

JIM BAGLIN
West Morris Mendham HS
Basketball Coach



New Jersey's loss became Florida's gain. After ending his 33-year legendary head coaching career at West Morris Mendham HS in 2012, Jim worked the next four years as Mendham's Assistant Coach, before officially stepping down in 2016. He then moved to Florida to retire but he couldn't stay away from the game. Coach Baglin is back at it again, now as the Head Coach of the Merritt Island boys basketball team in Merritt Island, Florida.

At Mendham HS, Jim was the third-winningest coach in New Jersey public school history. He led the Minutemen to 685 wins, 16 conference championships, nine Morris County Tournament titles, six NJSIAA sectional titles, two group championships and the only Morris County team to ever win a Tournament of Champions game (vs. Linden in 2000).

Jim began his professional career at Mifflinburg Area School District in Pennsylvania as a teacher and as Assistant Basketball Coach at Susquehanna University. In 1979 Jim moved to Mendham HS to teach and coach until 1983, when he became Mendham's new Athletic Director, a position he served until 2016. Jim was one of the solid foundations of the now defunct Iron Hills Conference and was instrumental in its transition to the Northwest Jersey Athletic Conference and its progression thereafter. He oversaw the expansion of women's athletics and was instrumental in expanding the overall athlete program from 14 to 23. As stated by Michael Matyas, his building principal for twelve years, "During his distinguished 37-year career, he has had a most positive impact on interscholastic athletics at the local, as well the state level as Athletic Director and boys basketball coach. His encouraging influence and impact on the lives of numerous student-athletes and the community at-large has been immeasurable."

DR. SAM CROSBY
Bridgewater-Raritan School District
Wrestling Official, Rules Interpreter, and State Tournament Assignor



A three-year letterman in football and four-year letterman in wrestling at Somerville High School, Sam earned First-Team All-State recognition at quarterback his senior year. In wrestling he captured the 157-pound New Jersey State Championship. He then went to Rutgers University on a full scholarship where he was quarterback for three years and in wrestling won the 167-pound Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Championship.

Following his college athletic experiences, Sam continued his involvement in wrestling serving as an official for over 40 years officiating at all tournament levels including the NJSIAA finals. He was the Chief Wrestling Official of the New Jersey State Tournament for 25 years. During this time, he served as the Wrestling Rules Interpreter and Assignor of all state tournament levels: Districts, Regions, and States. He served on the National Federation of High Schools Wrestling Committee for eight years, four years as Chairman. He also was a member of the New Jersey Wrestling Executive Committee for 25 years including his service as President of the New Jersey Wrestling Officials Association.

He has been recognized for his contribution to high school wrestling with a number of awards including: Harry E. Lake Award for Lifetime Achievement to Wrestling in New Jersey, National Wrestling Hall of Fame, National Federation of High Schools Association Outstanding Service, Charter Member of Somerville High School Hall of Fame, Richard C. Mirshak Award of Excellence in Officiating and the NJSIAA Outstanding Service Award.

Professionally, Sam has received his Doctorate in Administration and Supervision from Rutgers University. He worked in the Bridgewater Raritan School District for 39 years as teacher, Middle School Principal, High School Principal, and Assistant Superintendent.

ROYCE FLIPPIN, JR.
Montclair HS
Four-Sport High School Athlete



Royce Flippin Jr. graduated from Montclair High School in 1952 and was selected as the *Newark News* New Jersey High School Athlete of the Year that spring. He earned 12 varsity letters for the Mounties in three years, for football, basketball, baseball, and track & field, and was a first-team New Jersey All-State selection in football, baseball, and track in his senior year. As a senior, he won the Group 4 long jump title with a leap of 22 feet 6½ inches and placed fourth in the 100-yard final. In football, with Royce starting at halfback under legendary coach and New Jersey Hall of Famer Clary Anderson all three years, Montclair High was the undefeated Group 4 champion in both his sophomore and junior years, and was 8-1 his senior year. Royce also played for Clary as a three-year starting guard on Montclair's basketball team and three-year starting outfielder on the baseball team.

Royce went on to play football and baseball for four years at Princeton University, where he captained Princeton's Ivy League championship football team his senior year under coach Charley Caldwell and received the John Prentiss Poe Memorial Cup, Princeton's highest football award. Playing tailback in the single-wing formation, he was 11th in the nation in total offense and 16th in rushing in his junior year despite missing three games with a broken wrist, and was a first-team All-Ivy and All-East selection for football that year. He went on to serve as an officer in the Marine Corps and receive an MBA from Harvard University. Following a career in business, he was Princeton University's Director of Athletics from 1973 to 1979, during which Princeton led Ivy League in all-sports winning percentage for six consecutive years, and also successfully integrated women's athletics into the sports program of the newly co-ed university. Royce went on to be Director of Athletics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology from 1980 to 1992, a span in which he also served five years on the NCAA Executive Committee and one year as President of the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC). He was also a Trustee of Ariel Mutual Funds for 28 years, serving as Lead Trustee for the last eight years, and in 2012 was nominated as Institutional Investor's National Small Board Trustee of the Year.

