

Well-rounded Jersey Shore Sports Hall of Fame induction class of 2013 announced

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LAKEWOOD — The 1998 Little League World Champion Toms River East American team, current Indianapolis Colts running back Donald Brown and former Ultimate Fighting Championship lightweight world champion Frank Edgar headline the 2013 Jersey Shore Sports Hall of Fame induction class, the Lakewood BlueClaws and Townsquare Media have announced.

The induction ceremony will take place on June 29 at FirstEnergy Park prior to the BlueClaws' 7:05 p.m. game against West Virginia. The Hall of Fame induction will begin at 6:10 p.m.

Others who will be inducted are: Former Lacey High School and Princeton University standout running back Keith Elias, who played with the New York Giants from 1994-96; Lacey High School head football coach Lou Vircillo; former Central Regional, Toms River East and The College of New Jersey softball standout Michelle Carlson-Neveling; Brookdale Community College softball coach Bo Scannapieco; former Toms River East and Princeton University basketball star and current University of Denver men's basketball coach Joe Scott; and venerable Toms River East wrestling coach Warren Reid.

The BlueClaws, a Class A affiliate of the Philadelphia Phillies, and Townsquare Media, the owner of 243 radio stations, 10 of which are in New Jersey – including 92.7 WOBM-FM WOBM AM 1160/1310 AM 105.7 FM “The Hawk” and 94.3 FM “The Point” – have teamed up to bring the ceremony to FirstEnergy Park.

The Hall of Fame selection committee consisted of members of the BlueClaws organization, representatives of Townsquare Media, several current and former Shore area scholastic and collegiate athletic directors and coaches and sports information personnel and several current and former members of various Shore area media outlets, including the Asbury Park Press.

The Jersey Shore Sports Hall of Fame inducted its first class in 1991. This is the first Jersey Shore Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremony since 2008. More than 250 Shore area coaches, athletes and media members have been enshrined.

Fans can meet the Hall of Fame inductees by purchasing a ticket in a BlueClaws picnic area. This ticket, which costs \$24.95, includes an all-you-can-eat-buffet with the honorees. This ticket is available by calling Kristin Klein at 732-901-7000 extension 117.

This summer is the 15th anniversary of the 1998 Toms River East American Little League team's magical run to immortality. That team was led by current Cincinnati Reds third baseman Todd Frazier, Scott Fisher and Casey Gaynor and managed by Mike Gaynor.

Frazier will not be able to attend the induction ceremony because the Reds have a game that day, but several members of that team are expected for the ceremony.

Brown rushed for more than 2,000 yards his senior year in high school at Red Bank Catholic in 2004 and for more than 2,000 yards his junior year in college at the University of Connecticut. He was a first-round draft choice by the Colts in 2009.

Edgar was a standout wrestler in high school at Toms River East. He was second in the state at 130 pounds in his junior year in 999. He was a four-time NCAA qualifier at Clarion (Pa.) University before he went on to fame in Mixed Martial Arts and the UFC. He became a world champion in 2010.

Elias led Lacey to consecutive NJSIAA South Group III football championships in 1988 and '89. He went on to set 21 school records at Princeton from 1991-93.

Vircillo, the only head football coach Lacey has had in its 32-year history, is the Shore's third all-time winningest

football coach with 258 over his 37-year career that also included a five-year stint at Red Bank Regional from 1975-79. Lacey has won four sectional championships under Vircillo.

Carlson-Neveling was a dominant scholastic player from 1987-90 and then was a two-time NCAA Division III Player of the Year, and a three-time Division III All-American at TCNJ.

Scannapieco has coached Brookdale's softball team to more than 900 wins and three NJCAA Division III national championships. His wins total are the most in NJCAA Division III history.

Scott scored a Toms River East school-record 1,550 points in basketball in the early 1980s. He was also a quarterback/safety for the Raiders' football team and a shortstop for Toms River East's baseball team. He was a three-year starter at Princeton University in the mid-1980's for legendary coach Pete Carril.

Reid, the only wrestling coach Toms River East has had in its 33-year history, is the Shore's all-time winningiest wrestling coach with 369. He has coached five wrestlers to a total of six state championships and was also Edgar's scholastic coach.