



# Farrell Basketball History

## Teams

PIAA State Championships: (7) 1952, 1954, 1956, 1959, 1960, 1969, 1972

PIAA Runner-Ups: (2) 1943, 1951

WPIAL Championships: (13) 1951, 1952, 1954, 1956, 1959, 1960, 1969, 1971, 1972, 1974, 1976, 1984, 1992

WPIAL Section Championships: (33) 1950, 1951, 1952, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1959, 1960, 1962, 1966, 1968, 1969, 1971, 1972, 1974, 1976, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2005

District 10 Region Championships: (4) 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010

District 10 Championships: (5) 1931, 1938, 1940, 1943, 2009

## Coaches

### 1916-1917 – Ab Everhardt

#### Season Results under Coach Everhardt

1916-17	9-5	
Total	9-5	

### 1917-1919 – William Downs

#### Season Results under Coach Downs

1917-18	5-5	Mercer County Champions
1918-19	15-8	Mercer County Champions
Total	20-13	2 Mercer County Championships

### 1919-1920 – Edward Engstrom

#### Season Results under Coach Engstrom

1919-20	16-7	
Total	16-7	



**1920-1922 – Cinnors Levine**

**Season Results under Coach Levine**

1920-21	16-8	Mercer County Champions
1921-22	14-6	
Total	30-14	1 Mercer County Championship

**1922-36 – William Ganaposki**

**Season Results under Coach Ganaposki**

1922-23	8-6	
1923-24	9-7	
1924-25	13-10	
1925-26	18-7	Mercer County Champions
1926-27	5-14	
1927-28	10-8	
1928-29	13-8	
1929-30	20-2	
1930-31	22-3	Mercer County Champions, District 10 Champions, PIAA Final Four
1931-32	13-6	
1932-33	8-11	
1933-34	5-13	
1934-35	17-1	Mercer County Champions
1935-36	13-6	
Total	174-102	3 Mercer County Championships, 1 District 10 Championship, 1 PIAA Final Four

**1936-37 – John Hetra**

**Season Results under Coach Hetra**

1936-37	13-7	
Total	13-7	

**1937-46 and 1947-48 – Tudor Lewis**

**Season Results under Coach Lewis**



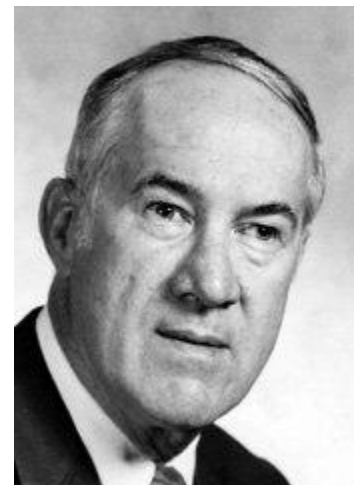
1937-38	23-4	Mercer County Champions, District 10 Champions, PIAA Final Four
1938-39	7-4	
1939-40	25-6	Mercer County Champions, District 10 Champions, PIAA Final Four
1940-41	14-8	
1941-42	19-2	Mercer County Champions
1942-43	23-2	District 10 Championship, PIAA State Runner-Up
1943-44	10-12	
1944-45	18-3	
1945-46	12-10	
1947-48	16-5	
Total	165-57	3 Mercer County Championships, 3 District 10 Championships, 3 PIAA Final Fours, 1 PIAA State Runner-up

**1946-47 – Stephen Marin**  
**Season Results under Coach Marin**

1946-47	18-4	
Total	18-4	

**1948-1977 – Ed McCluskey**

- Coach McCluskey is considered one of, if not the best, basketball coaches in Pennsylvania history. In 29 years as the coach at Farrell he won 7 PIAA Big School State Championships, 11 WPIAL Championships, 16 Section Championships and took two other teams to the state championship game. His 7 state championships are still the most in Pennsylvania history and the 11 WPIAL championships are the most in WPIAL history. He coached 10 first team all-state players: Julius McCoy, Jim McCoy,





Don Jones, Pete Hall, Brian Generalovich, Willie Somerset, Jack Marin, Dave Johnson, Larry Prince and Danny Stewart. His record at Farrell was 590-153. Prior to coming to Farrell, he coached at Burgettstown near Pittsburgh (85-15 record). After leaving Farrell, Coach McCluskey coached at California University of Pennsylvania (1978-1980, '78-'79 record 10-10, '79-'80 record 8-17, total 18-27) before returning to the area to coach at Kennedy Christian High School for one year (1981-82) where he led them to the District 10 championship and an appearance in the PIAA Elite Eight (23-7 record). Noteworthy members of that team are current Sharon High boys coach Justin Magestro and McCluskey's assistant coach, Joe Votino. Votino would become Kennedy's head coach the next season and lead them to 6 PIAA state championships, the second most ever. McCluskey was named one of Western Pennsylvania's Top 100 Sports Figures of the 20th Century by the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette in January 2000. In addition, he was the recipient of the prestigious Coach of the Year Award from the National High School Coaches Association. He was also inducted into the WPIAL Hall of Fame in 2008. His high school career record was 698-185. His legend still lives on with many former players and coaches.

