

Hall of Fame

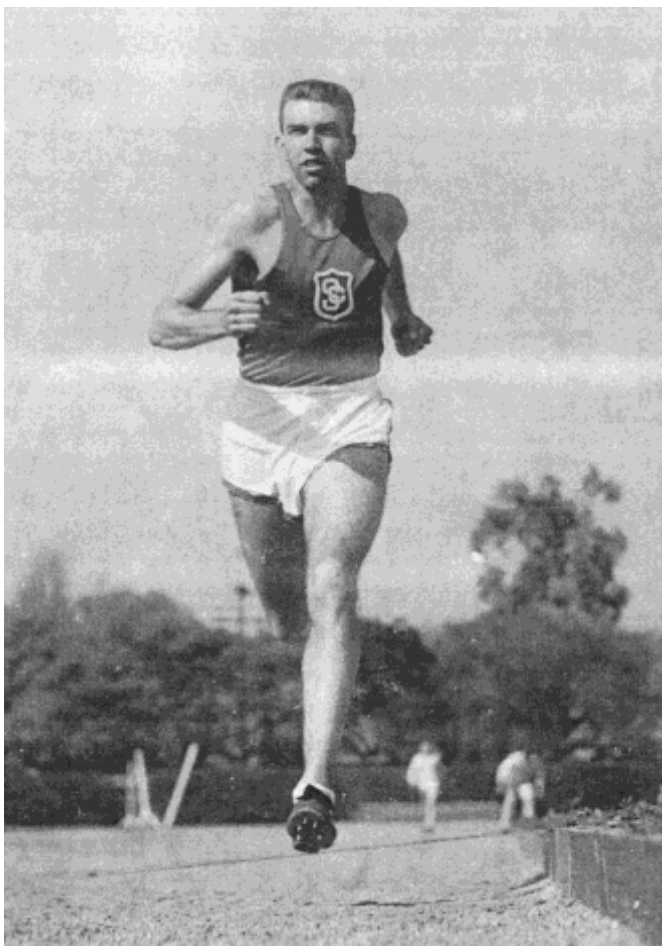
The newly formed Los Gatos High School Athletic Hall of Fame will induct its initial class of 14 former Los Gatos High school athletes. These 14 individuals represent the best of Los Gatos Wildcat athletics from the school's first 100 years. Los Gatos High was founded in 1888 and the founding members of the induction committee chose not to include any athletes who performed at LGHS after 1988. Athletes were selected from five categories representing periods in Los Gatos sports history: Pre-1950, 1950s, 1960s, 1970s and 1980s. Athletes from graduating classes in the 1990s and later are not yet eligible for induction. The 14 athletes selected for the honor will be officially inducted at a dinner slated for May 1, 2004 at the La Rinconada Country Club. Tickets for the event are priced at \$75 apiece and are available through the Los Gatos Athletic Association (408.354.2002), or by calling Doug Ramezane or Mark Magagna (408.354.2730) at the high school.

The first induction class is as follows:



Dave Anderson, Class of 1935. Football, Basketball, Track. David Anderson played football at Los Gatos High School and went on to the University of California, where he was the starting fullback on the Golden Bears' team that defeated Alabama 13-0 in the 1938 Rose Bowl. Andy, or "The Swede" as he was affectionately known to teammates, played in an era before unlimited substitution came into being; consequently, starters frequently played the entire game--on offense and defense--and many became known as "60-minute men." Such was Anderson at the University of California.

- Scored all Teams's Touchdowns for LGHS in Senior season (14)
- 4 years football at University of California, Berkeley
- Last Cal player to play all 60 minutes in Rose Bowl victory over Alabama
- 2-Time Helms All -American
- Played in East/West Shrine game
- College All-Star Team
- Played one year Rugby at Cal
- U.S. Army Career Officer
- Winner of U.S. Army Legion of Merit Award

