

**Gerald P. “Jerry” McDonald
Inducted June 27, 2008**

Coach – 1942 to 1973

During his 31 year tenure, Jerry McDonald served the district as a Physical Education Teacher, Coach and Athletic Director. He coached soccer, basketball, baseball, track & field and volleyball. As a soccer coach, his teams earned seven Cortland County League Championship Titles and five Sectional IV Titles while compiling an overall record of 163-80-26. In 23 seasons of coaching basketball he earned two Section IV Titles and six Cortland County League Titles, in addition to five Cortland County League Tournament Championships. Perhaps his most impressive coaching effort was achieved in 1954-55, when his basketball squad recorded a 25-1 season. Having won the Section IV Class C Championship, the team’s sole loss came in the Championship of the season against Class “A” Binghamton in an Inter-Class Champions Playoff. In Baseball he tallied a 279-165 record and won two Cortland County League Championships. In volleyball his teams earned 10 Cortland County League Championships, three Section IV titles. Two Cortland County League Championships in Track and Field, round out this unparalleled coaching resume. On December 2, 1975 a thankful school/community recognized his efforts by naming a newly constructed High School Gymnasium in his honor.

As an ongoing tribute to this teacher and coach, the Gerald P. McDonald Award is given annually to a student-athlete who exemplifies the qualities of sportsmanship and scholarship, two traits Coach McDonald worked to instill in his players. Many, who witnessed Coach McDonald’s efforts, recognize that he “left not just records and lots of championships, his imprint went deeper than that. He insisted on sportsmanship.”

Gerald P. “Jerry” McDonald was inducted into the Section IV Athletic Hall of Fame in 1978 and the Cortland State C-Club Hall of Fame in 1984.