Royce married his Montclair High School classmate, Louise Ferdon, 61 years ago, and together they had three children and six grandchildren. He thanks the Hall of Fame for this honor, and is thrilled to join his beloved high school coach Clary Anderson as part of this special group.



SCOTT GOODALE
Jackson Memorial HS/Rutgers State University
Wrestler & Wrestling Coach

11-year Rutgers head coach Scott Goodale has brought the Scarlet Knights to the forefront of collegiate wrestling in his tenure "On the Banks." After dominating at the high school ranks at Jackson Memorial, Goodale, joined by assistant coach John Leonardis, took over Rutgers wrestling in 2007-08 with a new vision for the program.

Over the past four seasons, Rutgers has achieved six All-Americans. Since 2009, RU has earned two top-10 finishes and six top-25 finishes in the USA Today/ NWCA Division I Coaches Poll. Under Goodale's watch, RU has produced three conference champions (Two Big Ten, One EIWA), 58 NCAA Championship bids, 18 Big Ten Conference Championships placemen and 42 placemen at the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association (EIWA) Championships. The program has tallied an impressive 153-55-1 record during his first 10 years "On the Banks."

Rutgers has had All-Americans in each of the last four seasons, as Anthony Ashnault (141) became the first three time All-American in program history when he finished sixth at the 2017 national championships in St. Louis. Ken Theobald also appeared on the podium at 149 in 2017, giving the program back-to-back seasons with two or more All-Americans for the first time ever. In 2014, the program earned its first All-American since 2002, as 157-pounder Anthony Perrotti finished eighth at NCAAs. Perrotti closed his career on the national podium at 165 pounds in 2016 in front of a local crowd at MSG, becoming the third two-time All-American in RU history.

The Scarlet Knights finished the 2016-17 dual campaign with a 12-5 record, which included an undefeated home slate (6-0) and 6-3 mark in Big Ten Conference action. The six conference wins were the most since Rutgers joined the league in 2014, while RU concluded its dual season ranked within the top-25 for the sixth time during Goodale's tenure.

The Jackson, N.J., native took over the Rutgers program following an impressive seven-year stint as head coach at his alma mater, Jackson Memorial High School. In seven seasons, Goodale compiled an overall record of 155-16, leading his squad to the top ranking in the state in 2006 and 2007. The legendary Jersey high school wrestling coach was inducted into the South Jersey Wrestling Hall of Fame on Nov. 7, 2009.

Goodale was named the New Jersey State Coach of the Year three times, while also earning District 21 and Region VI Coach of the Year accolades three times during his tenure with the Jaguars. Goodale coached four New Jersey State Champions and five New Jersey State runner-ups, along with 16 additional state placemen. In total, he has coached a total of 41 District 21 Champions and 10 Region VI Champions. Goodale led his teams to two Group IV State Championships, as well as four Central Jersey Group IV Sectional titles.

Each season Goodale spent with Jackson Memorial, the Jaguars were crowned District 21 Team Champions, as well as winning four Class A-South Shore Conference titles. During the 2005-06 season, the Jaguars finished ranked No. 10 in the country. The following year, Goodale and the Jaguars improved that performance, finishing the year ranked seventh nationally. In every year Goodale was at Jackson Memorial, he led his team to a top-10 finish in the New Jersey wrestling polls.

Goodale wrestled for Lock Haven University in Pennsylvania, earning his bachelor's degree in Health and Physical Education in 1995. He then went to New Jersey City University where he earned a certification in Special Education in 1997. As a collegiate wrestler, Goodale made three trips to the NCAA Championships, as well as placing second at the Eastern Wrestling League (EWL) Tournament twice in his career. During his time with the Bald Eagles, the team was ranked as high as ninth in the country. Goodale finished with 99 wins at Lock Haven. Goodale and his wife Lisa are the parents of Shelby and Zachary, and reside in Toms River.

JAMES F. ROCHFORD
Brick Township HS
Administrator



After earning his MA from Seton Hall University in 1971, James began his illustrious sports career as a coach at Brick Township HS in 1974. From 1974-1980, James led his teams to multiple championships, including county honors, conference titles, Monmouth College Invitational championships, and being crowned the NJSIAA South Jersey Group IV champions. He was recognized for his coaching prowess and dedication numerous times, namely as Coach of the Year by the *NY Daily News*, *Star-Ledger*, and the *Asbury Park Press*, and was given the New Jersey HS Baseball Coaches Award of Merit in 2008.

He was also a great official. For over thirty years, James was a revered sports official in football, baseball, wrestling and soccer, and was a highly sought official for NJSIAA Championship Finals for each of those sports. James became president of the Shore Soccer Officials Association, where he received more accolades. In 1995, he received the New Jersey Wrestling Officials Achievement Award and in 2004, the NFOA/NJSIAA Baseball Official of the Year award.

