Unity Athletic Hall of Fame
Class of 2010

1986 Volleyball Team

Bill Kretzer

Curt Sellers

Josh Rabe

Pat Keane

Susan Woodworth

Sponsored by the Unity Sports Booster Club

On behalf of the Unity Athletic Hall of Fame Committee, we would like to congratulate the 2010 Hall of Fame inductees. This diverse group's accomplishments have endured the test of time. Please take the time to read about this year's outstanding class of inductees. Do you know someone who is a graduate of Unity High School who deserves to be inducted in to the Athletic Hall of Fame? If so, then take a minute to fill out the form found at www.cusd4.com.

Hall of Fame Committee
Gary Brickman
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Thank you, alumni and friends, for your support of Unity High School and our Athletic Hall of Fame.

Seth Klusmeyer
Athletic Director

Donna Jansen
MVIT Chairman

Qualification for the Unity Athletic Hall of Fame

STUDENT-ATHLETE

- Must have competed at the varsity level for at least 2 years at Unity High School and made a major impact on the program.
- Consideration given to outstanding accomplishments in the area of athletics at Unity High School.
- Consideration given to the individual and team performance in the postseason.
- Consideration given to accomplishments beyond and/or after Unity High School.
- Consideration given to the athletes who have been out of school for at least ten years.
- Any individual that wins a state championship is automatically nominated after the ten year anniversary of his/her graduation.

TEAM

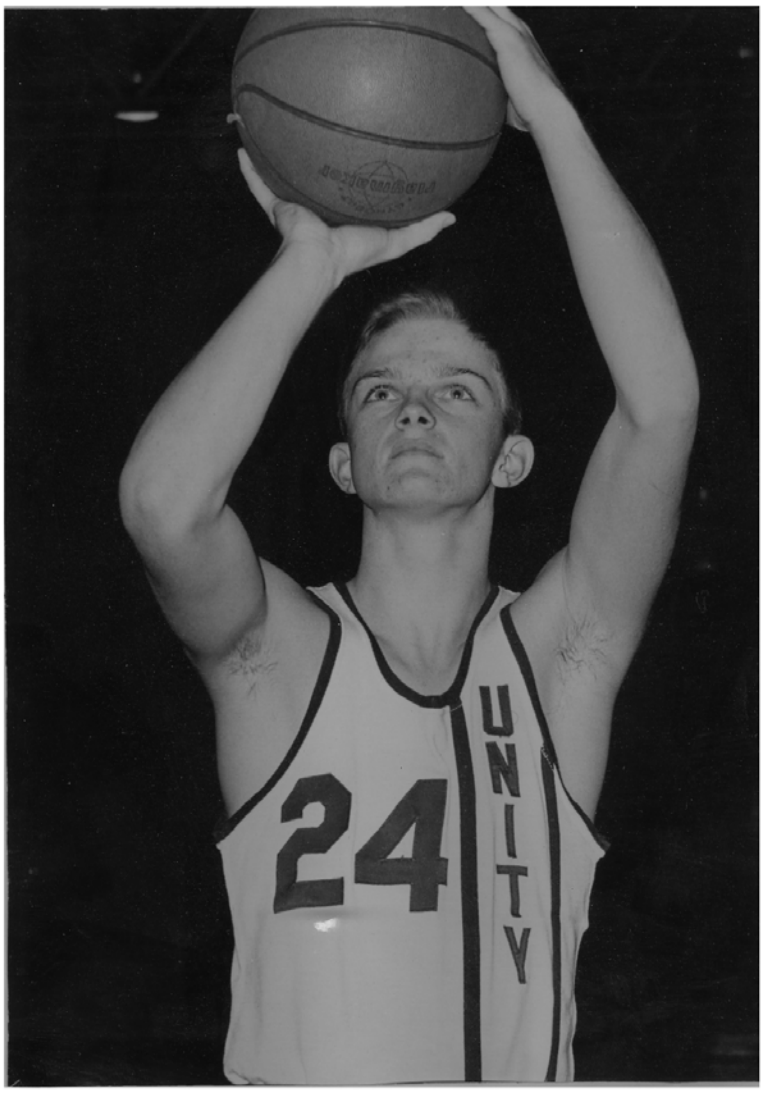
- Consideration given to team performance in the conference.
- Consideration given to the team performance in the postseason.
- Consideration given to a team that has been out of school ten years.
- Any team that wins a state championship is automatically nominated after a minimum of ten years.

