

Gary “Bob” Verfuss
Inducted June 27, 2008

Athlete - Class of 1959

Bob Verfuss participated in 3 varsity seasons in soccer and baseball, and 2 varsity seasons of each basketball, volleyball, and track and field. He served as a Captain for both the soccer and basketball teams.

A forward for the soccer team, he led the team in goals scored in 1957 and 1958. His 1958 total of 22 goals was a school record and was the season high for Section IV. He was a member of the 1958 undefeated Section IV Championship Team and tied the school record for the most goals, six, scored in a single game. As a point guard for the varsity basketball squad, Bob's was one of the shortest members on the team. Many newspaper accounts detail unselfish play, seldom scoring many points, but often setting up plays for taller, stronger teammates, including several clutch plays in tight games. Bob's specialties in basketball were assists and steals. He scored 218 points in his two seasons of varsity seasons. As a baseball player, he was a solid hitter and sure handed shortstop.

Bob was Valedictorian of his class and attended the US Air Force Academy where he played Division I soccer. He would later earn a Masters Degree from Cornell University. He retired from the USAF in 1983 and from Pall Corporation in 2004. He served as a Board Member for the Marathon Central School District from 1984-1994 and has always been a big fan of Marathon Sports. In the 80's, he wrote a sports editorial column for the Marathon Independent. Bob is currently an active member of the Marathon Athletic Booster Club.