Addy Kelly Memorial Award to Trevor Sasek of Spring Ford.

For the first time in Valor Bowl history, the game was determined in overtime. Bishop Shanahan Head coach, Paul Meyers, led the North team to a 20-14 victory. For the fourth consecutive year, the North team beat the South. The Valor Bowl has raised more than \$200,000 over the past nine years for Special Olympics and hopes an additional \$40,000 will be raised this year.

Editor's note: Did anyone receive the photo of the volunteers from the Daily Local News? We had not received it as of press time and hope that no volunteers were missed.



2009 Awards Banquet

Saturday, November 7, 2009
Cocktail hour 6:00 • Dinner 7:00



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423 Dalmation St.**

Kennett Square, PA 19384

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