COACH

- Consideration given to outstanding contributions in the area of athletics as related to Unity High School.
- Must have coached a sport(s) for at least three years at Unity High School.
- Consideration given to the coach and team performance in the conference.
- Consideration given to the coach and team performance in the postseason.
- Must be in good standing with Unity High School.

SUPPORTER

- Must have made significant contributions to Unity High School Athletics.
- Consideration given to length of time of support or service to the Unity Athletic Program.
- Consideration given to involvement with all sports at Unity High School.
- Consideration given to fundraising and financial support for Unity High School Athletics.



Curt Sellers

Curt was a standout athlete who earned 10 varsity letters in 5 different sports in his career. As a freshman he lettered in both track and baseball. During his sophomore year he was a reserve on the varsity basketball team and batted .353 on the baseball team. Curt lettered in 4 sports his junior year: cross country, basketball, baseball, and track. In basketball, he was selected to the all-tournament team at the MVIT. During the spring he was third on the baseball team with a .294 batting average and was voted team captain. In track he was an outstanding sprinter who led the team in points and was voted team captain.

As a senior, Curt played football, basketball, and baseball. He enjoyed his greatest success on the basketball court. He was selected to the all-tournament teams at the Western Holiday Tournament and the MVIT, where he was selected as the Most Outstanding Player. Curt won numerous awards including Mid West All Conference, West Central All Conference, leading scorer with 16.7 ppg, best free throw shooter – 70%, and team MVP.

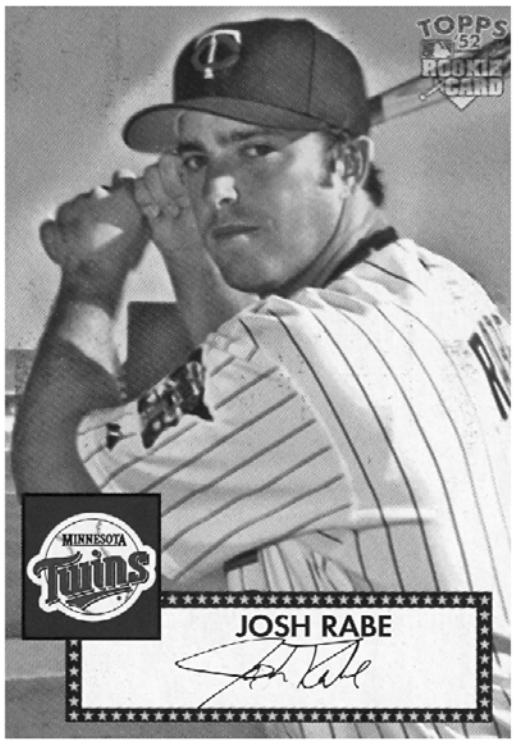
In 1970, Curt led the baseball team with a .389 batting average. He also led the team in home runs, doubles, and RBIs. Curt graduated with honors and attended Quincy College. He had planned to play baseball. Tragically, he was diagnosed with cancer and died on March 7, 1971. Curt will be remembered for his fun personality and his great athleticism.

Pat Keane

Pat earned a B.A. degree from Quincy College in 1948. He came to Unity in 1958 as a driver's education, history, and sociology teacher. Pat was a member of the Unity faculty for 22 years. He was fondly known as PK. Pat passed away on March 26, 1979.

