



FOOTBALL ALUMNI

Record Group Gathers for 'Dinner with the Coach'

Former Yellowjacket football players held their 12th annual "Dinner With the Coach" celebration in April to honor their iconic head coach, Pat Stark, and to reconnect with one another.

In all, a record 56 football alumni who played for Stark attended this year's event in East Rochester, traveling from all parts of New York state, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky, and Washington, D.C.

A Rochester and a Syracuse Hall of Famer, Stark is credited with elevating the stature of the Yellowjacket football program during his coaching tenure at Rochester from 1969 to 1983. Those participating in this year's dinner included players who encompassed each of his Rochester teams, including some who played during the school record 15 straight victories and No. 1 ranking in the East region of Division III.

The group included former team captains, Hall of Famers, honored, and role players alike, who have since become entrepreneurs and professionals in the military, commerce, industry, education, finance, medicine, and law.

First row, kneeling: Jim Wesp '74, '76 (MS), '78S (MBA), Dave

Skonieczki '71, John Cogar '71, Mike Roulan '71, Roger Watts '72, Brian Pasley '76, Mark McAnaney '75, Erv Chambliss '76;

First row, standing: Rick Basehore '72, Bill Costello '72, Jim Juraska '73, Dave Cidale '71, Phil Chrys '75, Coach Stark, Rick Stark '79, Brian Miga '72, Tony Cipolla '81, Steve Sloan '78, Mike O'Brien '78, Sam Guerrieri '87, Kevin Callahan '77;

Second row: Rick Magere '72, Jim Dunnigan '73, Paul Caputo '73, Mike Garritano '76, Mike Geer '79, Ron Spadafora '77, Quentin Call '76, Jim Mazur '78, Joe Hymes '75, '77 (MS), Joe Novek '73, Loren Piccarreto '73, Frank Perillo '73;

Third row: Greg Conrad '72, Herm Nied '76, Mark Kirsch '80, Dave McNelis '74, Leo Fusilli '80, Ralph Gebhardt '76, Kevin Maier '78, Don Barber '79, Bob Ford '84, Kevin Eldridge '86, Gary Miller '84;

Fourth row: Denny Hennigan '75, Bill Hammond '73, John Badowski '77, Rick Milham '85, Len Champion '73, Ed Heffernan '76, Bill Tretter '86, Tony Daniele '71, Rich King '78) (not pictured): Bob Kulpinski '71, '73 (MS), '86 (MS) and Dick Rasmussen '72, '79W (MS), '97W (EdD).

1980 Composer, arranger, and producer **David Finck** has released a new recording, *Low Standards* (Soundbrush Records). David performs on bass and vocals, and **Gary Versace** '93 (MM) performs on piano in the mix of standards and original tracks. Gary has joined Eastman's jazz and contemporary media department and will begin teaching in September.

1988 **Russell Hirshfield** has released a CD, *Seeker: The Piano Music of Piet Swerts*, on the Belgian label Phaedra.

1993 Soprano **Linda Lister** (MM) has released a new recording, *Moments of Arrival* (Centaur). Linda is accompanied by the Prague Radio Symphony Orchestra and Coro di Praga in a program of works by contemporary American composers. . . . **Gary Versace** (MM) (see '80).

1995 Composer **Robert Paterson**'s opera *Three Way* was premiered by the Nashville Opera last January. Featuring a libretto by *Time Out New York* theater critic David Cote, *Three Way* travels to the Brooklyn Academy of Music

for four performances in June. Robert was also the first guest in the new podcast by composer Anthony Joseph Lanman, *1 Track*. To Lanman's question, "If someone wanted to know your music, and you only had one track to play for them, what track would that be?," Robert selected the first movement of his *Moon Trio* on the CD *Spheres* (American Modern Recordings) by the Claremont Trio. Robert is composer-in-residence for the American Modern Ensemble, directed by his wife, violinist **Victoria O'Brien Paterson** '93RC.

2007 **Adrienne (Sydney) Horne Langdon** (see '58 College).

2008 **Sun Min Kim** '14 (DMA) (see '09).

2009 Cellist **Meredith Blecha-Wells** (DMA) performs her debut recording, *Small Storms: A Collection of Short Pieces* by Bohuslav Martinů (Navona Records), with **Sun Min Kim** '08, '14 (DMA) accompanying on piano. Meredith is an associate professor of cello at Oklahoma State University, and Sun Min is an assistant professor