

Raymond Marsh
Inducted June 25, 2010

Athlete – Class of 1980

Ray Marsh was a three sport varsity athlete, having played two years of basketball and baseball and three years of soccer. He was named MCS Male Athlete of the Year in 1980. He was a tough and gritty competitor whose demeanor became hard as nails as each game day neared. He was a very quick and tenacious basketball defender and point guard. In two varsity seasons he scored 285 points. His senior year team won the IAC North Division Small School Championship. In baseball he sparked the offense as a very productive leadoff batter and outstanding base stealer.

Ray stands out among a long line of fine Marathon soccer players. In his three varsity seasons he scored 43 goals and 17 assists. Both figures rank seventh all-time among MCS players. His personal single-game high marks of five goals and four assists both rank second. Ray's 38 goals scored in his 1979 senior season is a Marathon record which still stands today. He was recognized as an IAC First Team All-Star. While achieving personal successes, Ray helped his teams to IAC Championships and Section IV final appearances in both 1977 and 1979. As a senior captain he led his team to 21 straight victories before losing 4-3 in the final game which was played under field conditions that current standards would not allow.

Ray has remained a Marathon area resident where he has been the Press Room Manager for the Cortland Standard newspaper for 29 years. He is known as a highly respected soccer referee, having officiated high level college games, state high school finals and Empire State Games. He has also served as a youth program coach. His three children have followed him as outstanding MCS athletes.