

## 2023 Inductees

### **Al Holbert (Motor Sports) – Local**

- Area Native; Central Bucks High School
- 5 International Motor Sports Assn. (IMSA) championships
- All-time leader with 49 IMSA Career victories
- IMSA's First \$1million winner
- 5 IMSA titles in (1976, 1977, 1983, 1985 and 1986
- 3-time winner of 24 Hours of LeMans (1983, 1986 & 1987)
- 2-time winner of the 24 Hours of Daytona (1986 & 1987)
- Won 10 SCCA Can-Am races
- 4 top-Ten finishes in 19 NASCAR races
- Finished 4th in 1984 Indianapolis 500 (only appearance)
- #14 retired by International Motor Sports Association
- Al Holbert Scholarship Fund established by alma mater, Lehigh Univ.
- Al Holbert Memorial Award presented annually to Driver of the Year by Eastern Motorsport Press Association.
- Al Holbert Cup: Porsche Carrera Cup North America Champion
- Eastern Motorsport Press Association Hall of Fame -1989
- Motorsports Hall of Fame of America-1993
- International Motor Sports Hall of Fame -1993

### **Anthony (Tony) Black (Horse Racing) – Local**

- Area native; Haddon Township High School
- Won his first race at Liberty Bell Racetrack
- Started ~34,000 races with earnings of over \$63 million
- Finished Top 3 (win-place-show) in over 14,000 races
- Won first race in 1970; raced until 2019
- Won the final race at Garden State Racetrack
- Rode notable horses Candy Éclair, My Juliet, & What a Summer
- 21st jockey in North American Racing History with 5,000 wins
- Won 5,200th career race on March 18, 2013 aboard Smart Tori, a horse owned by his son
- Rode 15 graded stakes winners
- Founded "Philadelphia Park Jockeys" labor union for jockeys
- Co-holder of North American record of 9 consecutive wins (over 2 days at two tracks)
- President of the Philadelphia Park Jockey Association
- 22 years with more than 100 wins
- 24 years with more than \$1,000,000 in earnings
- All-time winning jockey at Philadelphia Park/Parx
- Charter Member-Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association Parx Hall of Fame - 2011

### **Bernard Hopkins (Boxing) – Local**

- Philadelphia native
- Amateur record: 95-4 (1975-88)
- Professional record: 55-8-2 w/ 32 KOs (1988-2016)
- Undisputed Middleweight title holder 2001-05
- Lineal Light heavyweight title holder 2011-2012
- Held multiple titles in 2 separate weight classes
- First Boxer to unify titles in all four major sanctioning bodies (Middleweight)
- Set Middleweight record of 19 consecutive title defenses
- Oldest Boxer to win a World Championship at age 49 (beating his two other records 46 at 48 years old)
- 2001 Ring Magazine Fighter of the Year
- 2001 World Boxing Hall of Fame Fighter of the Year
- 2004 Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame Pride of Philly Award (Inaugural winner)
- Atlantic City Boxing Hall of Fame (2019)
- International Boxing Hall of Fame (2020)
- Pennsylvania Boxing Hall of Fame (2022)

### **Bill Giles - Legacy of Excellence – Phillies**

- 46 years with the Phillies organization
- Became VP of business operations - 1969
- Hired Harry Kalas from Houston in 1971
- Brought the Phillie Phanatic from the Galápagos Islands to Philadelphia-1978
- Led group that bought The Phillies from the Carpenter family - 1981
- Phillies GM 1984-87
- Served as Executive Vice-president and President before taking over as Chairman in 1997
- Key driver in the construction of Citizens Bank Park (CBP)
- Served on various boards & executive committees in Philadelphia including, Convention & Tourism Bureau, Boy Scouts, Chamber of Commerce, Sports Congress and the Police Athletic League
- Honorary President of the National League
- Boy Scouts of America Distinguished Citizen of the Year - 1985
- Police Athletic League Man of the Year - 1993
- Phila Anti-Defamation League Man of the Year - 1994
- The Bill Giles Party Suites are located on the 200 level of CBP
- Bill Giles Invitational: Philly-area Division II baseball tournament

### **Bill Knecht (Rowing) – Local**

- Area native; LaSalle High School (1947)
- 2-Time National Champion at LaSalle HS (1946-'47)
- Canadian National Champion at LaSalle HS (1946)
- 1951 National Champion- 1/4-mile Singles
- 1955 National Champion- 1/4-mile Singles
- Canadian Henley Championship-Eights-1958
- Olympic gold-medal -Eights-1964
- 3-time Pan Am Games gold-medal winner (1955,1959,1963)
- Knecht Cup Regatta named in his honor
- US Rowing Association's John J. Carlin Service Award-1973
- US Rowing Association's Jack Franklin Award (for Referees)-1993
- Member of the U.S. Olympic Rowing Team Committee
- Founder of the Cooper River Rowing Association
- American Rowing Hall of Fame-1965

