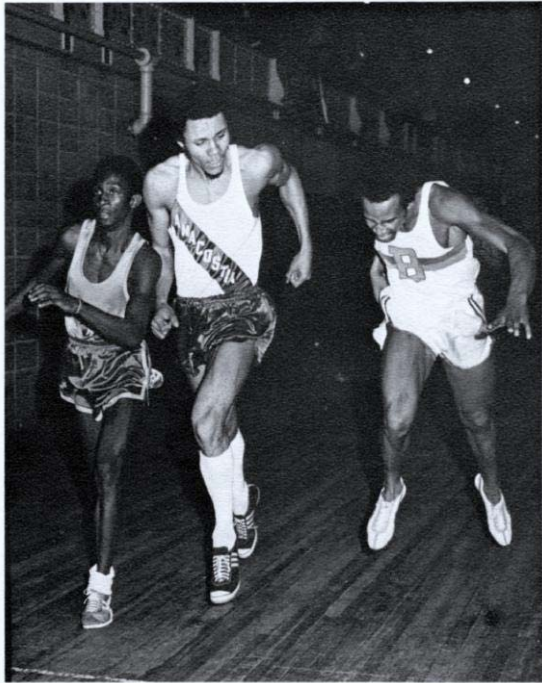


HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

Arthur Clark

Class of 1972



One way to introduce Arthur Clark might be to list some of his many accomplishments, which we'll get to. Another way might be to describe how, years after Arthur graduated in 1972, his former coaches would speak reverentially of him to their current crop of athletes. And those who attended Power Memorial Academy during Arthur's years remember him not only as a record-setting champion but also as a well-liked, well-respected classmate and friend. Those who arrived in the years after Arthur graduated noted, with some awe, the number of times Arthur's name appeared throughout the PMA Track & Field record book.

In all, Arthur set 35 school records, sometimes breaking records he himself had previously set in distances ranging from 50 to 660 yards. Arthur set school records in all 4 years he attended Power. And it's not just Power Memorial's school record book where he left a mark. Arthur Clark was also a CHSAA City Champion at 440-yards, and a two-time National Record holder, once for an individual performance and once as part of a championship relay team. Oh, and just for good measure, Arthur was also Power's first recipient of the John F. Kennedy Presidential Award for

Physical Fitness.

Like the star he was, Arthur's performance during the 1972 Indoor season was nothing short of brilliant. His scintillating 50.5 second 440-yard dash at the St. Francis Prep Meet would hold up as the #2 Indoor mark in New York State that year. Already the winner of the CHSAA Bronx-Manhattan-Sectional 440-yard dash, just a week later, at the 1972 Indoor CHSAA Track & Field Intersectional Championships, Arthur blazed through the quarter mile in 51.1 seconds earning a gold medal against the top Catholic schoolboys in New York City, giving Power six valuable points in their quest for the schools very first Indoor team title.

For all his success at varying distances, some might say Arthur's signature event during his Senior year was 600-yards. In four races, Arthur would win four titles against top-notch competition from Catholic, Public and Private schools from all parts of the surrounding metro area, from upstate NY, from Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C. All came and all failed to defeat Arthur at 600-yards that year. Arthur was the 600-yard run champion at the Bishop Loughlin Games, the Iona College Spiked Shoe Club Meet, the New York University Games and to cap the wins, he was the 1972 New York Mayor's Cup All-City Champion.

Those triumphs alone might get Arthur into the Hall of Fame, but there's more! En route to one of his 600-yard run victories, Arthur was clocked in a blistering 59.4 seconds as he passed 500-yards to become that event's National Flat-Floor recordholder. An incredible achievement and this was the second National Flat-Floor record Arthur was associated with while he represented Power Memorial Academy. His first National Flat-Floor record occurred on March 8, 1971, when, as a Junior, he along with teammates Pat Rafferty, Marty Wisnieski and Paul Barbary won the Distance Medley Relay at the Indoor Eastern States Championships in a record-shattering time of 10:32.9.

Arthur ended his high school track career with, of course, a school record. At the 1972 CHSAA Outdoor City Championships, he cruised a quarter mile in a sizzling 49.3 seconds to garner a silver medal. A record-setting competitor, a friend to his classmates and teammates, and a respected racing rival to his peers around the city: Arthur Clark is among the legendary figures in the history of Power Memorial Academy Track & Field.