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Lew Furman receives Paragon Oil Award from Mr. Rusch

Lew Furman Wins Paragon Award

Lewis Furman of 8 Fireplace Lane, Hicksville, has been designated by the principal and faculty to receive a 1966 Paragon Oil Students Incentive Award.

The awards are given every year to one outstanding junior in each high school of Nassau and Suffolk. The awards were presented on November 26, 1966, at a ceremony at the State University at Farmingdale. Nassau County Executive Nickerson gave the awards to the Nassau students while Suffolk County presented the awards to the Suffolk students. Also present was the president of State University at Stony Brook, who was a guest speaker.

Sponsored by the Paragon Oil Company Division of Texaco Inc. as a community service, the awards include Certificates of Merit and \$50 U.S. Savings Bonds. The recipients are chosen for their excellence in English, Science, Social Studies, and qualities of good citizenship.

Congrats, Comets!

The recent fall athletic season has been a brilliant success for Hicksville High School. We can boast an undefeated football team, ranked second in Nassau County, led by the Coach of the Year, an undefeated soccer team which won the Division I crown, a cross country team which came in first in the Division and also placed second in the counties, and a winning tennis team. All this adds up to perhaps one of the most successful seasons for Hicksville ever.

It is evident that our school through its athletic accomplishments, has enhanced its reputation. In this area we have earned the respect and admiration of other schools on Long Island. Much of the credit belongs to the talent possessed by both team members and coaching staffs. However, the intangible known as school spirit had a large part in Hicksville's success. The students, brought alive by initial victories and stirred by school pep rallies, became a driving force behind the school's desire for victory and success. Any team will perform better when it knows it has support.

The COMET staff hopes that this attitude continues throughout the year in other fields as well as sports. The Senior Play, one of the important events of the school year, will soon be approaching and we hope that the students will support it enthusiastically. We also hope that all students will make a sincere effort in the academic field, which is even more important than athletics in the reputation of a school.

The COMET is gratified that the school year has gotten off to such a fabulous start; it hopes that this will last to insure one of the most productive years in the school's history.

Varsity Gridders Win Rutgers Cup; First Perfect Season Since 1942

The Hicksville High School Varsity Football Team climaxed a perfect season by capturing The Rutgers Cup, symbolic of football supremacy in Nassau County. The unblemished record, Hicksville's first since 1942, was the only spotless mark on the North Shore and was equalled only by South Shore I Champion, Roosevelt.

The offense was a major reason for Hicksville's perfect record. Sparked by the passing heroics of quarterback Jeff Doolittle, who threw a phenomenal 20 touchdown passes, Hicksville scored from all parts of the field. Doolittle's favorite target was his end Mike Masciello who repeatedly amazed Comet fans with unbelievable catches. Bob Heartt, the other offensive end, also combined frequently with Doolittle to give Hicksville the best passing offense in the county. The Comet's fine running game featuring junior Ron Carmen complemented Doolittle's aerial acrobatics and gave Hicksville a truly versatile offense. Throughout the year the Comets even showed the option pass
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MR. GRANTHAM
"Coach of the Year"

thrown by halfback Jim Cara.

The tenacious Hicksville defense was also a major factor in the Comet success story. Not only was the defense virtually impenetrable allowing a meager 51 points the entire season, but it also frequently set up the offense with numerous fumble recoveries and pass interceptions. Among the unsung heroes of the defence were linebackers Herb Bragg and Carl Campletano, and lineman Rick Kramer.

The award of the Rutgers Cup represents as high an achievement as a

high school football team can achieve in Nassau County. However, Hicksville, which fell behind in only one game in the entire season, was certainly deserving of the honor. The Comet victories over formidable opponents, particularly a 34-7 thrashing of Levittown Division were most certainly taken into consideration in the voting for the trophy. Coach Grantham and the entire squad are to be congratulated in achieving this honor for Hicksville High School.

Doolittle, Masciello All-Long Island; Bragg and Heartt All-North Shore

Both ends of Hicksville High Schools great passing combination were rewarded for their efforts by being named to the All-Long Island Football Team. The selections of quarterback Jeff Doolittle and end Mike Masciello represent only the second time two players from the same high school were chosen for the honor. Both also finished high in the voting for the Thorpe Award, Newsday's award to the outstanding football player in Nassau County.

