



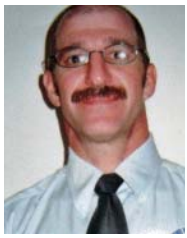
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PERU ATHLETIC  
HALL OF FAME  
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Persistence is failure's  
greatest enemy.





## **Kregg Bruno**

Athlete

1979

While at Peru Kregg played football and wrestled. He was a two-year starter in football and played on a team that went undefeated with a perfect 8-0 record. Kregg excelled in wrestling where he was a four-year starter from 1976 through 1979. All four years the wrestling team won the CVAC and the Section Seven titles. He was a three-time Peru Invitational Champion and won numerous other tournaments. He was a three-time Section Seven champion. Kregg was a three-time NYSPHSAA State place winner when there was still only one division in NYS. In 1976 he placed 6th at 98 lbs.; 1978 saw him place fourth at 132 lbs.; and in 1979 he became Section Seven's first state champion for any sport weighing in at 138 lbs. Kregg's overall high school record was 112-10. Kregg went on to wrestle at Division 3 Potsdam State becoming an all American in 1981. He was inducted into the Potsdam Sports Hall of Fame in 2011. Kregg was also a tremendous asset helping to coach Peru wrestling from 2005 until 2011.



## **Larry Ewald**

Coach

1988-2010

Larry graduated from Peru High School in 1975. As a student athlete he competed in varsity football, basketball and baseball. Larry was a two-time CVAC football all-star. Larry went on to play football at Holy Cross College in Worcester, Mass., where he was a four-year starter at halfback and captain of the 1979 team. He is a member of the Holy Cross Hall of Fame. Larry started his coaching career at Peru in 1988 as head football coach. During his 22 years of coaching, his record stands at 187-47. His teams won 15 CVAC Championships, 12 North Country Super Bowl titles and competed in the state final four four times. In 2001 his team was the first and only team from Section 7 to win the NYSPHSAA Class "B" State Championship. Larry also coached baseball from 1988 to 2000, compiling a 169-46 record with 6 CVAC Championships, 6 Section Seven Championships. Also in his first year at Peru he took his 1988 team to the class "B" NYSPHSAA finals. Larry finished his coaching career as head softball coach from 2008 through 2010 with a record of 37-17, and winning the CVAC and Section Seven class "B" title in 2010. Larry is presently the acting athletic director at Peru High School.



## **James "Jimmy" Duprey**

Athlete

1962

Jim's freshman year in the fall of 1958, was the start of football at Peru Central. The helmets were not received on time, so there was only practice that season. Starting his sophomore year through to his senior year, Jimmy lettered in football, basketball, wrestling, baseball and track. He was selected as an all-star every year in each sport and also was captain of each team. Upon graduation he made a major decision that affected the rest of his life - to sign a Major League baseball contract with the Philadelphia Phillies or accept a full football scholarship at the University of Buffalo. He accepted the college scholarship and played four years of football and two years of baseball. Jim began his teaching career in 1968 at Springville G.I. High School as a social studies teacher and coach. He coached football for 31 years becoming head coach in 1989 with a record of 95-18 and winning the NYS Class B High School Football championship in 1996. He was inducted into the Pop Warner High School Hall of Fame in 2006. Jim also coached baseball for several years and played town team baseball for 17 years. In 2007 he was inducted into the Western New York Baseball hall of Fame. Jimmy retired in 1999 and now plays golf and follows his son's career who was inspired to become a history teacher and high school football coach.



## **Paul "Scooter" Giroux**

Athlete

1965

Paul, a 1965 graduate of Peru High School, played football, basketball and baseball. In 1957 he got his nickname "Scooter" from Coach Tony Papero. He was the quarterback and defensive back on the football team, which won two class "A" championships' and went 6-1-1 in 1964. In basketball, Paul played guard and the team was the Class "A" champ in 1963-1964. In his senior year, with "Scooter" at shortstop the baseball team finished with an overall record of 12-4. Paul went on to college at Ithaca where he played football and baseball. He also played summer ball in Guelph, Ontario in the Senior Intercounty League and with the Thetford Mines, Quebec Provincial Baseball League. In 1969 he was drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates and played for the Gastonia Pirates in the Western Carolinas League. Paul played summer baseball from 1974-1998 with the Amenia Monarchs, Dutchess County, Tri-State Baseball League. In 2002 he was inducted into the Dutchess County "Old Timers Baseball Association" Hall of Fame. He was also inducted into the Tri-State League Baseball Hall of Fame in 2009.