### Season Results Under Coach McCluskey

Year	Record	Season Highlights
1948-49	6-16	
1949-50	23-2	Section 3 Champions
1950-51	28-3	Section 3 Champions, WPIAL Champions, PIAA State Runner-Up
1951-52	29-1	Section 3 Champions, WPIAL Champions, PIAA State Champions
1952-53	20-3	
1953-54	28-2	Section 3 Champions, WPIAL Champions, PIAA State Champions



1954-55	26-2	Section 3 Champions
1955-56	27-4	Section 3 Champions, WPIAL Champions, PIAA State Champions
1956-57	18-6	
1957-58	15-8	
1958-59	27-3	Section 3 Champions, WPIAL Champions, PIAA State Champions
1959-60	30-1	Section 3 Champions, WPIAL Champions, PIAA State Champions
1960-61	17-5	
1961-62	23-3	Section 3 Champions
1962-63	14-8	
1963-64	15-7	
1964-65	12-10	
1965-66	20-6	Section 3 Champions
1966-67	12-10	
1967-68	19-5	Section 3 Champions
1968-69	27-1	Section 3 Champions, WPIAL Champions, PIAA State Champions
1969-70	16-6	
1970-71	24-3	Section 3 Champions, WPIAL Champions
1971-72	27-3	Section 3 Champions, WPIAL Champions, PIAA State Champions
1972-73	10-12	
1973-74	24-4	Section 3 Champions, WPIAL Champions
1974-75	10-12	
1975-76	27-2	Section 3 Champions, WPIAL Champions, PIAA 3 <sup>rd</sup> place
1976-77	16-5	
<b>Total</b>	<b>590-153</b>	<b>16 Section 3 Championships, 11 WPIAL Championships, 7 PIAA State Championship, 1</b>



		PIAA State Runner-Up
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### 1977-1979 – Tony Farnell

- Coach Farnell was given the nearly impossible task of succeeding a legend. Prior to coaching at Farrell, Farnell had successfully coached at Aliquippa High School. His Farrell teams struggled to a 2 season record of 18-27.



### Season Results Under Coach Farnell

1977-78	10-12	
1978-79	8-15	
<b>Total</b>	<b>18-27</b>	

### 1979-1990 – Frank Sincek

- Frank Sincek, a 1959 Farrell graduate and former player and assistant coach for Coach McCluskey, was hired as the head coach in 1979. As a player (1956-59) Sincek was on two Section 3, WPIAL and PIAA State Championship teams (1956 & 1959). After continuing his education at Penn State University, where he played football for coach Rip Engle and his young assistant Joe Paterno, Sincek was hired as a high school teacher at Farrell. While serving as an assistant coach for McCluskey, Sincek was a part of several more Section 3 and WPIAL championship as well as two more PIAA state titles (1969 and 1972). After struggling through his first season (9-15), Coach Sincek got the Steelers back on the winning track. They had winning records in 9 of the next 10 seasons. Coach Sincek won six Section Championships and added the school's 12<sup>th</sup> WPIAL title in 1984 as well as a runner-up finish in 1983. Sincek would go on to serve as an assistant principal and high school principal until his retirement in 2001. He





continued to be an assistant basketball coach for many years at Farrell. One of his former players, Roland Shannonhouse, is the current head coach at Farrell.

### Season Results Under Coach Sincek

<b>1979-80</b>	<b>9-15</b>	
<b>1980-81</b>	<b>16-9</b>	
<b>1981-82</b>	<b>15-8</b>	
<b>1982-83</b>	<b>23-7</b>	<b>Section Champions, WPIAL Runner-Up</b>
<b>1983-84</b>	<b>23-9</b>	<b>Section Champions, WPIAL Champions</b>
<b>1984-85</b>	<b>24-2</b>	<b>Section Champions</b>
<b>1985-86</b>	<b>21-6</b>	<b>Section Champions</b>
<b>1986-87</b>	<b>25-4</b>	<b>Section Champions</b>
<b>1987-88</b>	<b>23-6</b>	<b>Section Champions</b>
<b>1988-89</b>	<b>11-14</b>	
<b>1989-90</b>	<b>17-8</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>207-88</b>	<b>6 Section Championships, 1 WPIAL Championship, 1 WPIAL Runner-Up</b>

