

One of my favorites, courtesy of the late Bill Handelman. To appreciate that Tony is rarely without a hat on his head.

Many years back Tony and Bill were invited to John Amabile's house. Tony was writing a column and was doing an advance for an upcoming game.

John Amabile, as many of you know, was a bigger than life character so, of course, his family pet was a great Dane.

Soon they settled down to begin the interviews. What Tony didn't know, not to be worn indoors. So the great Dane took it upon himself to remove the hat from Tony's head. Fortunately Tony's head didn't get removed along with the hat. Always the pro, Tony never missed a beat and the interview continued.

-- Bob Foxworth

Tony working on his weekly Saturday morning high school football column. Tony, how's it going? When are you going to be in? Tony: I'm waiting for John Amabile then coaching Neptune) to get to his second bottle of wine, then I'll call him. He's so much better than I.

Good luck to Tony in retirement.

-- Joe Sullivan



Tony's Asbury Park Press headshot from 1987