

BAY STATE GAMES' HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES HONORED AT JUNE 16 RED SOX-BRAVES GAME

Mansfield's Greg Derr, Somerset's Joe LeMar & Gloucester's David Harrison Join Past Inductees Carlos Pena & Rich Hill of MLB; Celtics Reggie Lewis & Dana Barros; Winter Olympians Bill Cleary & Nancy Kerrigan, and the NHL's Bill Guerin



BOSTON – Former Olympian Greg Derr of Mansfield, longtime Bay State Games volunteer David E. Harrison of Gloucester, and Paralympian Joe LeMar of Somerset, were honored for their recent induction into the Bay State Games' Hall of Fame during the Red Sox-Atlanta Braves pre-game ceremonies at Fenway Park on Tuesday, June 16.

The Bay State Games Hall of Fame was created to recognize past participants who have gone on to prestigious and successful athletic careers, as well as former and current coaches, officials, sports organizers, and volunteers who have made significant contributions to the organization throughout its 30-year history. Past inductees include the NBA's Dana Barros ('06) and the late Reggie Lewis ('02); the NHL's Bill Guerin ('09); Major League Baseball's Carlos Pena ('11) and Rich Hill ('13); and Winter Olympians Nancy Kerrigan ('07), and Bill Cleary ('14).

Mansfield's Greg Derr is a former Olympian ('96) and longtime participant in the Bay States Games pistol shooting competition. He is a former U.S. National Champion, represented the U.S. in world competitions for six years, and set multiple NRA national records. In 1992, he founded the gunsmith shop Derr Precision, which specializes in Olympic-style pistols of European origin.



In 1990, Brockton's Joe LeMar was the New England High School Indoor Track Boy's Champion in the mile run and participated in the Bay State Games. Two years later, his foot was amputated due to cancer, but undeterred he won a gold medal in the 400 meters at the Paralympic Games in Barcelona that same year. He set a Paralympic world record in the 800 meters (2:23.26), and earned a bronze medal in the 2000 Paralympic Games in Sydney. In 2007 he was elected to the Brockton High School Athletic Hall of Fame, and in 2014, he was elected to the Massachusetts State High

School Track Coaches Hall of Fame. Now a resident of Somerset, LeMar is boys and girls track and cross-country coach at the Durfee School in Fall River.

(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=brma_gI4ps8)

“We are very proud of the outstanding athletes who have participated in the Bay State Games, and achieved remarkable success in sports and their lives,” said Phil Gloudemans, board chair of the Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation (MASF), which produces the annual summer and winter Bay State Games. “Greg Derr is a shining example of an individual who has performed at a world-class level, both on the range and in business, and Joe LeMar’s drive and determination to overcome obstacles are qualities worthy of emulation.”

Harrison, a member of the Bay States Games’ volunteer board of directors for 25 years, served four terms as a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, and in 1968, was elected as Chairman of the Massachusetts Democratic Party, helping coordinate national presidential campaigns for George McGovern and Robert Kennedy. During his tenure in the Massachusetts Legislature, Harrison earned his law degree from New England School of Law, and in 1988, he was appointed presiding judge of the Gloucester District Court, a position he held for 14 years until his retirement. A Gloucester native, he competed in track and football at Gloucester High School, and he played football, basketball and lacrosse at Tufts University. He continued his involvement in sports as a college and high school football and lacrosse referee, and he ran the Boston Marathon in 1996.



“Volunteers are the life blood of the Bay State Games, and David Harrison is an outstanding example of selflessness and a undying commitment to amateur athletics,” said Gloudemans, “We deeply appreciate the time and effort that he has expended on behalf of the organization and our participants.”

About the Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation

The Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization that was established in the 1982 to host the first sanctioned state games of the commonwealth. It operates with the mission of promoting personal development, education, physical fitness, teamwork, and sportsmanship to Massachusetts citizens of all ages and abilities. The Foundation is recognized nationwide for holding high quality, Olympic-style events through the Bay State Summer and Winter Games, as well as educational programs including the Kids Fitness Challenge, High School Spirit Program and Verizon Future Leaders Scholarship. With more than 30,000 people from 300 cities and towns directly participating in its programs each year, the Foundation is an integral part of the lives of citizens across the commonwealth. For more information please visit BayStateGames.org.