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John Bapst inducts new members into athletic hall of fame

COURTESY OF JOHN BAPST MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

BANGOR, Maine — “I can’t thank you enough – this means a lot to me,” longtime Massachusetts coach and John Bapst Memorial High School alumnus Tim Marcoulier told this year’s varsity and JV football squad Oct. 8 at the weekly team dinner in the school’s Sekera Auditorium.

Marcoulier echoed the sentiments of seven other Bapst notables inducted this year into the school’s hall of fame, all deserving of their recognition.

“Tim was the fastest kid in eastern Maine,” former Bapst and Brewer coach Ken Perrone said.

The eight new members received their official plaques and accolades at the school’s Hall of Fame on Oct. 9, at Husson’s Winkin Sports Complex.

From the Class of 1947, **Ronald “Rock” Pooler** was honored as a four-year football player and team scoring leader. Pooler was a member of a 1946 undefeated team. As a freshman at the University of Maine, he played football and was co-captain of the freshmen and JV teams. A teacher and administrator at John Bapst from 1963-1968, Pooler spent many years coaching and directing Catholic Youth Organization activities.

From the Class of 1965, **Timothy Marcoulier** played football his junior and senior years and ran track for three years. He was a member of the 1963 Pine Tree championship football team, the 1964 state championship football team, and the Eastern Maine All-Star Team.

In track, Marcoulier placed second in Maine in 1965 in the 100 yard. Upon graduating from UMaine in 1969, he served in the U.S. Army, receiving a Bronze Star and two commendation medals. Marcoulier



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joined Ken Perrone at Salem High, where they coached together for 22 seasons and where he taught for 35 years, amassing a 151-64-7 record. In 1985 he was named the North Shore Teacher of the Year.

From the Class of 1967, **Daniel O’Connell** played varsity football from 1964-1967 and was coached by Ken Perrone. He was the starting offensive guard for the undefeated 1965-1966 Football State Class B Champions.

O’Connell was awarded Honorable Mention, Pine Tree Conference first team in 1966-1967. He was the John Bapst freshmen football and basketball coach 1967-1968, assistant coach in track 1967-1968, football 1968-1973, basketball 1970-1973, and head indoor and outdoor track coach 1969-1970.

O’Connell graduated from Husson in 1972 with

bachelor’s degree in business education and then taught at Bapst from 1972-1974 and was a high school baseball umpire for over 30 years. O’Connell went on to earn his Masters in Educational Administration from UMaine in 1997.

From the Class of 1969, **Sanborn Miller** played football his junior and senior years and served as captain as a senior. He was the 1969 State Champ in javelin and earned third in the state for shot-put. Sandy led the track team as a captain his junior and senior years. He also was a boxer.

From the Class of 1983, **Jody Norton** ran cross country and in 1981 won the Eastern Maine and State Class C Championships and helped the team to a fourth place finish.

The following year, he won the regional title, and placed second in the State Championship. Norton was

a state champion in and holds a school record in the 3,200/2 miles with a time of 9:39:9. He was also a member of a basketball state championship team under Coach Bill McManus and was named Athlete of the Year his junior year.

From the Class of 1988, **Scott Phelps**, who was honored posthumously, was an outstanding three sport athlete at John Bapst. He was the quarterback, and a baseball pitcher who could play any position.

In 1988 he became only the third 1,000 point scorer in the school’s history. He was selected to the All Tourney Team and received Honorable Mention, All State. In basketball he averaged 17.3 points, 10 rebounds, 4 steals, and 7.2 assists per game; he shot 46 percent from the floor and 44 percent from the 3-point line.

From the Class of 1995,

Heather McLeod Rushmore was the team record setter in swimming for 1994 and 1995 in the 500 yard freestyle. She was selected a Maine State All Star Zone Team ‘94 and ‘95 and still holds the varsity record for 500 yard freestyle. She was the state runner up her freshmen year and the state champ as a senior in the 500 yard freestyle.

In each of her years she earned the State Top 16 Awards in the 200- and 500 yard freestyles. She was also PVC champion senior year in the 200 yard freestyle and runner-up in the 500 yard freestyle.

McLeod Rushmore was Captain 1993-1995 and received the MVP Coaches Award 1992, 1993 and 1995. She received a Division I swimming scholarship to UMaine and graduated from there with her bachelor’s degree in nursing and was also a member of the

UMaine Honor Athletic Academic Honor Roll.

Coach **John Mitchell** coached football from 1954-1957 with an overall record of 10-23-1, basketball from 1954-1958, and baseball from 1955-1958. A revered career highlight was beating Bangor in his last game as John Bapst football coach.

At Bapst, he taught world history, civics, and health. Mitchell played basketball at the University of Rhode Island where he received Honorable Mention, All-American during his senior year and where he played against Bob Cousy of the Celtics, and held him to only 8 points. Mitchell is a member of the URI Hall of Fame, New England Basketball Hall of Fame, the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame, and Maine Sports Hall of Fame. He was Assistant Basketball Coach at Colby College for 40 years.

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