

David M. Essom
Inducted June 27, 2008

Athlete - Class of 1949

David Essom participated in four varsity sports during his high school athletic career, which included: 3 years of soccer, 4 years basketball, 3 years volleyball and 3 years of baseball.

In his three seasons of basketball, David scored 624 points. As a captain of the basketball team, David and teammate Robert "Doc" Fairchild formed the "Twin Towers" that intimidated the opposition. Their 1948 Team earned the Cortland County League Championship Title and the Section IV Runner-up honors. Improving on their efforts in 1949 they were undefeated in Cortland County League play and claimed the Section IV Championship Title.

In addition to his basketball accomplishments, he was part of the Section IV volleyball Championship teams of 1947, 1948, and 1949. He is remembered as a sure footed soccer player and sure handed first basemen. A model citizen both in and out of school, David was Salutatorian of the Class of 1949 and would go on to earn a medical degree prior to specializing in Psychiatry. He maintained his competitive athletic enthusiasm long after high school as an avid tennis player