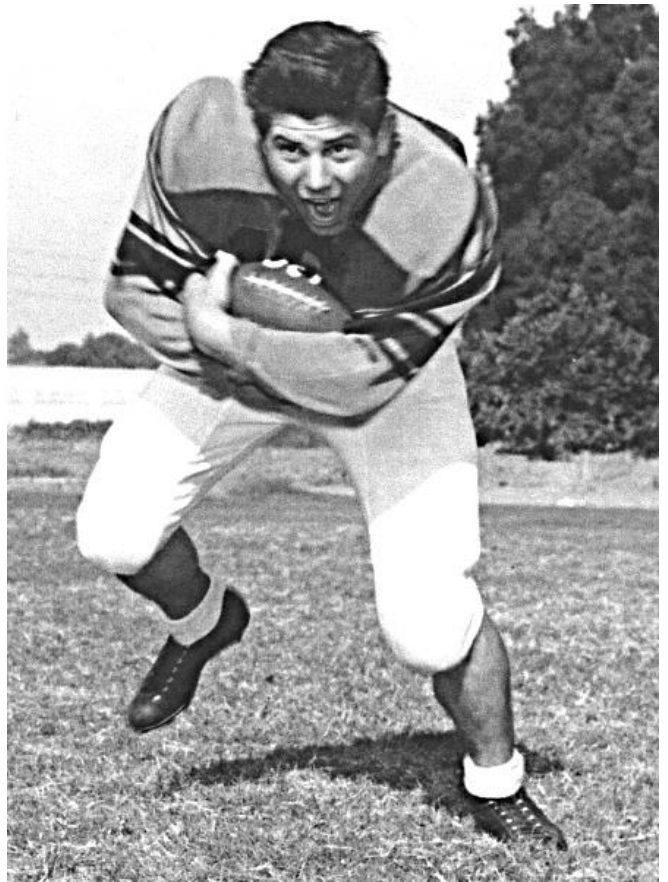


Bob Chambers, Class of 1944. Bob is thought to be the only Los Gatos High athlete to hold a national track record while a student at LGHS. He was a national interscholastic record holder in the 880 in 1944 with a time of 1:54.4.

- Track, Football, Basketball, Baseball
- Played on 4 league championship teams at LGHS
- Senior year
- Held World Record in 880 (1:54:4)
- State 880 champion
- 2-Time league champion 880
- League champion 440
- League champion Mile
- 5th at LGHS 800 (1:54:1)
- 6th in Olympic 880 in 1948
- 2-Time Member of NCAA Track Champions at USC
- 3-Time Pacific Coast 880 Champion
- Team Captain USC Track

Ken Spagnola, Class of 1954. Spagnola was an all league running back on the football team and was the team's most valuable player. In his sophomore and junior seasons he played 130 football and was the team MVP on an undefeated league champ as a junior. Ken had an undefeated senior wrestling season and won the Northern California title in the 154 pound class. He was voted the outstanding wrestler at the Nor Cals. This followed an undefeated league championship season as a junior when he was chosen the team captain. He went on to wrestle at San Jose State, where he is a member of the Spartan Hall of Fame for his wrestling exploits.

- Wrestling, Football, Basketball
- 2-Time League Wrestling Champion
- 2-Time Wrestling Team Captain
- Northern California Wrestling Champion
- Northern California Tournament Outstanding Wrestler
- MVP Football
- Outstanding Scholar-Athlete LGHS
- All-League Football
- Wrestling scholarship San Jose State University
- Far Western Wrestling Champion
- Far Western Tournament Outstanding Wrestler
- San Jose State Hall of Fame





Hugh Campbell, Class of 1959. Quarterback at LGHS led the 1958 Wildcats to the SCVAL championship. Went on to QB at Washington State. Hugh Campbell was in the Canadian Football League for 26 seasons as a player, coach, general manager and President & CEO. Every year in the league he was in the playoffs, 23 years in the Western Final, 14 years in the Grey Cup and 8 Grey Cup victories.

Hugh became the Edmonton Eskimos' head coach in 1977. He coached the Eskimos to a Canadian Football League record six straight first-place finishes in the Western Division, six Grey Cup appearances in a row and five Grey Cup wins in a row, all CFL records. His regular season coaching record of 70 wins, 21 losses and five ties in the best percentage in League history.. Hugh was a head coach 2 seasons in the NFL with the Houston Oilers.

