

John Gipp

Calumet High School Athletic Hall of Fame

Lettered in football and track at Calumet High School while also participating in hockey and baseball in local leagues (1947-1951).

Earned three letters in football as a standout end on both the offensive and defensive sides of the ball. He also punted, and returned punts and kick-offs (1948-1950).

Led the team in receptions (34) and receiving yards (603) which are both school records. As a defensive end, led the team in tackles and fumbles recovered (1950).

Was twice chosen to the Copper Country All-Star Team as an offensive end (1949 & 1950).

Was a unanimous selection as an end on the All-U.P. 1st Team (1950).

Honored by *The Detroit News* as a 1st team offensive end on the 1950 All-State Team.

Developed into an excellent hockey player on junior and intermediate teams that practiced and played mainly on outdoor rinks.

By playing with men's teams as a teenager, he also became a very solid baseball player. On a number of occasions, he was the catcher for CHS Hall of Fame member and future major league baseball pitcher, George Brunet.

Accepted a scholarship offer from Clarence "Biggie" Munn to play football at Michigan State College (MSU), but transferred it to play hockey for Coach Amo Bessone (1951).

Earned three letters in hockey at MSU while playing both as a forward and defenseman. During that time he recorded 10 goals, 21 assists, and 31 points. (1952-1955).

At Michigan State he was awarded the Army ROTC Distinguished Military Student Award his senior year.

Following military service in Korea, he had a very distinguished career as a district manager for General Motors Corporation in Detroit, New York, and Cleveland.

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