

**James R. Wainwright
Inducted June 27, 2008**

Athlete - Class of 1955

Jim Wainwright participated in 3 varsity seasons of soccer, 3 varsity seasons of basketball, 3 varsity seasons of baseball, 4 varsity seasons of volleyball and 4 varsity seasons of track and field. Jim was part of Coach Gerald McDonald's 1954-55 era of the Cortland County League where they won championships in soccer, basketball, volleyball, baseball and track and field. The McDonaldmen went on to win Section IV Titles in basketball and track and runner up honors in soccer. Jim was a Captain of the soccer, basketball and baseball teams.

Jim was best known as a pure shooting forward on Marathon's 25-1 basketball team in 1954-55. He was a league MVP in the last year that award was presented, and he averaged approximately 20 points per game. Jim was part of the fabled aggregation of Orange and Black who came within a whisker of defeating powerhouse Binghamton Central in one of the Section IV finals, in which all classes played to a one common winner finish. Jim scored 474 points as a senior and 935 points during his Basketball career. In soccer he played halfback. As a baseball player Jim played the infield and also participated in the home run championship game for the Cortland County League. Jim's athleticism carried over to Track and Field as he ran on a record 440 yard relay team and held the Cortland County record for the Pole Vault.

Jim played college basketball at Canton Tech and went to the National Finals in Hutchinson, Kansas. His team placed 5th in a sixteen team bracket. He was awarded First Team All Star Status and the sportsmanship award for the tournament. Jim retired in 1991 from a career of 35 years at IBM Corporation, and lives in Florida, where he enjoys golf, relaxation and traveling. Jim was inducted into the Section IV Athletic Hall of Fame in 1992.