



## **NJSIAA TRAILBLAZER**

As increased sporting opportunities emerged for girl athletes over time, especially after the passage of Title IX in 1972, one of the most popular participatory choices was field hockey. And one of New Jersey's pioneers was Madelyn Chiomento, who during her long tenure at Pitman, molded that school into a state power.

After graduating from Temple University in 1950, where she played field hockey, basketball, and softball and was later inducted into the school's athletic Hall of Fame, she began her coaching career by leading Palmyra for two years before taking over at Pitman. She stayed there for 38 years, retiring after 1993 as the third-winningest field hockey coach in the country with a record of 412-105-88, and 35 consecutive winning seasons. Her teams won the Group 1 state championship in 1974, 1981, 1982, and 1983. She also led Pitman to 19 Tri-County Conference Championships, including a streak of 10 straight.

A highlight of her career came in 1996 when she was the first woman from New Jersey, and at that point, only the fifth from the state overall, to be inducted into the NFHS Hall of Fame.

Chiomento passed away on May 30, 1997, at the age of 76. She was inducted into a total of eight Hall of Fames, including the NJSIAA and NJSCA in addition to the NFHS, for her accomplishments, and Pitman plays on a field named in her honor.



**MADELYN CHIOMENTO**



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