

ARLINGTON SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES - MAY 31, 1995



MORRIS LEVIN

MORRIS "MO" LEVIN played high school basketball in Asbury Park, N.J. As a high school junior he played on the J.V.'s fifth team. "Mo" became a successful basketball player through determination and because of a freak accident that occurred during a baseball game while a junior in high school - a thrown ball shattered his glasses, implanting shards of the glass lens into his right eye, leaving him without sight in that eye. "Mo" had been an outstanding baseball player but following the accident, he concentrated all his athletic efforts on basketball. Through sheer determination and hard work, he became first team varsity starting center in his senior year. Following H.S. graduation in 1947, "Mo" moved to Arlington. He soon became involved in the county basketball league and in 1948 and 1949 was a player/coach for teams sponsored by the South Arlington Lions. In 1950 he entered the University of Maryland and played basketball four years, three years on the varsity 1951-54, becoming starting center his senior year. "Mo" received his degree from Maryland in January 1955 and soon thereafter became a Social Studies teacher and Assistant to Head Basketball Coach, Ralph (Pop) Guinther at Washington-Lee High School. The 1955 W-L team turned in a 23-3 record, won the Northern District and finished runner-up in the state. In 1956, "Mo" became Head Basketball Coach at W-L. During his seventeen year head coaching career at W-L, his teams won 219 games; four District Titles, 1960, 1962, 1963 and 1964; and three State Championships. "Mo" was the recipient of the Better Sports Club's Coach of the Year Award in 1962; and the Royal Crown Cola Coach of the Year Award in 1966, and the Coach and Athlete Magazine Coach of the Year Award in 1966.

BOB RUSEVLYAN played varsity baseball, basketball and football at St. John's High School, D.C., 1951-53. Bob was All-Metropolitan in all three sports as a junior and senior, and received the Touchdown Club award as the Prep School Player of the Year in 1953 and 1954. As a senior, Bob was elected captain of all three teams and was named Scholastic Sports Association Football Player of the Year as well as Athlete of the Year.

Bob accepted a football scholarship to the University of Maryland in 1954 and became a three year starter as quarterback, defensive back and kick returner. He still holds the "Terps" record for most minutes played in a career and twice played 60 minutes in a game during his senior year. Bob received the Terp Coaches Award as Defensive Back of the Year 1957 and 1958, and Offensive Back of the Year 1958, and was named All-A.C.C. As a senior, Bob received the A.V. Williams Award given to the Outstanding Citizen/Scholar/Athlete and the TEKE Trophy (now known as the Terrapin Club Award) as the student who, during his four years at the University, rendered the greatest service to football.

In 1959, Bob accepted a football coaching position at Bishop D.J. O'Connell H.S. and remained head coach five years, gaining a reputation as an outstanding football strategist. 1960 he became Head Basketball Coach, winning two state Catholic League Championships, 1962 and 1963. In 1961, Bob became A.D. and Head Golf Coach. His golf teams were undefeated 1962 through 1964. In 1964 he left Bishop O'Connell H.S. to go into the banking business.

From 1970 to 1982, Bob was a highly successful coach in the Arlington County youth baseball and basketball programs. His teams won numerous county championships in both sports.



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