

Coach Jack Curran



A graduate of All Hallows High School and St. John's University with a Bachelor's Degree in English, Jack Curran captained the St. John's Baseball team his senior year and went on to play professionally with the Brooklyn Dodgers and the Philadelphia Phillies organizations.

In 1958, he succeeded Lou Carnesecca as Head Coach of Basketball and Baseball teams at Archbishop Molloy High School. Completing the spring of his 50th year at the helm, Coach Curran's teams have compiled the astounding 2501 wins and 842 losses, a winning percentage 75%. En route to this number of victories, Molloy teams have won 5 Basketball CHSAA City Championships and 17 Baseball CHSAA City Championships. In 1969, '73, '74 and '87, Coach

Curran led Molloy to the city title in both basketball and baseball, no other coach has ever accomplished this feat once, let alone four times.

After his 50th year Coach Curran's record in basketball is 898 wins and 377 losses, and is still growing. This record includes 21 Queens Divisional Championships, 14 Brooklyn-Queens Diocesan Championships, eight of ten Marist Invitational Tournament Crowns, six Bishop O'Connell Tourney titles, five Beach Ball Classic titles at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, two Gonzaga DC Classic titles and one Realtor's Classic and Red Cross Rotary Classic title. Coach Curran's teams won 51 consecutive games in league play and 108 out of 118 games.

In baseball, his record is 1,603 wins and 465 losses after the Spring of 2008, which includes 17 CHSAA City Championships, 28 trips to the Championship game, 24 Queens Divisional titles and fall crowns. At one time, Coach Curran's baseball teams amassed a national record of 68 consecutive league victories, which includes an undefeated season of 36 - a record that stood from 1970 till 2005.

Coach Curran has been named Coach of the Year by the press 25 times in baseball and 22 times in basketball and has received the National High School Coaches Association Award for District I in 1971, 1988 and 1990. Under his tutelage, eight boys have achieved the honor of being named to High School All American teams, six to All-City baseball teams and five who have gone on to distinguish themselves in professional basketball: Kevin Joyce of the ABA Indiana Pacers, Brian Winters of the NBA Milwaukee Bucks, Kenny Smith of the Houston Rockets and Robert Werdann of the Indiana Pacers. Kenny Anderson of the Boston Celtics was the fifth, and was the only first round pick to have played at Molloy under Coach Curran.

In his tenure at Molloy, Coach Curran has coached over 475 boys who have gone to college on athletic scholarships in baseball and basketball. Some forty of these young men have followed him into the coaching profession on both high school and college levels.

Coach Curran has written *New York High School Basketball*, released by Parker Publishing. During the summer, he directs Jack Curran's Basketball Camp, which he founded over 40 years ago.

Coach Curran has been inducted into nine Halls of Fame, the National High School Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame, St. John's University Hall of Fame, N.Y. State Basketball Hall of Fame, CHSAA Hall of Fame, Westchester County Sports Hall of Fame, All Hallows H.S. Hall of Fame, and Basketball Old-timers of America Hall of Fame, NYC Basketball Hall of Fame and the Stanner Hall of Fame.

Coach Curran was named National H.S. Coach of the Year in 1990 for basketball, and in 1988 for baseball, Regional Coach of the year 1971 and 1988, all by the National Athletic Coaches Association. He was named Kodak Legendary Coach of the Year 1988-1989 at the Downtown Athletic Club and Coach of the Decade 1980 -1990 Beach Ball Classic, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Coach Curran was also one of the first recipients of the Frank McGuire Award for Outstanding High School Coaches. He was named the Coach of the Century from New York State from Scholastic Coach. On March 28, 2006 he received the Basketball Hall of Fame Legendary High School Coach Award. On February 8, 2008 Archbishop Molloy celebrated Coach Curran's fifty years at the school by rededicating the gym named in his honor. The current Basketball record of 898-377 and the baseball record of 1603-465 make Jack Curran the winningest coach in New York State history in both sports.