

**Harris Buxenbaum**  
**Inducted June 27, 2008**

**Coach – 1931 to 1942**

Harris Buxenbaum was a physical education teacher at Marathon for 11 years, and was instrumental in establishing what would be considered a full fledged Interscholastic Athletic Program. He established and coached baseball, basketball and soccer teams and directed the annual track and field meet, all of which were exclusively for boys and doubled as the coach of a girl's basketball team. . In 1932 the Boys finished in second place in the league and it was noted that "their wins depended on the good coaching of Coach Buxenbaum, not only for the rules of the game, but for sportsmanship". In the spring of 1933, the Baseball Team Captured the Cortland County Championship. The athletes were quoted: "Our Coach is our success. He has done everything for us-from rising with the sun and going to Killawog to hew a few logs from the wide open spaces and drag them to Marathon for a backstop to training a championship team". In the fall of 1933 the Soccer team participated in a Tri-County League which included Dryden, Tully, Groton and Homer, finishing second to Tully with a record of 3-0-2. In 1933-34 basketball season, Marathon was part of the Cortland County League which included Dryden, Groton, Homer, Cincinnatus and McGraw. Under Coach Buxenbaum, the basketball team earned runner status for league sportsmanship. In 1936, Coach Buxenbaum won the Cortland-Tompkins County Baseball Championship and finished second in the Cortland Country League for track and field. In 1938 and 1940 his teams finished second in basketball for the Cortland-Tompkins League and in 1939 and 1940, he earned two consecutive Cortland Country League Meet Titles in track and field.

After leaving Marathon in the winter of 1942, Coach Buxenbaum continued his professional education and completed graduate work in Driver and Safety Education, Guidance and Counseling, and School Administration. He was also an announcer for the Binghamton Triplets Baseball Team from 1943-1946. Harris finished his career as the Athletic Director of the Walden School in Manhattan and retired to Sherwood, New York where he had many happy years surrounded by family and friends. Harris died in 1995.