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## **Carlos Ruiz (Baseball) - Phillies**

- Signed with Phillies signed as an amateur free agent on December 4, 1998,
- Catcher for Phillies 2006-16
- Fan favorite, nicknamed “Chooch,,” Considered “heart and soul” of Phillies 2008 World Series team
- Hit .375 with .500 OBP in 2008 World Series; earning nickname “Senior Octubre” (Mr. October)
- Major League record for most no-hitters caught – 4; (Tied with Jason Varitek)
- At prime of career was among best hitting catchers in baseball
- 2012 All-Star team
- 6-Times in Top 5 for Double-Plays by catcher
- 4-Times in Top 5 for Putouts and Assists as catcher
- 2-Time NL Defensive Catcher of the Year (2012-13)
- Rank on Phillies all-time list for catchers
  - ◊ 1<sup>st</sup>: Fielding Percentage
  - ◊ 2<sup>nd</sup>: Assists, Putouts, Double-Plays
- Won Major League Baseball Players Alumni Association Heart and Hustle Award (2012)
- Baseballtown (Reading Phillies) Hall of Fame - 2021

## **Carol Lewis (Track & Field) – Local**

- Area native; Raised in South Jersey; Willingboro High School
- Set National High School Long-Jump Record
- 12-time NCAA All-American
- 7 Southwest Conference Championships (Hurdles, High Jump, Long Jump)
- 2-time US Long Jump record
- 2-time NCAA long jump champion (1983 & 1985)
- 4-time US long jump champion
- 4-time US Indoor long jump champion
- 4-Time Penn Relays winner-Long Jump
- Penn Relays Wall of Fame-2003
- Southwest Conference Hall of Fame-2015

## **Irving Fryar (Football) – Local / Eagles**

- Area native; Rancocas Valley High School
- 1983 Consensus All-American at University of Nebraska
- #1 Overall pick by New England in 1984 NFL Draft
- 5-Time Pro Bowler
- 2-Time All-Pro
- 3-Time Player of the Week
- 1998 Bart Starr Award (for outstanding character and leadership in the home, on the field, and in the community)
- Career NFL statistics (All-time rank at retirement)
  - ◊ 851 Receptions (4<sup>th</sup>)
  - ◊ 84 Receiving TDs (5<sup>th</sup>)
  - ◊ 12,785 Receiving yards (7<sup>th</sup>)
- Nebraska Football Hall of Fame-1993
- Orange Bowl Hall of Fame-2001

## **Jay Wright (Basketball) – Local**

- Area native; Council Rock High School
- Head Coach at Hofstra (1994-2001); won 4 America East Conference titles in 7 years
- Compiled record of 122-85 at Hofstra
- Coached Villanova for 21 seasons compiling record of 520-197
- Two-time Naismith National Coach of the Year
- Had four consecutive 30 victory seasons from 2014 through 2018, first coach in NCAA history to achieve that distinction.
- Led Wildcats to national championships in 2016 and 2018
- Coached a total of 18 NCAA Tournaments (16 at Villanova)
- 6-time Big East Coach of the Year (2006, 2009, 2014–2016, 2019)
- Coached Team USA to gold medal at 2005 World University Games)
- John R. Wooden Legends of Coaching Award (2018)
- AP Coach of the Decade (2010s)
- Inducted into Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame (2021)

## **James Isaminger- Legacy of Excellence – Local**

- 35 years as Philadelphia Sportswriter
- Philadelphia North American - 1905-25
- Philadelphia Inquirer - 1925-40
- Columns "Tips from the Sporting Ticker" and "Under the Spotlight" were nationally syndicated
- President of the Baseball Writers' Association of America - 1934
- Editor and co-author of the Reach annual baseball guide 1928-39
- Covered every World Series from 1905-1939
- Broke the 1919 Black Sox Scandal via investigative work following his interview with Billy Maharg
- Baseball Hall of Fame J. G. Taylor Spink Award - 1974

## **Jeremiah Trotter (Football) – Eagles**

- 3rd Round pick by the Eagles in 1998 NFL Draft
- 8 seasons at Linebacker for Eagles (1998-2001, 2004-06, 2009)
- Led Eagles in tackles (1999,2000-01)
- The “Axe Man, was considered the “pulse” of Eagles’ dominant defense in early 2000s
- Helped lead Eagles to 3 NFC East Crowns and 5 playoff appearances including 2 NFC Championship games & Super Bowl XXXIX
- Played in 127 career regular-season and postseason games with Eagles amassing 696 tackles
- 4-time Pro Bowler (2001-02; 2005-06) (one of just four LB in Eagles history w/ 4 Pro Bowls)
- 2-Time All-Pro (2001-02)
- Philadelphia Eagles Hall of fame (2016)