-Football, Basketball

-Played for LGHS league Champion

-3-year starter at Washington State

-3-Time All-American

-3-Time All-West Coast

-Played in East/West Shrine Game

-Played in Hula Bowl

-Set 3 single Game, 5 Season and 3 Career Records at Washington

-Career Records at Washington State

-26 years in Canadian Football as player, coach, general manager

-Played for Grey Cup Champions

-Coached 5 consecutive Grey Cup Champions

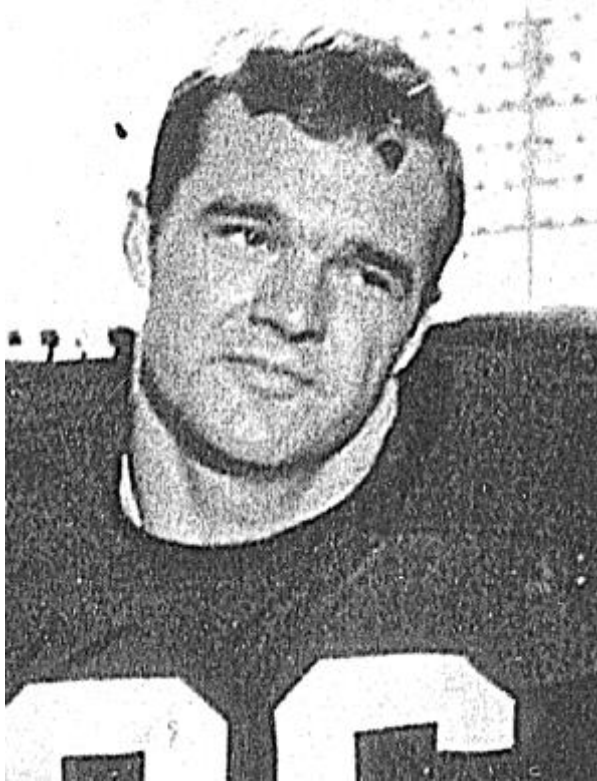
-2-Time All Canadian League

-Coached Houston Oilers for 2 years.

Chris Von Saltza, Class of 1961. While a 16 year old student at Los Gatos High, although there were no competitive athletics for girls, Chris won 3 gold medals and 1 silver medal in swimming at the 1960 Rome Olympics. She set an Olympic record in the 400 meter freestyle. The 4X100 free relay and 4X100 Medly relay teams she swam on set world records. Her Silver medal was in the 100 freestyle. Amazingly, her Los Gatos High classmate, Lynn Burke, won 2 gold medals as well, setting an Olympic record in the 100 backstroke and swimming as a part of the same 4X100 medly relay as von Saltza.

- 4-Olympic Gold Medals
- 1-Olympic Silver Medal
- 5-Pan-Am Gold Medals
- 5-World Records
- 36 American Records
- Swimming Hall of Fame
- Olympic Hall of Fame
- Stanford Hall of Fame
- San Jose Hall of Fame
- Sacramento Hall of Fame
- First women to carry USA Flag at Pan-Am Games





Bill Fariband, Class of 1963. Football. All league linebacker and running back led the Wildcats to a league championship his senior season. Bill went on the Univ. of Colorado where he starred as an All-American linebacker, playing in both the Hula bowl and the Blue-Gray game following his senior year. He was drafted in the third round by the Oakland Raiders in 1967 and played 2 seasons with Oakland 67 and 68.

- Football, Track
- 10.7 100 meters (2nd at LGHS)
- 21.6 200 meters (4th at LGHS)
- Football Scholarship - University of Colorado
- Played for Oakland Raiders
- All-American Honorable Mention
- Senior Bowl
- North-South Game
- All-American Game
- MVP University of Colorado
- All-Conference Colorado

Bob Brannon, Class of 1964. Football and Track. Bob was an All WVAL fullback in football, but the throwing events in track and field were where he really shined. In 1964 Bob was the State Champion in both the shot put and the discus. Bob still holds the CCS meet record in the shot at 63'9" that has stood for an amazing 40 years.