### 1990-1998 – Nick Cannone

- Nick Cannone, former player under Coach McCluskey and longtime teacher at Farrell, was hired as the head coach in 1990 after a successful coaching stint at West Middlesex (66-38 in four years). As a player at Farrell, Cannone was key player on the 1969 PIAA State Championship team. In his eight seasons as head coach, Cannone won 5 Section Championships, the school's 13<sup>th</sup> WPIAL title in 1992, and never had a losing season. The 1992 season ended on a sour note with a controversial loss in the PIAA





Final Four. Farrell also finished as the WPIAL runner-up in 1993. After leaving his head coaching duties at Farrell, Cannone continued to teach in the school district. He went on to be the head coach at Wilmington and currently is the head coach at Hickory. He is currently 6<sup>th</sup> all time on the Mercer County wins list for basketball coaches with a career record of 369-250.

### Season Results Under Coach Cannone

1990-91	18-7	
1991-92	25-5	WPIAL Champions, PIAA Final Four
1992-93	23-6	Section Champions, WPIAL Runner-Up
1993-94	20-9	Section Champions
1994-95	22-4	Section Champions
1995-96	24-7	Section Champions, PIAA Final Four
1996-97	16-11	
1997-98	19-7	Section Champions
Total	167-56	5 Section Championships, 1 WPIAL Championship, 1 WPIAL Runner-up, 2 PIAA Final Fours

### 1998-00 – Bill Michaels

- Bill Michaels served as an assistant coach to both Nick Cannon and Football coach Lou Falconi prior to being hired as the head basketball coach. In his two years he won 50 games and two section championships. After the 2000 season, Coach Michaels left to become the head coach at Norristown. After one year at Norristown he became an





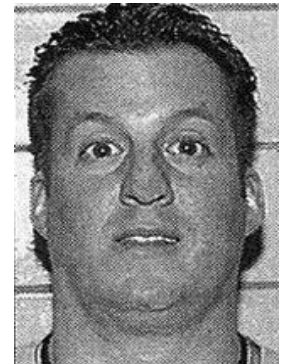
assistant coach at Neumann College for one year before becoming the head coach at Williamson Trade School.

### Season Results Under Coach Michaels

1998-99	26-5	Section Champions, PIAA Elite Eight
1999-00	24-6	Section Champions, WPIAL Runner-Up, PIAA Elite Eight
<b>Total</b>	<b>50-11</b>	<b>2 Section Championships</b>

### 2000-03 – Mike DeCello

- Mike DeCello, the son of a former Farrell star (Anthony DeCello, member of the 1952 State Championship team), took over as the head coach for the 2000-01 season. Prior to coming to Farrell, DeCello was the head coach at North East (59-42 in 4 years). His three year tenure as head coach was marked by rocky roads. After a season successful first season (22-6), the Steelers went 17-7 but had to forfeit 13 games because of an ineligible player. Coach DeCello rebounded with a 19-10 record, another section championship and an appearance in the PIAA Elite Eight in his third season before departing the district.



### Season Results Under Coach DeCello

2000-01	22-6	Section Champions, WPIAL Semi-Finals, PIAA First Round
2001-02	17-7	Forced to forfeit 13 games (4-20 record)
2002-03	19-10	Section Champions, WPIAL Second Round, PIAA Elite Eight
<b>Total</b>	<b>58-23</b>	<b>2 Section Championships, 2 WPIAL &amp; PIAA Playoff</b>



		<b>Appearances, 1 PIAA Elite Eight</b>
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### 2003-present – Roland Shannonhouse

- After a rocky transition period from the DeCello era, Farrell Alum Roland Shannonhouse was named the head coach. Coach Shannonhouse has maintained the prestigious Farrell program and guided them through the transition from the WPIAL to District 10. Shannonhouse has won several Section titles in the WPIAL and region championships in District 10. He led the Steelers to the District 10 AAA Championship in 2009 and a PIAA Elite Eight appearance during the same season. Coach Shannonhouse is a Pennsylvania State Trooper and had been an assistant coach in the Farrell program for several years.



