

THE BOSTON COLLEGE VARSITY CLUB HALL OF FAME

Established in 1970, the Boston College Hall of Fame honors those men and women whose exceptional performance on the fields of friendly strife and, in later years on other fields, merits special recognition from alma mater. Each year's inductees are honored at a special ceremony. Hall of Fame members are permanently enshrined on the Wall of Fame in the west concourse of Conte Forum.

To be considered for induction, nominees must have graduated at least five years previously. If a prospective inductee has gone on to professional athletics, he/she must have retired from active competition.

Voting Process: Nominating Committee

The president of the Boston College Varsity Club (BCVC) selects the Hall of Fame Nominating Committee, whose responsibility is to screen all possible candidates that will be presented to the selection committee. It is suggested that the nominating committee submit not more than 20 nominations to the selection committee.

Voting Process: Selection Committee

The president of the Varsity Club is Chair of the Hall of Fame Selection Committee and presides at all meetings of that committee. The first vice president serves as Chair in the absence of the president. The Chair may appoint alternates to the Selection Committee in the event of unforeseen absences. Alternates should be chosen from past Varsity Club presidents, current of former officers or executive committee members, or persons who demonstrate an understanding of the mission of the Varsity Club.

Each member of the Selection Committee receives a binder with all nominations for the current year. Any Selection Committee member may nominate a candidate or candidates from his/her binder. Not all candidates whose names appear in the binder are automatically presented for consideration. A member of the Selection Committee must place a candidates' name for consideration at a committee meeting.

To ensure that the process of selection is equitable, and that every candidate gets proper consideration, the voting is performed in multiple phases. Candidates are presented for consideration by the Chair or by members of the committee. The floor is then opened for discussion of the candidates by all committee members. Once the candidates have been presented for consideration, the floor is closed and no other candidates will be considered for that year.

The Selection Committee then proceeds through a series of confidential, handwritten votes under the direction of the Chair. The Chair requests that the committee members vote for their top candidates in each round of voting. The objective of each round is to narrow the field of candidates in a fair and equitable manner. Candidates that poll the highest in a given round remain in consideration, while candidates that receive few or no votes in a given round are subject to elimination from consideration. Discussion and additional review of each candidate's qualifications may be entertained after each round. The goal is to select the eight (8) most qualified candidates for induction to the Hall of Fame each year.

Additional Awards and Activities:

In 1999, the Varsity Club established the Rev. William J. Donlon Special Achievement Award, to be bestowed from time to time on those individuals who have demonstrated unflinching dedication and have contributed the highest level of service to Boston College Athletics.

The Hall of Fame Club was established in 1990. Gold Memberships and Maroon Memberships are open to all Hall of Famers, their families and friends, and all supporters of Boston College athletics. Proceeds from Hall of Fame Club memberships, and from the Club's receptions before and after each home football game, assist the Varsity Club in the production and maintenance of the plaques honoring Hall of Fame members.

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October 16, 2005

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Boston College Varsity Club I'd like to welcome you to the 36th Annual Boston College Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.

The Boston College Varsity Club Hall of Fame Induction has deservedly become our premier event, honoring The Heights' very best student-athletes. Today we honor nine individuals who represent among them an Olympian, three professional athletes, five Eagle of the Year recipients – and fifteen collegiate All-Americans!

We also have the privilege of presenting the Rev. William J. Donlon Special Achievement Award. Today we honor longtime rugby coach Ken Daly, who has demonstrated uncommon dedication and performed exceptional service to Boston College.

In 1976, awarded an athletic scholarship as the football student trainer, I first experienced the spirit and dedication of Boston College's student-athletes. To this day, I remain grateful for all the opportunities that my Jesuit education has afforded me. I am proud to serve as the president of the largest and most exclusive club at Boston College.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the families, teammates, friends and the ever-expanding Boston College Community.

Sincerely,

Raymond G. Perrone '80
President



GENE DeFILIPPO
DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

October 16, 2005

Dear Friends,

On behalf of everyone associated with Boston College Athletics, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 36th annual Varsity Club Hall of Fame banquet.

We are very proud to welcome this accomplished group into the Hall of Fame. Joe Augustine led our men's ice hockey team to the Beanpot title in 1976 and the ECAC championship in 1978. Dana Barros was the first player in Boston College basketball history to score 2,000 career points and still ranks as one of the best ever to wear the maroon and gold. Women's basketball player Leslie (Bjerstedt) Shearstone remains the only female athlete in BC history to earn Strength & Conditioning All-America honors. John Cooper and Glenn Foley are remembered as standouts from our football team. Angie (Graham) Hollins was an outstanding member of our track and field and cross country teams. Charlie Marso was an outstanding pitcher for our baseball team seven decades ago. Joy Ramsbotham was one of our greatest women's field hockey players, and Pete Spaulding was one of our best sailors.

It is extremely important for us to remember our past while preparing for our future. These nine inductees join a prestigious group of individuals who have been honored for their great contributions to Boston College and its Athletics programs. They were true student-athletes who have soared to even greater heights after leaving BC. We congratulate each of these inductees. We hope you enjoy this weekend's festivities.

Sincerely,

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Boston College Rugby Football Club

The Centennial Season

Well done!!

Ken Daly

... for your 100 seasons of selfless dedication, instruction and friendship to the men and women of Boston College Rugby Football.