- 63.9 Shot put (2nd at LGHS)
- League Champion Shot Put
- League Champion Discus
- CCS Champion Shot Put
- State Champion Shot Put
- 3rd in National in Shot Put
- 174-0 Discus (3rd at LGHS)
- League Champion Discus
- 4th in State Discus
- 10.8 - 100 meters (4th at LGHS)
- All League Football





Ed Siracusa, Class of 1969. Football, Basketball, Baseball. Ed was drafted by the Kansas City Royals out of high school and played in their organization and with the San Jose Bees until injury ended his career. Ed was the prototype 3-sport athlete at Los Gatos High. He was a first team All-league selection in all 3 sports. In football, he scored 19 TDs and rushed for 965 yards in a 10 game season in 1968 to share the league MVP award with 4 time Super Bowl winner Loren Toews from Del Mar. Ed hit .363 and a school record 6 home runs his senior season of baseball also earning league MVP honors. He led both the 1968 and 1969 Wildcats in batting, total bases and extra base hits.

-All-League Basketball

-MVP Basketball

-2-Time All League Football

-MVP Football

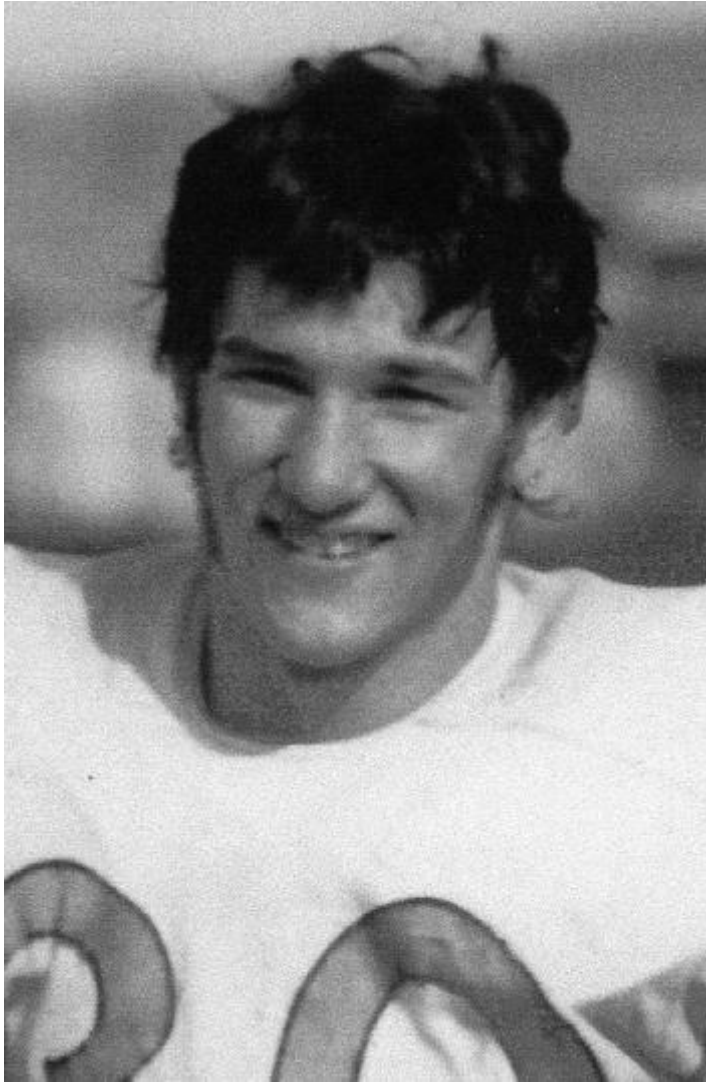
-2-Time All League Baseball

-2-Time School Batting Champ (.363, .301)

-School Single Season Home Run Record (6)

-Signed with Kansas City Royals

-Played with San Jose Bees



Gary Lynn – Class of 1974. Football, Wrestling and Baseball. Gary was another 3 sport star. He was an all league running back on the football team and scored 3 touchdowns in the first ever Santa Clara County All Star game, now named after Los Gatos High coach Charlie Wedemeyer. He then went on to Stanford and played in the Sun Bowl under 1st year coach Bill Walsh. As a wrestler he won a CCS title 3 years in a row in the 148 pound division as a sophomore in 1972, the 168 pound class as a junior and the 174 pound class his senior year. In baseball, he was the team MVP his senior year and led both his junior and senior teams in total bases.

