

Varjas: 2010 Southington Sports Hall of Fame inductee

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school earned him a spot in the school's baseball hall of fame, but Varjas was far from finished. He went on to play baseball and football at

Idaho State University before settling in New London as a varsity baseball coach.

Varjas went 430-195 over a 32-year career that culminated in four state titles in eight appearances

and 12 conference championships. Varjas was named as the CT High School Coaches Association coach of the year in 1984 and as the national coach of the year in 2000. He was inducted into

the CT High School Coaches hall of fame when he stepped down at the turn of the century.

That was when he turned to the golf course before being drawn back to the college game.

"I just want to be remembered for working hard," he said. "That really was a big thing for me. I put a lot of effort into working hard. I played for good

teams and coached for good teams."

That's why Varjas was selected as a member of the first class of the Southington Sports Hall of Fame. On Wednesday, Nov. 10, he will be honored in an induction ceremony at the Aqua Turf in Plantsville.

"It's quite an honor to be that high on the list, because Southington's a big sports town," he said. "I

enjoyed those days. Sports were special for the town, and we carried that on. We had good coaches, good teammates, and we had good teams. It wasn't easy, but you learned and you had discipline. If you didn't, you weren't going to play."

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Fernandes: Sports Hall of Fame

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standing wrestler today. Steve was exceptional, and he would still be exceptional. He was strong. He was fast, and he was dedicated. If you take those combinations, I don't care if you're 6-foot-4 and 250 pounds or 5-foot-4 and 100 pounds, you'll be good."


That's why Fernandes was selected to the first class of the Southington Sports Hall of fame. Few athletes in

town history were more committed, more successful, or more important to a program. On Wednesday, Nov. 10, he will be honored in an induction ceremony at the Aqua Turf in Plantsville.

"I'm very excited. There are a lot of tremendous ath-

letes that have come through the Town of Southington for years," he said. "To be in the first class is an honor."

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