



Persio "Andy"
Capellan
~ 2002 ~

Andy was an outstanding athlete at Cardinal Hayes H.S., playing football and basketball and participating in track and field, where he was the record holder in the shot put. He also lettered in football in college, but coaching is where he had his most success.

As an assistant football coach at NRHS, the team won the State Championship. At the same time Andy began coaching the girls track team. His teams won the league title eight times, the county championships four times and the state championship twice. Andy's girls were also National Champs twice. Members of his track team have won All-State and All-American honors while in high school and have gone on to create new records in college.



Mario Perri
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Mario is best known for his role in helping to create and coach "Tectape" baseball and basketball teams. These teams played across the country and brought considerable recognition to the city of New Rochelle. Perri's involvement with sports also extended to providing opportunities for the youth of New Rochelle to participate in baseball and basketball. He was primarily responsible for the formation of a program of summer basketball including an NCAA approved New Rochelle Parks and Recreation Boys Club Summer League. Mario's extensive commitment to the youth of New Rochelle was recognized by the Westchester Country Recreation and Parks Society as a recipient, together with his brother Attilio, of the Irwin "Red" Klein Award.



Jerry Utter
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Jerry was a premier runner who starred in track at NRHS, competing in cross-country and mile distance races. Utter twice won the WIAA cross country race, breaking the previous record time each year. He also took first place in the NYS Section One cross-country race twice, again winning each year in record time. Jerry competed in the mile run at the Rye Invitational Track and Field Championships, taking first place in a time of 4:33. In compiling his superb record for New Rochelle, Utter was unbeaten in two years of WIAA competition in mile and cross-country races. Jerry's ability and reputation as a runner earned him a position as captain of the NYS Cross Country Championship Team. His accomplishments culminated in a scholarship at Villanova, an honor richly deserved.



Kent
Washington
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Kent had an outstanding career at NRHS. He was All-Conference and All-County, team captain and MVP of the Westchester Holiday Tournament. He earned a full 4 year basketball scholarship at Southampton College where he was named Team Captain.

After leaving college, Washington signed a contract with a pro team in Poland. This started a long career of international basketball with various teams, with Kent winning MVP honors multiple times, both for league play and tournament play. He won the "Gold Shoe" award for most points scored in 1986. Kent Washington clearly excelled as a basketball player and was a remarkable athlete when compared to his peers.