Lastly, Jim was a leader in so many ways. He was Assistant Principal/ Director of Athletics at Brick Township HS (1982-1998) and Mater Dei HS (2001-2005). He was president of the Shore Conference, the conference's Baseball and Soccer Tournament Director, and was the Tournament Manager for all Shore Conference Tournaments. Jim founded the Shore Conference Baseball Coaches Association, where he served as the association's first president, and started the Shore Conference Baseball All-Star Game. For NJSIAA, he served two terms on the Executive Committee, was chairperson of both the Advisory Committee and the Ice Hockey Committee, and was a member of Controversies and Disputes Committee, Football Committee, and Hall of Fame Committee.

James has already been inducted in to five other Halls of Fame (Directors of Athletics Association of New Jersey, New Jersey High School Baseball Coaches Association, Jersey Shore Sports, Shore Umpires Association and the Shore Soccer Officials Hall of Fame). Married 47 years to his wife Eileen, together they have one daughter, Megan O'Brien (son-in-law, Rob) and one son, Jim Jr. (daughter-in-law, Shannon) and four grandchildren, Riley and Brendan O'Brien, and Hallie and Emily Rochford.

1988-1989 ST. ANTHONY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

Coach - Bob Hurley, Sr.

The 1988-89 St. Anthony High School basketball team is one that has received a ton of accolades over the years and deservedly so. It can be argued that the 1988-89 Friars team was the best high school boys' basketball team in the history of New Jersey interscholastic sports. The Friars, coached by legendary Naismith Hall of Fame honoree Bob Hurley, went 32-0 in that magical season, dominating their opponents in practically every single game. Of the 32 wins, only two were not by double digit margins – namely a regular season matchup with Hudson County rival North Bergen (58-50) and the NJSIAA Tournament of Champions title game against Elizabeth HS, won by a 62-55 margin. They won three in-season tournaments and defeated teams from 10 different states.

In that fabled year of 1988-89, the Friars competed as an independent team, thus able to play a schedule unfettered by league/conference competition. That year, the Friars won their own Skyline Classic tournament, defeating Arcadia of California, a team that featured future NCAA Tournament Most Valuable Player Ed O'Bannon and an Archbishop Molloy team that was coached by the legendary Jack Curran and featured a young Kenny Anderson. The Friars also defeated New York powers such as Tolentine and Cardinal Hayes, as well as New Jersey powers such as Christian Brothers Academy and Elizabeth.

The Friars featured three players who would later become first round draft picks in the NBA, namely former Duke All-American point guard Bobby Hurley, former Seton Hall standout Terry Dehere and former Kentucky/Southern Cal forward Rodrick Rhodes. Hurley, currently the head coach at Arizona State, was the No. 7 pick overall in the 1993 NBA Draft by the Sacramento Kings. Dehere, still the all-time leading scorer in Seton Hall history with 2,494 points, was the No. 13 pick of the Los Angeles Clippers in that same draft. Rhodes, who was a freshman on that all-time team, was drafted No. 24 overall by the Houston Rockets in the 1997 NBA Draft.

The Friars won their 50th straight game by defeating Elizabeth in the NJSIAA Tournament of Champions title game. It was the first time that the NJSIAA sponsored the T of C, pitting the six overall Group state champions in one final tourney. A lot of the success of the T of C is directly related to the immense popularity of the Friars that season. They sold out practically every gym they played in that season. Some venues had lengthy lines of fans that flocked to see them in action. Some of the lines were two hours long and at times the overflow crowds could not handle the throng of people who wanted to witness the fabulous Friars and were unfortunately turned away at the door. The T of C finale was held at the Brendan Byrne Arena, called the Meadowlands Arena. Almost 9,000 fans turned up for the second meeting of the season between St. Anthony and Elizabeth and they were not disappointed. Forward Jerry Walker, who went on to have a brilliant career at Seton Hall and was the Big East Defensive Player of the Year his senior year with the Pirates, led the Friars against Elizabeth with 17 points and 13 rebounds, playing against his future Seton Hall teammate, 7-foot-2 center Luther Wright. Walker stands about 6-foot-6. Dehere was the team's leading scorer in the title game, tossing in 20 points. Hurley, who remains the NCAA's all-time leader in assists with 1,076, scored 16 points in the T of C finale against Elizabeth. After the win over Elizabeth, Coach Hurley told reporters that, "this was a very special team. The legacy that Jerry, Bobby and Terry leave behind is unbelievable. We may never see another high school team like this."

Not only did that team have brilliant players, but it was also a breeding ground for future college coaches. Hurley (Arizona State) and his younger brother Danny (Rhode Island) are successful head coaches. Darren Savino has been the lead assistant coach at the University of Cincinnati for the last eight years after successful stints as the assistant coach at St. John's and Rutgers. Rhodes, who was an assistant coach at Seton Hall and Massachusetts, is currently an assistant at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa, Idaho. He led Cordia High School to a state sectional championship in Kentucky in 2016 and served as the head coach there for six seasons.

It is extremely doubtful that New Jersey basketball junkies will ever see another team like the 88-89 Friars, very likely the best scholastic hoops team ever, and most assuredly there will never be another St. Anthony's of Jersey City, New Jersey. The school closed at the end of the 2016-2017 school year.