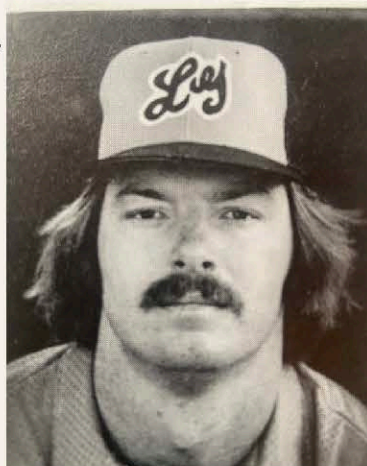


Hall of Fame Article

2025 Class

The Los Gatos High School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee has announced its latest class of inductees, which features two former football stars. This marks the 21st class to be enshrined in the Hall of Fame, established at LGHS in 2004. The induction ceremony will be held at La Rinconada Country Club on the first Saturday in May. This year's inductees are Steve Bauer and Nick Kalpin, who made their marks in football three decades apart. Steve Bauer graduated with the class of

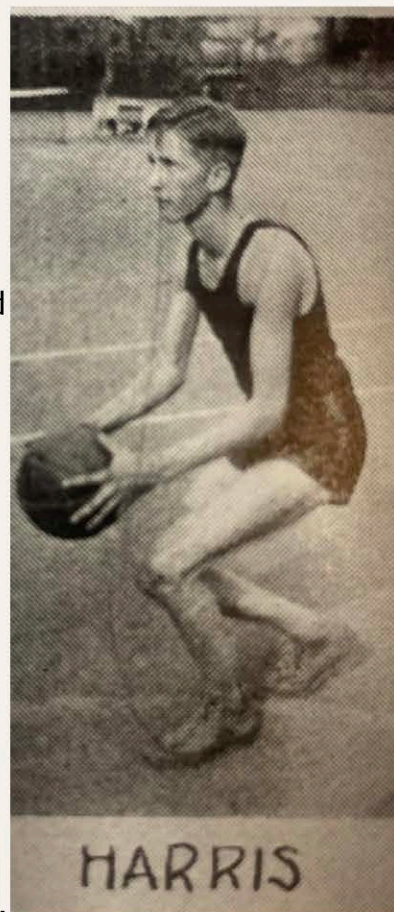


1975, while Nick Kalpin was a member of the class of 2008, 33 years later. Bauer distinguished himself as an exceptional linebacker for the Wildcats, later playing at West Valley College and then at the University of Washington, where he excelled as an offensive guard and participated in the 1978 Rose Bowl. John Baggerly remarked in the 1986 Los Gatos High football program about Bauer, "Hay fever from the Rose Bowl turf overcame him in the second quarter of Washington's victory over Michigan, but trainers applied a decongestant to his jersey and he was able to start the second half." After his college career, Steve returned to his high school to serve as an offensive line coach under head coach Charlie Wedemeyer, continuing to coach Wildcat linemen through the 1988 season, totaling eight years before finishing under head coach Butch Cattolico.

Three decades later, Nick Kalpin arrived at Los Gatos High and established himself as one of the top athletes in school history. During his senior year, Nick rushed for 2,553 yards and scored 41 touchdowns, averaging an impressive 213 rushing yards per game. Nick was named MVP of the Santa Clara Valley Athletic League and received honors as the San Jose Mercury All CCS Running Back and Player of the Year. He played three years of varsity football, sharing running back duties with senior Will Kapp during his junior year; Kapp later played four years at Cal. Nick rushed for 1,294 yards and 13 touchdowns that season, also contributing as an outside linebacker where he finished fourth on the team in tackles behind Kapp and future NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year, Kiko Alonso. Nick's athletic talents extended beyond football, as he was an accomplished baseball player and an exceptional wrestler, winning the SCVAL league championship and being named the tournament's outstanding wrestler for the upper weights. Throughout his wrestling career at Los Gatos High, Nick earned recognition as a three-time league placer, two-time league champion, and California State Qualifier.

In total, nine athletes will be inducted on May 3, 2025. The remaining inductees are Bob Harris from the class of 1931, Vince Baxter 1978, Ali Dodson 2004, Jaimee Erickson 2007, Geoff Doss 2008, Taylor Comeau 2011, and Erich Peske 2011.

Bob Harris was a talented athlete who participated in cross country and track, winning both the 800 and mile races on the same day. He also excelled in basketball, being part of the 1931 Unlimited League Championship team, and competed on the tennis team. Bob went on to San Jose State, where he served as Captain of the boxing team for three years and won the Golden Gloves award as a middleweight. Standing at 6'2" and weighing 160 pounds, he was nicknamed "turkey legs." At SJS, he played five varsity sports, including cross country, soccer, boxing, tennis, and track. Following college, Bob became a policeman in Los Gatos and was elected Town constable in 1950.