From the BCRFC Founding Members

William J. Donlon Special Achievement Award

KENNETH A. DALY

Volunteer Head Coach of Men's Rugby, 1968-1991;
Volunteer Head Coach of Women's Rugby 1978-present

On an autumn afternoon back in 1968 the Pilgrims, a squad of the Boston Rugby Club, were warming up for practice on the field at Cleveland Circle.

"Who are those guys over in the stands? They lookin' to start a rumble?" Ken Daly asked a Pilgrim teammate.

"No," the man replied. "It's a bunch of kids from BC. They want someone to teach them 'em how to play the game."

Daly, the team captain who played flyhalf – a "skill" position – couldn't pass up the chance to spread the gospel of his beloved game. Ken had been playing rugby since the age of eight back at Belvedere College, a Jesuit school in Dublin, Ireland. He invited the students, led by Brian King, Joe Patton, and Paul Daoust, to attend the next practice.

The students hustled back to campus and spread the word. For the rest of the fall and through the winter, some 25 members of BC's first rugby team learned the basics of the world's third most popular spectator sport. Rugby demands the fearlessness of football, the precision of basketball, the stamina of soccer, and the instinctive knowledge that comes from playing all three.

"I was just a player," recalls Ken, looking back over 37 years and 100 seasons of Boston College men's and women's rugby. "I had never taught or coached."

But it turns out that Daly had a knack for instructing and a willing, eager audience. Most of the athletes were high school football or soccer players who wanted to continue their careers at a level higher than intramurals.

"We picked it up quickly because there were not a lot of egos," recalls Jim Mattera. "None of us had played rugby. But women learn the fundamentals of the game better than men, because most of the guys had to unlearn football."

By the spring of 1969, the Eagle ruggers were ready. They opened with a trip to Fordham on St. Patrick's Day, a game that became a traditional rivalry. For the first season, they compiled a 6-0 record against colleges and local clubs.

The women's team came on the scene in 1978 and brought a national championship to Boston College in 1992. Daly agrees with Mattera's assessment of women's coachability.

"They don't have egos. You can teach women a skill, and they'll put it into action and see it work. With the men, you've got to keep pounding it into them," said Ken.

"Ken Daly is one of the kindest men I've ever met. He had unending patience, teaching and explaining the same things over and over again," recalls Kathy Sullivan, women's team president in the national championship season. "I didn't feel like I was a part of BC until I started playing rugby. When I came to my first practice it was as if he had known me for 100 years."

"Ken did so much for rugby at BC, I thought that was his full time job," she added.

The women's team was runner-up for the national title in 1991 and 1994. The first time in the finals they knocked off Montana and Princeton on successive days, then ran out of gas against Air Force and bowed 12-0. In 1992, when BC went all the way, they defeated UConn three times – in the New England Championships, the East Regionals, and finally the title game in Colorado Springs.

Daly coached both BC rugby teams in fall and spring until 1991 when he relinquished the men's team. The 2005 women's spring season was Daly's 100th at the helm of a Boston College rugby squad. The team went 5-0 and qualified for the national championship tournament, losing to Vassar in the quarterfinal round.

Ken never drew a BC paycheck. He worked nights as a cargo supervisor for Aer Lingus, the Irish national airline. After graduating from Belvedere, Ken had entered the shipping business in Dublin. He later traveled to Australia and New Zealand before taking a job in Vancouver. In 1960 he landed in Waltham with a school friend, obtained a work visa, and eventually caught on with Aer Lingus.

Ken and wife Rosalie raised three children: Kendra, Tara, and Brendan. Ken retired from Aer Lingus in 1994. Rosalie passed away in 1996 after a battle with lung cancer.

Ken's record coaching "A" teams at the Heights through 2004 was 536-205-30, a



Kendra, Brendan, Ken, and Tara

remarkable 70 percent success rate. Counting "B" and "C" team games, Ken has coached more than 1000 rugby matches at Boston College. He has developed five All-Americans: Trevor Wright '94; Ashley Aitken and Kelly Gordon (Cook) '97; and Jennifer Sliva and Lindsay Saltsgiver '98.

Ken coached the U.S. team in its 1976 Bicentennial match with the Barbarians, a mighty crew of all-stars from the British Isles. Mattera and Bob Collier, a BC Hall of Famer in lacrosse, played in that tilt at Daly Field in Brighton. The Americans took a 12-0 lead but couldn't hold off the Europeans and lost 42-12.

"I can still hear him encouraging us to give our all, as only Ken with his fiery Irish brogue could do," said Collier. "We must support and advance each other. You are representing yourself, your family, your college, your country."

"But the real gift Ken humbly and graciously provided to every player he touched was his example," continued Collier. "Dedication, perseverance, sportsmanship, excellence and grace under pressure, were all somehow quietly and neatly tucked under our always torn jerseys by this slightly built Irishman – for use on the rugby pitch as well as in the longer game of life."

"What blows my mind is the effect I've had on students," says Ken. "I've had a hard time understanding it. When they're successful, that's my pleasure."

Al Depew '73, founder of the Old Gold Rugby Club, elegantly sums up the feelings of Ken's athletes. "Ever to Excel was something that Ken asked of us every day both on and off the rugby field. The example he set, in not only how he made us prepare for each game, but in how he gave of himself to the Boston College community, has stayed with me all my life."