- Wrestling, Football, Baseball
- 3-Time League Champion Wrestling
- All League Football, Baseball
- 3-Time CCS Champion Wrestling
- All CCS Football
- All CCS Baseball
- MVP Baseball
- All-American Football
- Made all League 11 times in 12 seasons
- 2nd in State Wrestling
- Played in first Santa Clara City All Star Football Game
- 42-2 Record in wrestling Sr. year
- Athletic Scholarship Stanford
- Football & wrestling at Stanford

Holden Smith, Class of 1976. Football, Baseball, Basketball and Track – Holden was a tremendously gifted athlete who played wide receiver on the football team, forward on the basketball and outfield on the baseball team. He was an all league player in football, still holds the single season rebounding record (301 his senior year) in basketball and divided his time between playing baseball and running track in the spring. Holden played football for the Cal Bears and was also a member of their NCAA record breaking 4x100 relay team in track. He is the only Los Gatos High athlete known to have played professionally in two sports. He was signed by the Baltimore Colts and played the 1982 season with them. After a disagreement with the Colts head coach, he quit football and signed with the Cleveland Indians baseball organization.

-Football, Basketball, Baseball, Track
-All league football

-30.1 yard/reception (1st at LGHS)

-301 rebounds one season (1st at LGHS)

-Member of 1st undefeated football team in history at LGHS

-Athletic scholarship to University of California, Berkeley

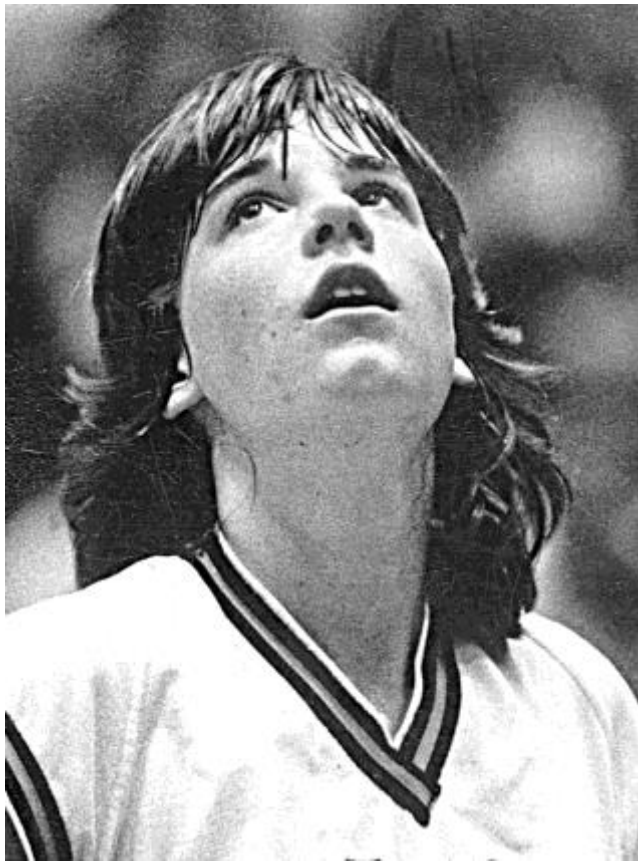
-Football, Baseball and Track at Cal

-Member of NCAA record 4x400 relay team at Cal

-Signed with Baltimore Colts, football

-Signed with Cleveland Indians, baseball





Suzy Meckenstock , Class of 1982. Basketball. She rewrote the record books at Los Gatos, breaking all the school's scoring marks (including most points in a game, 31, and most points in a season, 611) and winning the West Valley Athletic League's most valuable player award for three straight years. She made every all-star team imaginable after leading the Orange Crush to a 31-1 record and the NorCal title in 1982. Suzy was the MVP in the WVAL, all-CCS, all-Bay Area, all-Northern California and All-State. She was an honorable mention pick on the high school All-America team that year. She went on to star on the basketball court for the Santa Clara Broncos, winning all-West Coast Athletic Conference honors as a senior captain when she averaged 16.6 points per game and led the Broncos to a 15-13 season in 1986.

