



H. Jesse Arnelle
~ 1989 ~

There would be few arguments against the notion of Jesse Arnelle being the finest all around athlete in the history of New Rochelle High School. His exploits in football, basketball, and track & field were second to none and were rewarded with countless All-League, All-County and All-State awards. At 6'5", he was an imposing target in football. For thirty years, he held the NRHS single game basketball scoring record of 52 points. He continued his athletic excellence in football, and achieved All-American status in basketball at Penn State. His professional career included the NFL Baltimore Colts, the NBA Fort Wayne (Detroit) Pistons, and the Harlem Globetrotters. His professional life has been as exemplary as his athletic endeavors.



John E. "Johnny"
Counts
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Primarily publicized for his football heroics on the interscholastic, collegiate and professional levels, Johnny Counts was also an accomplished basketball player and track sprinter. He once ran the 100 yard dash in 9.8 seconds, the fastest time at the New York State meet. While playing football at NRHS, he led the metropolitan area in scoring (137 points, still a school standard) in 1957 and also holds the Westchester County record for the longest interception return (105 yards). He later became the Big 10 "Sophomore of the Year" at Illinois in 1960 and joined the New York Giants of the NFL as a kick off & punt-return specialist in 1962. He was one of the last Giants to return a kickoff for a touchdown.



Louis W. "Lou"
Jones III
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Mention the Olympics and the first New Rochelle name to surface usually is that of Lou Jones, who won a gold medal in the 1956 Summer Games with Uncle Sam's 400 meter relay team. Jones was a track whiz at NRHS, where he was state champion in the 440 yard dash. He honed his sprint skills at Manhattan College where he was IC4A champion in the 600. He eventually reached his peak when he set a world's record (45.5) at the 1956 Pan Am games. He lowered the mark to 45.2 at the 1956 Olympic Trials. He also set a world mark for the 600 yard run at the 1955 AAU nationals. A 1954 graduate of Manhattan, he was inducted into the Jasper Hall of Fame in 1981. His professional life has been dedicated to education and youth service.