



## Tom Gomulka

Year of Induction: **2009**

Year of Graduation: **1967**

Tom Gomulka, JCHS Class of 1967, was unquestionably one of the most successful male basketball players to ever play for the Wildcats. He accumulated impressive individual and team statistics during his high school career, and his college career may have been even more notable.

Mr. Gomulka began his varsity playing days as a junior in the 1965-'66 season, but it wasn't until his senior year that his greatness began to stand out. He was the captain of the 1966-'67 team and led them to a STAC championship. He was a first team All-STAC selection that year as he led the entire conference in scoring averaging just over 22 points a game. In fact, his prolific scoring touch led to him being named the 1967 STAC basketball Player of the Year by the Press & Sun Bulletin. It was during this magical season that Tom poured in a career high 43 points in one game. He would continue his career across the river at SUNY Binghamton.

Tom's accomplishments during his college career are almost too numerous to list. He averaged more than 20 points in each of his four years at Binghamton, including an amazing 28.6 points per game average during his junior year. His junior year scoring average ranked him 12th in the country among Division II and III hoopsters, and he was the first SUNY Binghamton athlete ever to be named to the New York State Small College All-Star First Team. He was Binghamton's Athlete of the Year in 1970 and he was the college's Foundation Award Winner in 1971. He broke eight school records during the 1969-'70 season, including most points in a single game with 45. In recognition for his outstanding basketball career and his three years of participation on Binghamton's golf team, Tom was inducted into the SUNY Binghamton Hall of Fame in 1997.

In the words of Johnson City Athletic Hall of Famer Bob Holbert (JCHS Class of '64), "Tommy is one of the best basketball players this district has ever seen. In fact, he may have been the best." The Johnson City Athletic Hall of Fame is proud to welcome Tom Gomulka, Class of 1967.