

## **Carl "Scuppy" Backstrom**

### **Calumet High School Athletic Hall of Fame**

Graduated from Calumet High School in 1952 where he lettered in football, basketball and track while serving as team captain in both football and basketball.

Received Copper Country Conference and All-Upper Peninsula honors in both football and basketball along with being selected the conference MVP in basketball.

Won the Funke Award as the Copper Country Conference player who contributed the most to his school's basketball team.

Received the George Gipp All-American Award which is presented each year to the outstanding CHS senior male athlete (1952).

Excelled in American Legion baseball as a left-handed pitcher while attending CHS.

Played one year of varsity football as a starting offensive end for both Michigan Tech (1952) and Northern Michigan University (1953).

Signed by the Boston Red Sox to a professional baseball contract in 1953 and attended spring training with the team.

Pitched several years of semi-pro baseball in New York Mills, Minnesota and one year with Moorhead (Minnesota) State College (1956).

Recruited to play baseball at Michigan State (1955) but the NCAA ruled his pro contract with Boston made him ineligible to play at the DI level.

Played one year of basketball while attending Suomi College (1957) and led the Lions in scoring by averaging 24 points per game.

Was an outstanding baseball pitcher and fast pitch softball player with local teams while finishing his education at NMU, which resulted in a teaching degree in 1962.

Inducted September 6, 2014

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