

Rutgers-Newark Athletic Hall of Fame



Aaron Green
Men's Basketball
(Inducted 1986)

One of the supreme compliments that an athlete can receive is being called by a competitor "A ball player's ball player". That is the description that Burt Geltzeiler, a charter member of the Rutgers-Newark Athletic Hall of Fame gave Aaron Green. Aaron was the backbone of outstanding Rutgers Pharmacy basketball teams from 1946-1950. During that time he averaged 18.5 points and six assists per game and in 1950 became one of the first 1000-point scorers in New Jersey college history.

Both a play making and scoring guard, Aaron had a devastating outside set shot and each year led his team in scoring and assists. The Eastern Collegiate Pharmacy League resumed during his sophomore year and for three years running he captained his team to league championships, winning 29 out of 30 league games. For the three years, Aaron was a unanimous choice for the league's All Star team and in 1951, the only year the award was given, was the league's Most Valuable Player.

The years that Aaron played have been dubbed the "Golden Age" of Rutgers Pharmacy basketball. His teams so dominated the local scene that the school had trouble booking games. Teams of comparable size did not want to play the Pharmacy and the school was lucky to play a 15 game schedule, 10 of which were Pharmacy league games with the other 5 being booked against bigger schools. The record of the team was all the more amazing since the squad consisted of only 7 players, all of whom attended classes from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., making practice sessions next to impossible.

Aaron has owned and operated the Newman Pharmacy in East Orange since 1951 and is married and the father of four children.