Pat served on the athletic staff in many capacities. He served as the freshman basketball coach for several years. Pat was the head football coach in 1961 and 1962, compiling a 6-9 record. He was head baseball coach for 18 seasons, compiling a record of 169-164. His 1964 team advanced to the Sweet 16. In 1970, Pat became athletic director. He is remembered as being steady, dependable, and super organized. Pat also founded the Mississippi Valley Invitational Tournament (M.V.I.T.) in 1965 and served as its general chairman for 15 years. The tournament is named in his memory.

Pat is survived by his wife, Mary, their two children, Mike and Kathy, 6 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. PK was dedicated to the teaching and coaching profession. He was respected by students, parents, fellow faculty members, and the area coaching community. PK will be remembered for his enthusiasm and involvement in the Unity athletic programs. Every student or athlete that was served by Mr. Keane has a PK story to tell!



Josh Rabe

Josh stands alone as Unity's most celebrated athlete. He was a multi-sport athlete who earned 11 varsity letters. Josh was also a very strong student who was on the honor roll all 4 years and a member of Who's Who, SAA, and Academic All State. Josh graduated from Unity in 1997 and attended Quincy University to play baseball. He earned numerous honors while playing baseball there. In 2000, he was an 11th round draft pick by the Minnesota Twins organization. Josh was selected as an all-star in A, AA, and AAA. In 2006, he was called up to the Minnesota Twins. He retired from baseball in 2007 and returned to QU where he finished his degree in political science. In 2008 he was the assistant baseball coach at St. Joseph University in Rensselaer, IN. In the summer of 2010, Josh was hired as the head baseball coach at Quincy University. He has been inducted into the GLVC Hall of Fame, the CICL Hall of Fame, and the Quincy University Hall of Fame.

Football

Fr. All Conference Kicker

So. All Conference Place Kicker

Jr. All Conference Place Kicker
All Conference Quarterback
All State Quarterback

Sr. All Conference Quarterback
All State Quarterback
Team Captain
Team MVP

Holds all Unity passing records.
4-Year Letterwinner

HS Baseball

4-Year Batting Average - .440
All Conference – All 4 Years
All Area – All 4 Years
(Pitcher, Shortstop, 2nd and 3rd)
4-Year Letterwinner

Basketball

So 2nd Team All Conference

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Jr. All Conference
All Area
Honorable Mention All State

Sr. All Conference
All Area
All State
Led Area in Scoring

Averaged 20 ppg all 3 seasons.
3-Year Letterwinner

College Baseball

Fr. GLVC All Conference
GLVC Freshman of the Year

So. GLVC Player of the Year
1st Team All-American

Jr. GLVC All Conference
1st Team All-American
Careers Stats
Leader in hits, doubles and runs
Top 5 in Home Runs, Batting Avg., and RBIs

1986 Volleyball Team

The 1986 Volleyball team is distinguished as being the only team in Unity High School history to reach the state tournament level in any sport. Finishing the season with a record of 28-7, this talented group of athletes provided the school and the community with an exciting post season experience that will long be remembered.

After posting just third place finishes in the West Central Conference and Liberty and Central Tournaments, the Lady Mustangs went on a late season tear, winning the prestigious Quincy Invitational which featured four state ranked teams. One of the highlights of the season was the semifinal win against Riverton, who entered the tourney ranked 2nd in the state. They finished off the day by defeating 8th ranked QND to take home the first place trophy. This seemed to be the real turning point of the season.

The Lady Mustangs took their 22-6 record into the Payson Regional where they eventually met up with QND for a third time in the championship game. In an emotional and grueling match that lasted for one hour and 45 minutes, Unity prevailed 14-16, 15-11, 16-14.

Advancing to the Bushnell Prairie City Sectional, Unity had to meet up with state ranked Southeastern, a team that had already beaten them twice, but they played a great match, winning 15-13,15-13. They advanced to the sectional championship where they defeated Avon in a two game set.

