



## ABOUT SCOTT PITONIAK

A native of Rome, N.Y. and a magna cum laude graduate of Syracuse University, Scott Pitoniak has been telling compelling, award-winning stories about people and the games they play for decades. He has spent 47 years in the newspaper business, including 25 as a reporter, feature writer and sports columnist for the Rochester, N.Y. Democrat and Chronicle, and has published more than 25 books and hundreds of magazine and website articles. Along the way, he has covered Olympics, Super Bowls, World Series, NCAA basketball tournaments, Stanley Cup playoffs and major golf tournaments.

The most decorated sportswriter in Rochester newspaper history, Scott has received more than 100 national and regional journalism honors. His work, which often deals with the human side of sports, has been cited in "The Best American Sportswriting" anthology. Scott was inducted into Rochester's Frontier Field Walk of Fame in 1999, SU's Newhouse School of Public Communications Gallery of Fame in 2000, the Rome Sports Hall of Fame in 2009, the Rochester Red Wings Hall of Fame in 2013 and the Camp Good Days and Special Times Ring of Honor in 2016. He also was selected as a torchbearer for the 2002 Winter Olympic Games and was named one of the nation's top columnists by The Associated Press on three occasions and by the Pro Football Writers of America five times.

Scott recently co-authored "Forever Orange: The Story of Syracuse University," and updated "Juke Box Hero," a collaboration with rock 'n' roll legend Lou Gramm, the former lead singer and co-songwriter of the mega-hit group Foreigner.

Scott's first children's book, "Let's Go Yankees! An Unforgettable Trip to the Ballpark," was published in the summer of 2017 by Ascend Books.

Scott writes weekly sports columns for the Rochester Business Journal ([www.rbj.net](http://www.rbj.net)). He is a regular contributor to the Baseball Hall of Fame's bi-monthly magazine, Memories and Dreams, served as the AFC East correspondent for USA Today SportsWeekly and provided on-air analyst for CBS television affiliates in Rochester and Buffalo. A frequent radio and television guest, locally and nationally, Scott was interviewed extensively for two documentaries – ESPN's Sports Century profile of Maurice Stokes and Orange Glory: The 20 Greatest Moments in Syracuse Basketball History.

Scott is passionate about giving back to his community. Through the years, he has mentored scores of students, taught journalism at the college level and been heavily involved in several charities and community service organizations. He is past president and current board member of the Rochester Press-Radio Club, which has raised and donated more than \$800,000 to local children's charities in the past 15 years.

He also is in demand as a public speaker.

His varied interests include playing 19th Century Base Ball at the Genesee Country Village and Museum in Mumfords, N.Y. and traveling to historical sites. His most cherished moments are spent with his wife – Beth Adams – his grown children, Amy and Christopher, his granddaughters, Camryn and Peyton, and their energetic family cat, Sassy.

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