

GARY TAIVALKOSKI

Lettered in football (2), basketball (2) and track (3) while attending Calumet High School.
Was selected to serve as team captain in all three sports (1973-1977).

Named to the Copper Country All-Conference 1st team in football as an offensive end (1976)

Set two school basketball records with 21 field goals and 46 points against Dollar Bay.
(1977).

Selected as the basketball team's Most Valuable Player after averaging 17.2 points and
13.7 rebounds per game in his senior year (1976-77).

Voted to the Copper Country All-Conference basketball 1st team and the Class A-B All-U.P.
2nd team (1976-77).

Competed in track and field by running the 120 yard high hurdles, the 330 yard low hurdles,
the relays, the high jump and long jump (1974-77).

Set a school record as a sophomore by high jumping 6' 1" at the U.P. Track Finals (1975).

Broke the Copper Country Conference record as a junior with a high jump of 5'11" and
again as a senior with a jump of 6' ½" (1976 & 1977).

Established a school record in the 330 yard low hurdles with a time of 42.70 seconds
(1977).

Broke his own school record by jumping 6'4" at a meet in Niagara, Wisconsin (1977).

As a senior, set two U.P. records with a high jump of 6'3" in the Class A-B regionals and
then a jump of 6'4 ½" in the Class A-B finals (1977).

Received the George Gipp Award as the most outstanding senior male athlete (1977).

Played one year of varsity basketball at Michigan Tech University (1977-78).

Competed in track at MTU and finished 5th in the high jump at the G.L.I.A.C. championship
(1978).

Transferred to Central Michigan and set a personal best high jump of 6'7" in an indoor meet
(1980).

An outstanding athlete at CHS who set school records in two sports and went on to compete
in track and basketball at the college level.

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