



Immaculate Conception again was the feeder school when in 1984 Marty Nowicki was moving to Randall Road. He, like many of us, didn't really remember getting a choice of where he was going to high school. The foundation of the family path to CBA had already been laid as Marty's brothers, Bill and Steve, were finishing their four-year stints at the Academy. So as they were picking up their diplomas, Marty was in the crowd picturing the day that he too would wear his white dinner jacket and cross that same stage....Although he achieved many goals in his career, crossing the stage at graduation was not one of them.

The CBA that Marty was entering was going through some changes. Enrollment was steadily declining to the point that the 1984 graduating class dipped below the 100 mark for the first time since 1963. While the declining area population certainly had a lot to do with the dip, the board was looking for ways to address the situation. The athletic world was changing also. The old Central New York Cities League merged into the Onondaga High School League following the 1983 – 84 school year. Therefore, a new set of opponents were on the horizon and the challenges of competition had a negative impact on the success of many of our programs.

However, the sport of golf was not one of them. The team that Marty joined was coming off a league championship season and was poised to make a mark on their new league. The team, coached by the same Bob Campbell that paced the sidelines coaching McClure and Adornato, did not miss a beat ... Although a league championship did not happen; Mike Bennett led the Brothers to the Class A sectional championship the only sectional championship won by CBA that year. In 1987, Marty and his teammates, Rob Eckermann, Tom Benzel, Bill Burns, Joe Sweet and Tom Knych, again won the Class A sectional championship this time by two strokes over runnerup New Hartford. The following year, John Passonno took over the reins as coach and pretty much the same group lost the Sectional Championship by one stroke to Whitesboro. Despite the loss, Marty performed well and along with teammate Tom Knych qualified for the next round, the one that determines the nine players that would go on to the state tournament. Well Marty saved his best performance for last. He won a six hole playoff to qualify for the state tournament, a dream of every high school golfer... to participate in the state tournament on the first weekend of June; which just happens to be the time that CBA had chosen to have their graduation. So Marty never got the opportunity to wear that white dinner jacket and shake hands with the bishop but I'm sure he is over it by now.....

Marty continued his athletic and academic career at St Bonaventure. He was chosen for the golf team in his first year, one of only two freshmen to make the team. Marty finished his career as a four-year varsity athlete. He received the Leo Kennan award for outstanding participation in 1990 and 1992. Marty was also chosen as team captain in both his junior and senior year. While he had a very successful career as in high school, he saved his best performance for last by winning the St Francis, PA tournament his senior year, which led the Bonnies team to the tournament championship



After graduation, and even a ceremony that he could attend this time, Marty knew that he had a passion for teaching golf and right out of college he knew that he wanted to make that his career. He started as teaching pro in 1993, then became a PGA member in 1996. Two years later, he was among the youngest ever PGA Members to receive a section Teacher of the Year Award at age 28, an honor he has received three other

times since. His career led him to several prestigious golf operations throughout the country where he has learned from or worked under some of the most respected teaching pros in the in the world. *His passion to continue to improve as an instructor has paid off. Marty is nationally ranked by Golf Digest and Golf Magazine and has published in Golf Digest, Golf Tips Magazine and PGA.* He is also PGA specialty certified in coaching and teaching. Currently he is the teaching pro at the Turning Stone Resort and Casino and the owner of IMPACTSNAP, a golf training aid that shows the user how to properly use the hands wrists and arms to swing and hit a golf ball.

For all of his efforts Marty has been nominated for the 2016 PGA National Teacher of the Year. This Award is designed to recognize a PGA Professional who is an outstanding teacher of golf among the ranks of PGA membership. This award is based on a professional's overall performance in teaching; unusual, innovative and special teaching programs initiated or implemented; articles published; as well as outstanding golfers the professional has instructed. It seems that our boy from Immaculate Conception has done pretty well for himself

Marty, we your accomplishment and awards received it is fitting that you join our Athletic Hall of Fame... and although I will not be giving you a diploma at least you will finally get to walk across the stage and be honored at a CBA event!

