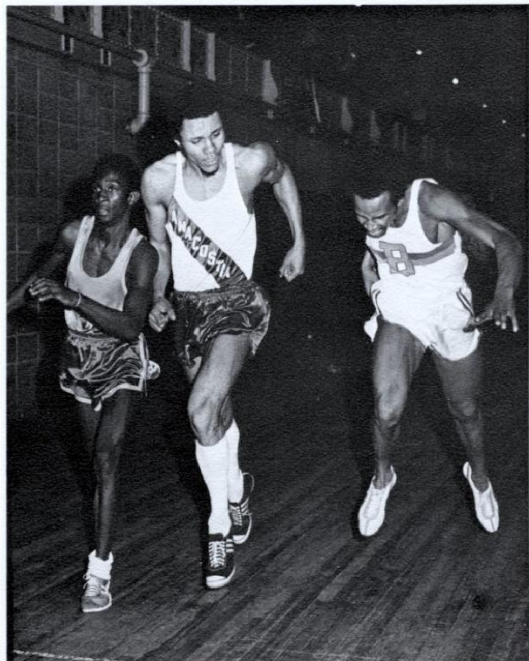


HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

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 his 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 school's track & field record book.

In all, Arthur set 35 school records, sometimes breaking records he himself had previously set in distances ranging from 50 yards to 660 yards. Arthur set school records in all four years he attended Power. And it's not just Power Memorial's record book where he left a mark. Arthur was 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 at the of the CHSAA Bronx-Manhattan Sectional 440-yard dash, just a week later at the 1972 CHSAA Indoor Track & Field Intersectional Championships, Arthur blazed through the quarter mile in 51.1 seconds earning a gold medal against the top Catholic school boys 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 various 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 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 champion at the Bishop Loughlin Games, the Iona College Spiked Shoe Club Meet, the New York University Games and to cap off 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 Record holder. 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 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 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.