

BILL LINKNER



While attending Amherst Central High School, Bill was All County Football Guard, Linebacker and a Section 6 Wrestling Champion. While at Brockport State, Bill was voted Little All-American Guard, Linebacker. Brockport had no collegiate wrestling program but Bill wrestled in numerous tournaments winning and placing in all of them!

Bill's coaching career began in 1961 in Upstate Hilton and he moved to Hempstead High School in 1962. In 1963, Bill became the Head Wrestling Coach at Valley Stream South High School where he led his team as League Runner-ups and then 14 consecutive League Championships before retiring from coaching in 1978 to watch his own boys Bud and Greg wrestle at Southside under Coach Mike Davey. While Head Coach, Bill can boast of 14 consecutive Tournament wins and 76 consecutive League victories with an overall record of 183 - 24 - 4.

Bill became Valley Stream South's Athletic Director in 1978 and was inducted into Brockport's Hall of Fame in 1989. Bill also coached Varsity and J.V. Football all 33 years at South. He remained in the position of Athletic Director until his retirement in 1995. Bill was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in 1998 with a "Lifetime Service Award".