



Jensen, Romesser Named Athletes Of Year At Attica



Frank Layden

Quoting Brian Piccolo, "You can't quit, it's a league rule," Niagara Univ. Basketball Coach Frank Layden was the main speaker at the Attica Central School Sports Award Banquet honoring non-quitters Vicki Jensen and Carl Romesser. Jensen and Romesser were named outstanding girl and boy athlete.

Jensen played volleyball, basketball and was a member of the swim team during her four years in Attica athletics. This year she was awarded the Most Valuable Player award for the girls' basketball team. Romesser was a member of the football, wrestling and baseball teams throughout his four-year athletic career. This year he was named outstanding member of the baseball team.

Coach James Allegretto presented the most valuable football player award to Jim Colton. John Hibsach was awarded the MVP wrestling prize by Coach Allegretto. For soccer, Coach Ron Phillips presented the award to Steve Barker. Junior Kathy Sonricker became the first girl to win a most valuable player award in a traditionally all-male sport, when she was presented the trophy for tennis.

Jim Colton received the swimming award from Coach Earl Frier. Presenting the trophy for basketball to Lloyd Huling was Coach John Brennan. Soph. Joanne Jensen was presented the most valuable girls volleyball trophy by Coach Peggy Sisson. Selected best cheerleader was Phyllis Brown. Advisors were Joan Schaeffer, Carolyn Kern

and Sharon Vickery.

Coach Tom Havens awarded the trophy for track to miler Jim Crandall. Jim Beltz received the most valuable player award for golf from Coach Charles Kellogg. Coach Sandy Gagne presented the girls' swimming trophy to Kathy Luce. Marty Maxon received the most valuable cross-country award from Coach Stanley Silvinski.

Triple letter winners were honored with a special plaque. These athletes participated in one sport each season. They were Steve Barker, Dawn Benson, Don Carney, James Colton, James Crandall, Sean Feeney, Holly Godfrey, John Hibsach, Lloyd Huling, Joanne Jensen, Vicki Jensen, Kevin Kellogg, Paul Kolberg, Marty Maxon, Doug Miller, Janet Richert, Carl Romesser, Kathy Sonricker, Tammy Stone and Tim Weatherbee.

The special award for wrestling given in memory of Richard Romesser by his family was presented to John Hibsach. Richard Romesser wrestled for four years at Attica and for two years at Fulton-Montgomery Community College. He also participated on the soccer, track, baseball and cross-country teams while a student at Attica. He was killed in Vietnam.

The wrestling team presented a special award to Coach Allegretto and the girls' swim team presented Coach Sandy Gagne with flowers.

Speaker Coach Layden outlined his formula for success. The first part of the formula is that in athletics, individuals should be taught to be good people. One should not quit, but be a catalyst to good things. Athletics should also be used as a motivation to study, Coach Layden proposed. "The best athletes are good scholars because they give 100 per cent," he stated.

"Everyone must practice, the coach stated. There are no born athletes, he maintained. He also advocated the keeping of a sense of humor and an attitude of success. "You can only be successful if you consider yourself so," he stated.

This is the formula Coach Layden says he uses with his winning Niagara basketball team. He proposed that anyone who does not quit, but uses the formula will be successful.