

Jeff Parker
Inducted June 25, 2010

Athlete – Class of 1978

Jeff Parker was an ardent three sport athlete throughout his high school career. He played three years of varsity soccer and baseball and two years of varsity basketball. He was a member of the 1976 Section IV Champion baseball team, the 1976 Section IV Champion soccer team and the 1977 IAC Champion soccer team. He was named Team MVP for baseball, IAC First Team All-Star for soccer and baseball, and MCS Male Athlete of the Year in his senior year, 1977-78. During that school year he led the baseball team in batting with a .478 average. His league-leading 11 assists in soccer ranked the highest ever at MCS at the time of his graduation.

Since leaving MCS, Jeff has had a major impact on soccer play and players in the Marathon community. In 1998 he co-founded the Marathon Stampede soccer club to organize, coach and fund youth teams in the community. Starting with a team of 15 boys under the age of 10, the club grew to field boys and girls teams in age groups ranging from 10 to 19. As a tribute to Jeff's influence, it is noted that 11 of the 15 boys on his first team progressed to become members of MCS state final four tournament teams. In 2003 Jeff switched to coaching a team of girls under the age of 13, and young ladies from that team became the nucleus of Marathon's 2008 State Championship soccer team.

Jeff has served as an MCS coach for boys junior high and JV teams, girls modified teams and as a volunteer assistant for the Girls State Championship Team. He is employed as the Chief Waste Water Operator for the Town of Owego. His two children have followed him as outstanding MCS athletes. Jeff joins his late father in the Hall of Fame.