- Basketball, Golf
- 3 Time all league
- 3 Time League MVP
- Central Coast Section MVP
- Northern California MVP
- First Team All-State
- All American
- Santa Clara Valley All-Star Game
- Scholarship, Santa Clara University
- 1st Team All League, Santa Clara
- 2 Time MVP Santa Clara
- Santa Clara University Hall of Fame
- Female Basketball Player of the Decade
- Played in State Golf Tournament

Dave Bearden, class of 1982. Football and Baseball. Dave was an all league running back who scored 19 TD's and rushed for 1176 yard in his 10 game senior season. In baseball he hit .385 his senior year and hit a school record 4 home run balls over the fence and into the Los Gatos Lodge. Dave was named team MVP his senior baseball season. He went on to play 4 years in centerfield at Santa Clara University.

-Baseball, Football, Basketball

-2 Time All League Football

-2 Time All League Baseball

-MVP Football

-MVP Baseball

-Team Batting Leader (.385)

-School record interceptions in a season (8)

-10 career interceptions

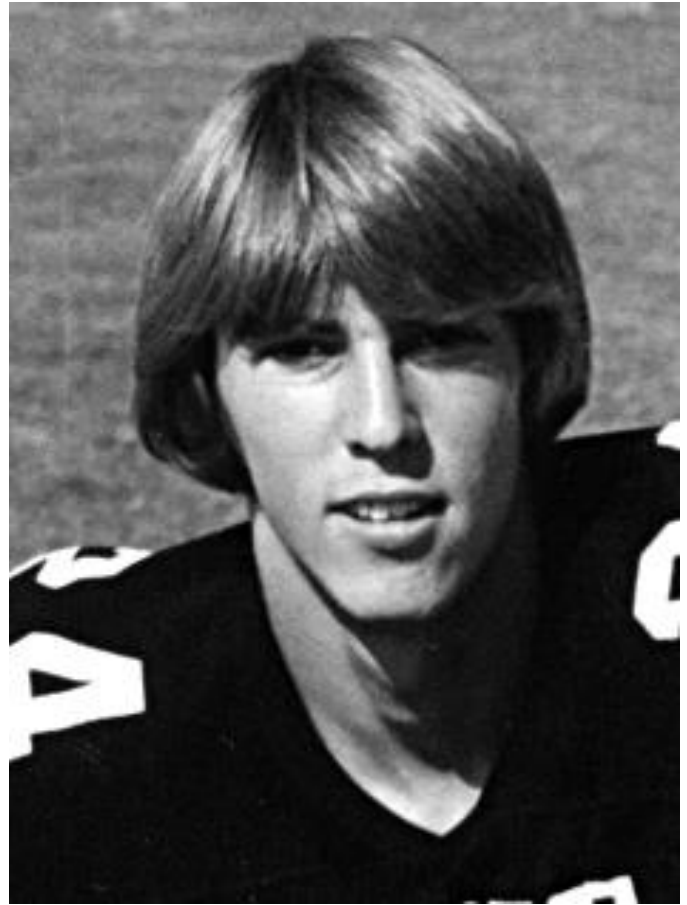
-Scholarship, Santa Clara University (Baseball)

-2011 yards Total Offense Football

-Most home runs over fence (4)

-19 touchdowns in one season

-2956 all purpose yards football



Todd Mayo, Class of 1985. Football and Baseball. In his senior season of football, Todd rushed for 1647 yards, averaging an incredible 9.1 yards per carry and scored an unbelievable 34 touchdowns in a twelve game season. In baseball, he is the only player in school history to lead the Wildcats in batting average 3 straight years. He also led the team in total bases and extra base hits both his junior and senior seasons. Todd still holds school records in 8 of the 15 offensive categories: For # of AB, Runs scored, Hits, triples, batting average, extra base hits, stolen bases and total bases. He went on to play baseball at Cal Berkeley for 4 years. Played in Montreal Expos system