### Season Results Under Coach Shannonhouse

<b>2003-04</b>	<b>12-12</b>	<b>WPIAL Section 2 AA Champions, WPIAL Playoffs</b>
<b>2004-05</b>	<b>20-6</b>	<b>WPIAL Section 2 AA Champions (Undefeated), WPIAL Quarterfinals, PIAA State Playoffs</b>
<b>2005-06</b>	<b>19-9</b>	<b>WPIAL Playoffs</b>
<b>2006-07</b>	<b>23-4</b>	<b>Region Champions, District 10 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, PIAA Playoffs</b>
<b>2007-08</b>	<b>25-5</b>	<b>Region Champions, District 10 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, PIAA Elite Eight</b>
<b>2008-09</b>	<b>23-5</b>	<b>Region Champions (Undefeated), District 10 AAA Champions, PIAA Elite Eight</b>
<b>2009-10</b>	<b>17-5</b>	<b>Region Champions, District 10 Playoffs</b>



2010-11	12-11	District 10 Playoffs
Total	151-57	2 WPIAL Section Championships, 4 District 10 Region Championships, 1 District 10 Championship, 2 PIAA Elite Eights

## Players

### 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-State: (11)

Julius McCoy – 1952

Jim McCoy – 1954

Don Jones – 1956

Pete Hall – 1956

Brian Generalovich – 1960

Willie Somerset – 1960

Jack Marin – 1962

Dave Johnson – 1969

Larry Prince – 1972

Danny Stewart – 1972

Marsell Holden - 2009

### 1,000 Point Scorers: (10)

Marsell Holden: 1,514 (2009)

Julius McCoy: 1,471 (1952)

Gravelle Craig: 1,425 (1988)

Shawn Roberts: 1,386 (1985)

Dave Johnson: 1,241 (1969)

Donald Jackson: 1,224 (2008)

Willie Somerset: 1,204 (1960)

Myron Lowe: 1,156 (2002)



Don Jones: 1,127 (1957)

Traphael Stubbs: 1,000 (2009)

Pat Horton (2011)

### State Championship Teams



1952 (29-1)

Farrell 63, Coatesville 55  
Played at The Palestra,  
University of Pennsylvania,  
Philadelphia



1954 (28-2)

Farrell 58, Chester 52  
Played at The Palestra,  
University of Pennsylvania,  
Philadelphia



1956 (27-4)

Farrell 57, Palmerton 45  
Played at The Palestra,  
University of Pennsylvania,  
Philadelphia



1959 (27-3)

Farrell 76, Chester 56  
Played at The Palestra,  
University of Pennsylvania,  
Philadelphia



1960 (30-1)  
Farrell 60, Radnor 51  
Played at The Farm Show  
Arena, Harrisburg



1969 (27-1)  
Farrell 61, Steelton 50  
Played at The Farm Show  
Arena, Harrisburg



1972 (27-3)  
Farrell 56, Chester 55  
Played at The Farm Show  
Arena, Harrisburg



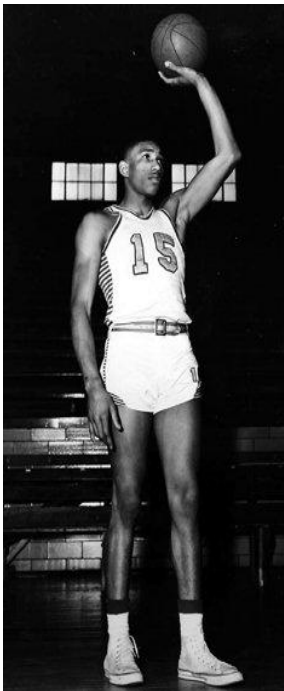
## District 10 Championship Teams



2009 (23-5)

District 10 AAA Champions,  
PIAA Elite Eight

## Miscellaneous



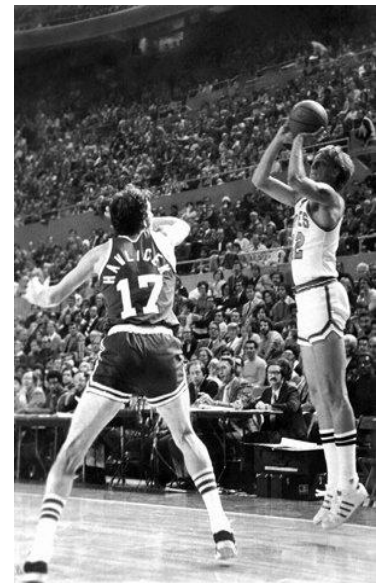
Julius McCoy

Scored 1471  
points at  
Farrell.

Member of  
1952 State  
Championship  
team. All-time  
scoring leader  
until 2009.  
Later starred  
at Michigan  
State  
University.

Jack Marin

1962 Farrell  
Graduate, was an All-  
American at Duke  
University, led them  
to the Final Four.  
Drafted in the first  
round of the NBA  
draft by the Baltimore  
Bullets. 11 year NBA  
career, 2 time all-star.





Farrell beats Wilt Chamberlain and Philadelphia Overbrook at Farrell, 1955. This was Overbrook's only loss during Wilt's senior year.