## **Sharon Gruendling**

Coach

1970-1999

Sharon Gruendling taught physical education at Peru High School and had a very impressive coaching career. She coached four different sports teams to CVAC and sectional championships. She first started coaching varsity field hockey from 1970 to 1978 winning six CVAC Championships and three Section 7 Championships with 88 wins and 14 losses. In 1971, she started coaching the varsity softball team and continued for the next 27 years, compiling a record of 315-61, 18 CVAC championships, eight Section 7 championships, 4 regional championships and played in the New York State quarter-finals twice. In 1993, the team was ranked 15th in the state and was named NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete State Champs. Sharon coached the swim team for eight years starting the modified and varsity team in 1979. Her teams were undefeated for eight years in dual meets accumulating a record of 90-1, eight CVAC Championships, eight CVAC Relay Carnival Championships and seven Section 7 championships. Sharon also coached the varsity basketball team for 10 years and compiled a record of 146-51, three Peru Tip-Off Tournament championships, and three Queensbury Holiday Tournament championships. In 1998, the team was CVAC Champions, Section 7 Champions and was ranked 15th in the state.



## **Jeff "Beefy" Way**

Athlete

1989

Jeff graduated in 1989 and was a five-year varsity letter winner in three sports. Football saw Jeff being named most outstanding defensive lineman in 1986, defensive player of the year in 1987, four-time All-Star on defense and a two-time All-Star on offense. He was named a first team All-State offensive tackle in 1988. Jeff also excelled in wrestling winning 100 matches. He was a four-time Queensbury Champion, five-time Saratoga champion, four-time Peru Invitational Champion, three-time North Country Champion and a four-time sectional champion. He was a three-time place winner at the NYSPHSAA State tournament. In 1987 he placed 6th at 250 lbs, in 1988 he became the second Peru wrestler to win a state championship at 250 lbs. and in 1989 he finished second at 250 lbs. Jeff was also a two-time Empire State gold medalist in freestyle. He was an Honorable Mention All-American in Wrestling USA Magazine in 1989. In track and field, Jeff was a four-time sectional champion in the shot put and a two-time sectional champion in the discus. After high school, he went on to play football at St. Lawrence University. Jeff has been on the football coaching staff at Peru since 2007.



## **Lawrence Morrow**

Athlete

1957

Larry was born in Plattsburgh in the spring of 1938, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Morrow, business owners in Peru. Larry has one sibling, a sister Betty. He was well-known as a four-letter star in soccer, track, baseball and basketball. He was the leading scorer on a soccer team that went undefeated in his high school career as well as sectional champion in the sprints in track. He was starting guard on a basketball team that lost one game, as well as the outstanding athlete on Coach Tony Papero's dominant baseball teams. It is because of his outstanding performance that he is being honored in the Hall of Fame. Today Larry lives in Florida. He is a member of the Moose Lodge and the American Legion, and works as a security guard at a high rise condo. He plays guitar, piano, and his greatest love of all, golf.



## **Barnard "Barney" Woodward**

Athlete

1967

Barney graduated in 1967 from Peru where he played football, basketball and baseball. During his four years playing varsity football the "Indians" notched a record of 28-3-1 and went undefeated in 1963 and 1965. He was the quarterback and team captain in both his junior and senior year. He was not only a leading passer but also a leading rusher on the team. Barney was a three-year starter on the varsity basketball team as a point guard where he averaged double figures. Over three years, the team went 43-11 and went undefeated his senior year. In baseball, Barney played varsity for four years as a catcher and in the outfield batting .469 and winning three sectional titles. Barney also competed in track and field in the Plattsburgh Jaycees Junior Track Championship and NYS Junior Chamber of Commerce Track Championship, placing first in the shot put and first place anchoring the 440 relay team. At the Junior Olympics in 1964, he took seventh in the shot put and the team placed 11th in the 4 x 100 relay. Barney went on to the University of Buffalo on a full football scholarship where he was a three-year starter in their backfield. He was also a three-year starter as a catcher and centerfielder. Barney now resides in Murrieta, CA