-2 Time All League Baseball

-2 Time All League Football

-All CCS Football

-All CCS Baseball

-2 Time MVP Baseball

-MVP football

-34 Touchdowns in one season (2nd at LGHS)

-9.1 yards/carry (1st at LGHS)

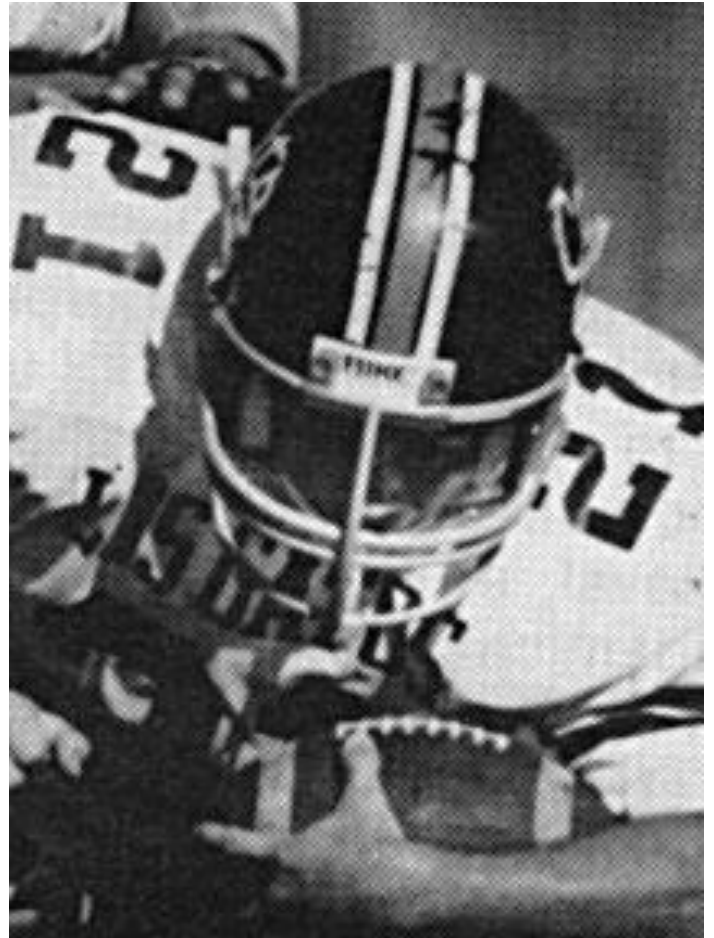
-48 career touchdowns (1st at LGHS)

-4208 All purpose yards football

-Single season baseball at LGHS: Runs (45), Hits (42), Total Bases (65), Stolen Bases (34), Triples (7), Batting Average (.500)

-Baseball Scholarship, University of California, Berkeley

-Signed Montreal Expos



Heidi Ruiz, class of 1988 Track and Field.

Heidi threw the shot put and discus as well as ran on the 4x400 relay. She also is #2 all time at Los Gatos in the long jump. She is the only Los Gatos athlete to make the State track meet in the same event (shot put) all 4 years of high school. She won the CCS shot put three years in a row and in 1988 she finished 2nd in the state in the shot put with the 7th best throw in the nation. Heidi still holds the school record in both the shot put and the discus. While at Los Gatos High she was ranked #2 in the nation in the heptathlon.

- Track, Basketball
- 4-Time State Qualifier Track
- 3-Time CCS Champion Shot Put
- 3-Time League Champion Shot Put
- 2nd in State Shot Put (Senior)
- 3rd in State Shot Put (Junior)
- LGHS Record Shot Put (44' 9")
- LGHS Record Discus (145" 7")
- 2nd in National Heptathlon
- 26 points in CCS meet (1st at LGHS)
- 4-Time MVP Track & Field events
- Scholarship, California State University, Long Beach
- College All-American Heptathlon
- Scored 261 points in Track Senior year (1st at LGHS)