The Abingdon Super-Sectional set the stage for a rematch with West Central Conference foe Carthage, who had beaten the Mustangs pretty handily early on in the season. Sporting a state ranking, a fourth place state trophy from the previous season and a 5'11" All-Stater, the Bluegirls were definitely the favorites in this match, but the Mustangs were not intimidated and came out with a two game victory and a ticket to the Class A State Finals.

As the team progressed through the post season, the excitement and fun increased, and more and more fans showed up for games, impromptu post game pep rallies and "victory bus tours." It all culminated in the State Tournament appearance where Unity unfortunately fell to Easton in a three game match. The team was made up of five seniors, six juniors and one sophomore, many of whom earned all tourney, all area and all conference recognition. They were quick, smart, hard working, and didn't like to lose!

1st Row: JoJo Maglioacchetti, Kim Caley, Joann Venvertloh, Dayna Fryrear, Shelly Gordy
2nd Row: Missy Blackburn, Debbie Haistings, Barb Koehler, Erin Janssen, mgr.
3rd Row: Head Coach Rosemary Brickman, Ronna Duesterhaus, Natalie Morley, Jill Woodruff, Andrea Echternkamp, Asst. Coach Sue Woodworth

Bill Kretzer

Bill is the first supporter honored by the hall of fame committee. He is a 1954 graduate of Unity and has lived in the school district his entire life. Bill has supported Unity athletics as a school board member, bus driver, fan, advertiser, and as a member of the Unity Quarterback Club. Some of his fondest memories are driving the bus to the playoffs and the regional and sectional. He has enjoyed driving all the sports teams to numerous games throughout the years.

Bill is married to Sandra. They have 2 sons, Danny and Donnie, and one daughter, Lorie Graham. Bill and Sandra have 7 grandchildren, Nicole, Michael, Beth, Kelly, Kristen, Kody, and Logan. They also have 2 great-grandchildren, Liam and Taylor. Another great-grandchild is expected in January. Five of Bill's grandchildren also graduated from Unity. He currently drives a bus for Unit #4 and runs for repairs for his son.

Susan Evans Woodworth

Sue could have been nominated as an athlete, coach, and supporter. Her efforts given to Unity athletics have not gone unnoticed throughout the years. A 1974 graduate of Unity, Sue excelled in track. She qualified for the state meet in the 100 yard dash, high jump, and the 4 X 100 relay. She placed 4th in the 100 yard dash, in a 1-class system, and still holds the school record. Unity placed 10th in the state as a team. Sue participated in track and field in 1973 and 1974, softball in 1974 and as a varsity cheerleader in 1972, 1973, and 1974. After graduation Sue attended Eastern Illinois University where she was a sprinter and ran relays on the track and field team. She also was a member of the field hockey team from 1975 to 1978.

Sue returned to Unity in March of 1980 to teach physical education. She began coaching track and field in 1980 and continues to coach a program that has been blessed with many great athletes and state qualifiers. Sue served as the assistant volleyball coach with Rosemary Brickman from 1982 – 1988 and won the JV conference championship in 1986 and 1987. She also served as the assistant volleyball coach with Seth Klusmeyer from 2004 – 2006. Sue also served one year as the varsity girls' basketball coach.

Sue has been an ardent supporter of all Unity athletics throughout the years and has been a member of the Unity Sports Booster Club since its inception. She has been known to lead the fans in cheers at any Unity sporting event. Currently, she serves as the elementary PE teacher at both Greenfield and Mendon. Sue has coached MS volleyball since 2003. Several of her teams have made it to the state tournament (2005 – 7th Elite Eight; 2006 – 7th Elite Eight; 2006 – 8th Elite Eight; 2008 – 7th Elite Eight; and 2008 – 8th 3rd Place). Sue lives north of Mendon and is married to Bernie. They have three children, Matt, Mike, and Megan, and a granddaughter, Taylor.