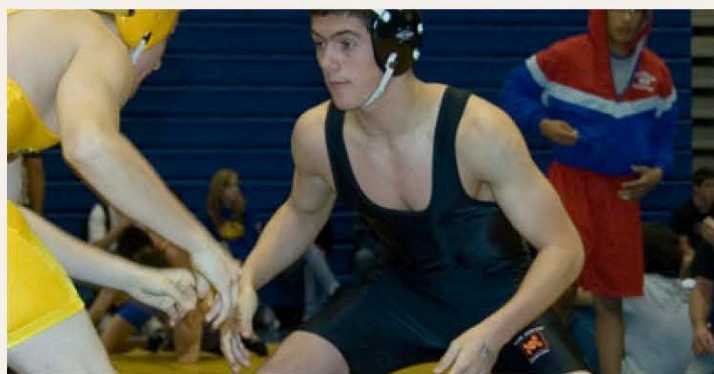
Vince Baxter was a four-year member of the varsity golf team and won the CCS Individual championship, making him the only golfer in school history to achieve that milestone.



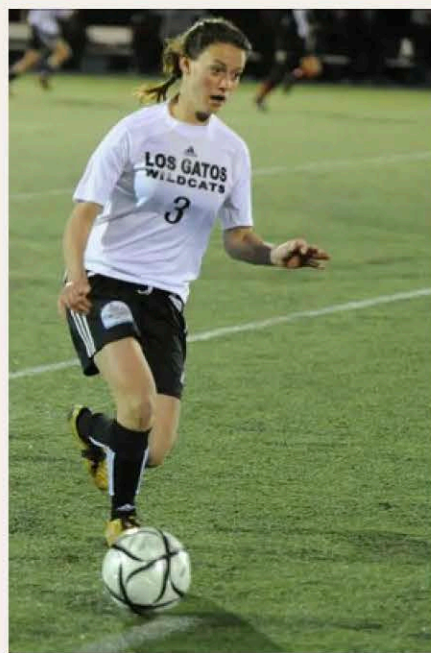
Ali Dodson and Jaimee Erickson, two track standouts from the early 2000s, are also part of the new inductee class. Dodson holds the fourth fastest 400 Meter time in school history and recorded the same rank for the 400 split (56.1 sec.) run in a relay event. She also shares the fourth fastest time in school history for the 200 Meter, alongside holding the 12th fastest 100 Meter time. Ali was named Female Track MVP her senior year, played two years on the varsity golf team, and competed in soccer for three years, earning Scholar Athlete of the Year honors in both her junior and senior years. She went on to compete in track at Yale University. Jaimee Erickson was a standout athlete in Field Hockey, Basketball, and Track. Her strongest sport was Field Hockey, where she was a first-team All CCS selection and CCS Senior Player of the Year. She went on to play four years at Stanford University and was named the Sophomore Player of the Year in CCS, as well as making the All-CCS second team in her junior year. In Track, Jaimee anchored the LGHS 4x400 relay teams in 2005 and 2006, which qualified for and competed in the State Meet. At her graduation in 2007, she had run the fifth fastest 400-meter time, the eighth fastest 100-meter time, and the sixteenth fastest 200-meter time in school history. She received the Von Saltza Award her senior year as the school's Outstanding Female Athlete.



Geoff Doss from the class of 2008 is recognized as one of the best wrestlers in Los Gatos High School history. Competing at 152 pounds, his impressive resume includes breaking the school record with 50 wins in his senior year. He also set records for takedowns in both a season and a career, becoming a three-time SCVAL Champion, a three-time CCS placer, a two-time CCS Champion, and a two-time state medalist, finishing his wrestling career with an overall record of 144 wins and 32 losses. In his senior season, he won seven tournaments, being named Outstanding Wrestler in three of them, and finished third in the state of California.



The youngest inductees are two exceptional athletes from the class of 2011, Taylor Comeau and Erich Peske. Peske was among the strongest swimmers to ever compete at Los Gatos High. By his sophomore year, Erich had established new school records in the 200 IM and the 100 Fly. As a junior, he won the CCS championships in the 100 Fly and was a CCS champion in both the 50 Free and 100 Fly during his senior year. In addition to his individual medals at CCS, Erich swam on both the 400-yard relay team and the 200-yard Medley Relay team, both finishing third in CCS. He continued his swimming career at Stanford University. Taylor Comeau was an all CCS first team player in two sports: Field Hockey and Soccer. She achieved all CCS honors for four consecutive years in Field Hockey, being named Freshman of the Year in 2007, Sophomore of the Year in 2008, and securing first team All CCS for three straight years while leading the Wildcats to three consecutive CCS championships. However, soccer is where she truly excelled, eventually playing professionally in the NWSL for six seasons after her collegiate career at Cal, which concluded in 2019. Taylor was named league MVP and first team all CCS as a junior, leading the entire section with 22 goals and 12 assists. Finding high school soccer unchallenging, she decided to play basketball in her senior year, a sport she hadn't played since middle school. Once again, she proved to be an incredibly impactful player during her lone season on the basketball court.



The Los Gatos Athletic Hall of Fame Induction ceremony and dinner will occur on Saturday evening, May 3, 2025, at La Rinconada Country Club.

Tickets will be available for purchase in mid-January via the Los Gatos High GoFan website at <https://gofan.co/app/school/CA22963> or by simply searching for Los Gatos High GoFan online.