

Al Eckhart

Calumet High School Athletic Hall of Fame

Lettered in football, basketball and track while attending Calumet High School (1963-67).

Awarded two (2) letters in football while helping to lead the Copper Kings in back-to-back 6-2-0 seasons (1965-66).

Partnered with CHS Hall of Fame running back, George Oikarinen, to form the fastest backfield tandem in school history.

Earned two (2) letters in basketball, including his senior year when the team finished with a fine 10-5 record in the Copper Country Conference (1965-67).

Presented with four (4) letters in track while running in the dashes, hurdles, relays and long jump (1963-1967).

During his career, the Copper Kings won four consecutive Copper Country Conference track championships.

As a sophomore, he was already one of the Copper Kings' leading point producers in the team's 1965 Upper Peninsula Class A-B track championship.

Set school records in the 100 and 220 yard dashes and as a member of the 880 yard relay team (1967).

His time in the 100 (10.05) and 220 (21.40) yard dashes were both among the five fastest in the entire state that year. Also set a school and meet record in the 60 yard dash with a time of 6.5 seconds at the Northern Michigan Indoor Relays at Marquette (1967).

Was a consensus choice on the All-Conference, All-U.P. and All-State track teams (1967).

Accepted a four-year scholarship to play football at Michigan Tech, but only played one year before leaving school to enlist in the U. S. Army where he served as a tank commander in Vietnam for two years (1969-70).

Enrolled again at Michigan Tech after three years of military service and lettered in track and field while completing his Bachelor of Liberal Arts degree.

Enlisted once again into the Army and retired after 18 more years of service with the rank of major.

An excellent three-sport athlete who had one of the most illustrious track careers in CHS history and later served his country with distinction as an officer in the U.S. Army.