



Allan Van Nostrand '48

As Varsity Tennis coach at Bay Shore High School, Allan Van Nostrand's teams, with the assistance of brother King, consistently achieved local, regional and national acclaim. His players captured ten county championships, sixteen league titles and his teams recorded more than 400 career victories, including a streak of 173 consecutive wins over a nine year span which, for a time, stood as a national record.

Van Nostrand, a Brightwaters native, graduated from Bay Shore lettering in tennis, basketball and football. He was the high scorer on the 1949 county championship basketball team and won the Long Island Doubles Tennis championship with King the same year. Two other of this evening's inductees, Cliff LaPlatney and Ralph Elliott, taught and coached Van Nostrand and they became his role models.

At S.U.N.Y. at Cortland, Allan won the equivalent of the small NCAA's in the early fifties and was listed in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities" in 1954.

During the two years he was attached to the Army Air Force in the Far East, Van Nostrand won the All Service Doubles championship in Guam and the Far East Doubles in Japan. He returned to Bay Shore as a Social Studies teacher and coach in 1956. When he retired in 1986, Van Nostrand established a program where he gave to each Freshman class three hundred dollars to be invested in the stock market. At the end of four years, the Senior class received the proceeds.

He coached for 26 years and was named New York State and National Region One Coach of the Year. He was the first President of the Suffolk County Tennis Coaches Association and for ten of his thirty years of teaching was Bay Shore's Department Chairman for Social Studies.

He is a member of the Suffolk County Sports Hall of Fame and S.U.N.Y. at Cortland Hall of Fame.

Van Nostrand and his wife Mary live in Brightwaters and have four children, Susan, Lynn, Allan Jr., and Amy, all of whom graduated from Bay Shore.