2007 SAUGERTIES SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

Barry Walker Lindsay



Barry Then



Barry Now

Barry Lindsay was born November 25, 1950 in Kingston, NY to Walker and Frances Lindsay. The family moved to Saugerties when Barry was four years old. Barry and his siblings (James Wright, Mary "Peg" Wright, Thelma Swain, Gerald Lindsay, Vicky Lindsay, Glen Lindsay, Sally Gibbs and Daquaen Lindsay) grew up watching their father, Walker "Chops" Lindsay carve out a Hall of Fame career on the local diamonds. He is a 1968 graduate of Saugerties High School and a veteran of the United States Marine Corp. He married his wife Barbara and they have two sons Jeremy and Alex. They are expecting their first grandson in May 2007.

Barry officially began his sports involvement when he played in the Saugerties Babe Ruth League. He played in the 1963, 1964 and 1965 seasons. His team captured the championship all three years. He was a versatile player, playing every position but catcher and he excelled on the mound. In his three years he only lost one game. He was a two time All Star and the league MVP in 1965. During that campaign he led the league with a .521 batting average and he was also the top home run hitter in the loop. He continued his baseball career at SHS. He completed one year of JV competition and two seasons of Varsity action as a first baseman and pitcher. He served as the team Cocaptain his senior season. He also competed for the Legion Post 72 team, serving as a pitcher, first baseman and shortstop. He then took a few years off and returned to baseball while serving in the Marines. He played one season and was selected to the base All Star team. In 1967, Barry began his long and excellent career on the softball diamond. He began his career playing with the McConeky Funeral Home team. In his first season he tied for the league's home run crown. He played in the local league until 1970 when he

enlisted in the United States Marine Corp. He played two seasons of softball while serving in the Marines. Upon return from military service, Barry returned to the local league. From 1975-1985 he appeared for the Mt. View Tackle Shop and Tom's Sports Shop. During this period, he was a productive offensive force. He led the league in home runs and runs batted in for 4 or 5 seasons. In 1980 he set records for home runs with 13 and runs batted in with 26 helping lead Tom's Sports Shop to the league title. In 1984, Tom's were again crowned champions with Barry hitting 3 home runs and driving in 9 runs during the first two games. In the third game he was intentionally walked in all four of his plate appearances. He has continued to play sporadically over the last twenty years. In 2006, he again tied for the home run title despite playing in only six games. Besides playing in Saugerties, he has played in the Red Hook League (3 seasons, 3 championship series appearances), the Woodstock League and on a tournament team from Kingston (led team in home runs, rbi's, and batting average).

Barry was not only a softball player. During his time in the Marines he played touch football. He was a starting linebacker for an undefeated base championship team. This team defeated a Naval fleet championship team, whose record was 31-2, 14-11. Barry also competed in the Saugerties football league. He played four seasons and his team captured one championship. If that isn't enough, he also played in the Men's Basketball League. His team captured championships in both of the seasons he appeared in. He also played three seasons in the Half Court League. You would think that would be it but it isn't. He also played five years of volleyball. During this time his teams won four league titles. Including a perfect 24-0 season in 1980.

Barry is not only an outstanding player but he is also an excellent coach. He began coaching with a brief stint as a women's softball coach in Kinston in 1975. In 1991 he began coaching Little League in Single A minors. In 1992 he moved up to Double A minors and in 1993 he moved up to Majors. During his tenure he served as All Star coach for one season. He moved to Babe Ruth in 1996. He compiled a 38-16 record and captured two league titles despite a 5-12 start. He was the All Star coach in 1998, that team was the first Saugerties team to capture a District title in 11 years. That team went on to lose in the State tournament. After which he took a two-year hiatus. He returned to Little League in the Grasshoppers division in 2001. He moved up to Single A minors in 2002 and returned to the Majors in 2003. His teams appeared in the championships in 2003-2006. In 2004, he led his team to a championship with a 17-0 record. He coached the All Star team to a 3-2 record in 2005. Overall as a baseball coach he suffered only one losing season while compiling a 156-67 record. His coaching is not limited to baseball. He also coaches basketball. He has served the SAA Biddy League on two different occasions, 1992-1995 and 2002-2005. He is currently coaching in the SAA Junior League.



Barry presenting trophies to his team

With such a stellar career, Barry had many memories he considered to be his career highlights. First would be hitting a home run off his father, inspiration and hero, "Chops" Lindsay, in 1967. The monster year of 1980, in which he played on three teams, appeared in 51 games and hit 35 home runs and drove in 120 plus runs. In 1982 he hit a home run off Eddie Fayner, of The King and His Court, in his only at bat against the legend. In 2005 he and his son Jeremy went deep back-to-back while playing for Kiniry Plumbing. He hit three home runs on one game five times.



Barry's inspiration, hero and father Walker "Chops" Lindsay

Barry's service to his community is not limited to coaching. He is a Deacon at the Living Word Chapel in West Hurley, NY. He is also a guitarist for the Church's Praise Team and a puppeteer in the children's programs.

Congratulations Barry on your induction into the Saugerties Sports Hall of Fame. Your excellence and dedication has placed you where you belong, along side your dad and hero in the Hall of Fame.

