

# 1964 BASKETBALL TEAM

## “TEAM OF THE CENTURY”



Continuing the tradition started in the 1936-'37 season, when the Panthers won their first CHSAA City Championship, the 1962-'63 team and its' trio of exceptional coaches, Jack Donohue, alumnus Dick Percudani and Jack Kuhnert, helped build a “Tower of Power” with the Freshman, Junior-Varsity and Varsity teams each winning their respective CHSAA City Championship. The Varsity team that year began a string of 71 consecutive victories that spanned two and one half seasons, and helped Coach Donohue pass his 100<sup>th</sup> victory milestone.

For the 1963-'64 Varsity Team, the challenges were many but the team rose to the occasion. In spite of replacing three starting players, Power completed its second consecutive undefeated season while in the process establishing a New York City scholastic record when the streak hit 49 consecutive victories. The season was highlighted by Power defeating DeMatha High School 65-62 before an above-capacity crowd of 15,000 fans in the University of Maryland's Cole Fieldhouse. The team set an all-time record by breaking one hundred points with a 101-65 victory over home-standing Linton High School in the Schenectady Tournament final, and collected additional accolades in winning both the LaSalle Tournament in Providence, and its' second consecutive CHSAA City Championship here in New York.

The Power Memorial Team of 1963-'64 was named The High School Team of the Century, and has also been inducted into the CHSAA Hall of Fame and the New York City Basketball Hall of Fame.

Members of the team were:

Head Coach Jack Donohue; Assistant Coaches Dick Percudani and Jack Kuhnert .

Players: Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Jack Bettridge, John Bonner, Charles Faruggia, Edward Gowrie, Robert Grundstrom, Paul Houghton, Joseph Karluk, Arthur Kenney, James Mannari, Michael Mastrangelo, Michael Parfett, Norwood Todmann.

Managers: Denis Galbraith, Leo Kent, Edward Coleman, William Sefik.