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## Joe Watson (Hockey) - Flyers

- Original Flyer, drafted in 1967 Expansion Draft
- 11 seasons with Flyers at Defenseman
- 2-time all-star
- 2-time Stanley Cup Champion
- 54 years as Flyers employee including post-retirement as assistant coach, scout, sales, and Flyers Alumni
- Scored short-handed goal in the 1976 game against Soviet Red Army team
- 746 games with the Flyers – 5<sup>th</sup> all-time
- Established Flyers Alumni Team in 1984
- Stats for Flyers Defenseman -At Retirement & (current):
  - ◇ 1st Games Played- (2nd)
  - ◇ 1st Game-winning assists (5)
  - ◇ 2nd Assists (10)
  - ◇ 2nd Points (7)
  - ◇ 3rd Goals
  - ◇ 3rd Plus/Minus (5)
  - ◇ 3rd Game-winning goals (10)
- Philadelphia Flyers Hall of Fame-1996
- British Columbia Sports Hall of Fame-2002
- British Columbia Hockey Hall of Fame-2002

## Judy Auritt Klein (Swimming) - Local

- Area native; West Philadelphia High School
- Junior, collegiate, and national record holder at 50 yard, 100, 220, 440, 880 yards & 1 mile
- Swam for University of Pennsylvania (1944-46); Captain in 1946
- 1942: Set American record in 150-yard IM (2:12.74) Note: record still stands as distance changed to 200)
- 1944 NCAA Champion: 50-yard freestyle & 50-yard breaststroke
- 1944: NCAA record for breaststroke at 50-yard (35.8) & 40-yard (28.0)
- 1945 NCAA Champion: 40-yard backstroke & 40-yard breaststroke
- 1945 NCAA Champion: 40-yard backstroke
- 4-Time NCAA champion in the 150-yard IM (
- Undeclared for 4 years in backstroke & breaststroke (1942-46)
- Lost chance for Olympics at her peak as both 1940 & 1944 Games canceled due to World War II
- West Phila. High School Hall of Fame
- Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame -1985
- Philadelphia Jewish Sports Hall of Fame-1997

## Truxton Hare (Football) - Local

- Philadelphia native; University of Pennsylvania (1897-1900)
- Played football at Penn: Ran, punted, kicked off, drop-kicked extra points, played guard on defense
- Four-time first team All-America
- Played every minute of every game for 4 years; 4-Year record of 47-5-2
- Played varsity cricket at Penn
- 1900 Olympics: Gold & Silver medal (Tug-of-war; Hammer throw)
- 1904 Olympics: Bronze Medal in All-Rounder (ten events: 100 yd run, shot put, high jump, 880 yd walk, hammer throw, pole vault, 120 yd hurdles, 56 lb. weight throw, long jump, and 1-mile run)
- World class archer; Led team to 1914 National Championship
- Charter member College Football Hall of Fame (1951)

## Valerie Still (Basketball) – Local

- Area native; Camden High/Cherry Hill East HS
- University of Kentucky women's basketball team 1979-83
- Three time All-American at Kentucky
- Holds Kentucky career records (men & women) in scoring (2,763) and rebounding (1,525)
- Eight-time Italian League All-Star
- MVP of ABL Finals in 1997 and 1998 leading Columbus Quest to back-to-back Championships
- 1st female to have a jersey retired at Kentucky - 2003
- University of Kentucky Hall of Fame (Charter Class) – 2005
- Camden County Sports Hall of Fame -2018
- Women's Basketball Hall of Fame - 2019

## Willie Jones (Baseball) - Phillies

- 13 seasons at 3B with the Phillies
- 7-time NL leader in Putouts at 3B (11 times in Top 5)
- 6-time NL leader in Fielding Percentage at 3B (11 times in Top 5)
- 2-time NL leader in Assists 3B (9 times in Top 5)
- 2-time NL leader in Double Plays at 3B (8 times in top 5)
- Rank on all-time list for 3B at retirement
  - ◇ 7<sup>th</sup> – Putouts
  - ◇ 8<sup>th</sup> - Fielding Percentage
- 2-Time All Star (1950-51)
- 3rd all-time-Phillies grand slams w/6 (behind Mike Schmidt & Ryan Howard)
- Rank on Phillies all-time list at retirement
  - ◇ 1st - Putouts & Fielding Percentage at 3B
  - ◇ 4<sup>th</sup> - HR
  - ◇ 6<sup>th</sup> - AB
  - ◇ 7<sup>th</sup> - RBI
  - ◇ 9<sup>th</sup> - Hits
  - ◇ 10<sup>th</sup> - Runs
- Phillies Wall of Fame - 1995