Doolittle threw an amazing 20 touch-

down passes in the eight Comet games. He showed remarkable poise and accuracy in completing almost 70% of his passes.

Masciello was outstanding in all of the Comet games. Often double-teamed, he was among the scoring leaders in Nassau County.

Other Comet standouts who were honored were middle guard Herb Bragg and end Bob Heartt, both of whom were named to the All-North Shore Team.



Jeff Doolittle



Mike Masciello

Comet Sports

Comet Booters Finish 8-0-4; Cop Third Place in Counties

The Hicksville High booters finished this season with an unprecedented league record of 8 wins, 4 ties, and no defeats. The Comets chalked up 6 straight shutouts to complete the team's first undefeated campaign.

Hicksville came back from a scoreless tie with Plainedge to rout Island Trees 6-0 at home on Oct. 25. Bertram scored twice while Paesani, Squire, Hortian, and Cain also managed to rip the cords.

In a big game against MacArthur on the Generals home field Bertram scored in the first quarter with an assist by Cain. In the last period Saman made a tremendous save and kicked the ball downfield where Rosenzweig booted in the clincher.

Hicksville clinched a tie for the Division by tying Syosset in hard fought contest at Hicksville. On Nov. 1, the

Comets, needing a tie or a win to take the League, met Farmingdale away. The game was again scoreless although the opposition tried to force overtime play in complete darkness.

In the finals of the North Shore Hicksville met Glen Cove which was 16-0 at the time. Hicksville scored first in the third period, but the Covers rallied with a penalty kick and a field goal in the same period to win the well-played contest.

In a consolation game Hicksville beat South Side 2-1 on early scores by half-back Germann and inside Rosenzweig to cop third place in the counties.

The Comets placed Gary Bertram, Frank Lotti and Rollin McClain on the All-Division. Bertram was second team North Shore while McClain was All-North Shore and All-County.

Cross Country Team Wins North Shore; Takes Second in County Championships

The cross country team has just completed its most successful season. Although they took second place in the North Shore Division I League, they were the North Shore Champs, won the Bethpage Invitational Meet and finished second in the county championships. They were beaten only by Sewanhaka High, a team that has dominated Nassau county long distance running in recent years.

The Comets were outstanding in every meet they ran as they made a total team effort. This past year, they lost the superb running of Tom Scanlon and Ron Morvillo, two of the best cross

country men in Nassau county and in New York State. The Comets were led by five good runners this season. They are Bob McEnany, a Junior, Senior Russ and Rick Hardmeyer and Juniors Dave Blair and Craig Ibbetson. Rick Hardmeyer finished 11th in the County Championships and in doing this, set a new school record for the 2.5 mile course at Salisbury Park with a time of 12 minutes 43 seconds.

The Comets had their best season this year. With many fine Juniors returning, they should have an even better season next year.

Musician of the Month: Judy Lilienthal

The Musician of the Month for January is an accomplished clarinetist, Judy Lilienthal. For the past eight years, she has played for various school bands and orchestras. Now a senior, Judy is the solo clarinetist of the HHS advanced band and orchestra.

Heading the list of Judy's achievements in the field of music is her selection as Hicksville High Schools representative to the All-County Band. In her sophomore year, Judy was elected to the Modern Music Masters Honor Society. She is now treasurer of TRIM in addition to being Band Manager. Judy has also performed for three consecutive years in the New York State School Music Association, better known as the NYSSMA. Judy's versatility is shown in her wide variety of activities. She performs with both the Dance Band in the Variety Show and with the pit orchestra in the Musical. After this year's musical she hopes to have enough points to be eligible for the Thespian Society. Judy also belongs to the Booster Club and the F.T.A.

Judy has attended William and Mary Summer Music Camp for two years. Besides studying the clarinet, she also plays the saxophone and piano. To fur-

ther her musical career, which includes elementary teaching, Judy hopes to attend a state music college.



Judy Lilienthal



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