

## **George Oikarinen**

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

Lettered in football, basketball and track while attending Calumet High School (1963-1967).

Was selected to the Upper Peninsula Class A-B First Team as a running back in both 1965 and 1966.

Honored as the Upper Peninsula Back of the Year (1966).

In 1966, set a then CHS season record for most carries (184) and yards gained (1454).

Set, at the time (1966), CHS career records for most carries (347), yards gained (2211) and yards per carry (6.4).

Continues to hold the CHS record for carries in a game with 37 against Crystal Falls (1966).

Continues to hold the CHS record for yards gained per carry in a season with 7.9 (1966).

Recorded the second fastest 100 yard dash time (10.06 sec.) in CHS track history while also competing in other sprints, relays and the high jump.

Recruited to play football at Northern Michigan University (1967), but a serious injury in his freshman year contributed to ending his career prematurely.

Was an excellent baseball player on local youth teams and later on the Calumet entry in the Copper Country Twi-Light League.

Is considered to be one of the finest running backs in CHS and Upper Peninsula high school history.

Inducted September 6, 2014

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