

MICHAEL ANDERSON

Class of 1986



Michael Anderson graduated from Mynderse Academy in 1986. While at Mynderse, Mike was a multi-year letter winner in football, basketball and baseball and served as team captain for two sports. He was a 3 year starter in football and starred as a running back, defensive end/linebacker, and defensive back. Mike was selected by the *Democrat and Chronicle* as a running back to watch in the Greater Rochester area. He was selected for the *Democrat and Chronicle* Honor Roll vs. Pal-Mac (21 rushes for 127 yards and 1 touchdown) and Midlakes (24 carries for 214 yards and 4 touchdowns) and would go on to be selected as second team All Greater Rochester. Mike earned two second team All-League honors as a running back and was selected to the Eddie Meath All-Star game. Mike's junior year was cut short due to a leg injury, but he still was able to average 6.5 yards per carry and rush for 434 yards with 4 touchdowns before missing the last 3 games. As a defensive back, Mike was able to record 43 tackles with one fumble recovery and 2 interceptions in five games. In his senior season, he was the recipient of the Mynderse Offensive Player Award, rushing for 1,000 yards with 10 touchdowns and leading the league with 7.4 yards per carry. As a linebacker during his senior season, Mike was one of the team leaders with 65 tackles, 2 fumble recoveries, and 2 interceptions. He would go on to be named second team All-League as a linebacker.

In baseball, Mike was a 2-year starting in left and center fields. He was team captain and earned first team All-League honors for outfield in his junior and senior years. As an outfielder, Mike did not commit an error in his junior year with only one error in the field in his senior season. In his junior year, he had a batting average of .385, led the team in RBIs (22), runs scored (29), homeruns (3), tied for the team leadership in hits (25), and was second with 12 steals (in 12 attempts). In his senior year, he had a batting average of .349 and led the team in RBIs (18), runs

scored (21), steals (8 for 8), homeruns (3), and tied in hits with 18. He was a member of the FL East vs West Senior All-Star game. He was recipient of the Mynderse Batting Award. His career statistics consisted of 40 RBIs, a batting average of .368, 50 runs scored, 20 of 20 in stolen base attempts, 43 hits, and 6 homeruns. Mike was a member of the Section V Class A championship team in his junior year and reached the semi-finals in his senior year.

In basketball, Mike was a 3 year starter at forward and was elected team captain. He earned the Babe Ruth Foundation Sportsmanship Award.

Mike went on to play collegiate football at Alfred University (1986) where he led the team in yards per carry (11.14) and was a member of the ECAC Northern Champions (9-2) before transferring to SUNY Cortland for his final three years ('87-'90). In his sophomore year at Cortland, Mike led the team in kick-off returns, averaging 19.1 yards per return, and recorded 343 all-purpose yards on the offensive side of the ball. Mike was the starting running back in his junior year and averaged 7.3 yards per carry, rushing for 220 yards in the first three games before a shoulder injury sidelined him for the rest of the regular season. Cortland would go on to record a 10-0 undefeated regular season and earn a number two ranking in the region entering the NCAA Tournament. Mike made it back to participate in post season play where Cortland would go on to lose to the eventual national champions, Ithaca College, in the Eastern Championship. Cortland had beaten Ithaca during the regular season. In his senior year, Cortland would again be ranked nationally and would advance to the NCAA Eastern Regional. Mike would again lead the team in kickoff returns averaging 22.2 yards per return.

After graduation, Mike spent numerous years in Seneca Falls coaching Little League, youth football, rec and CYO basketball, and also served as a volunteer varsity baseball coach at Mynderse. He has also coached football and baseball at the high school level and softball at the college level. He was a member of the coaching staff for the Waterloo football team where they posted a one loss season and played in the sectional finals against Hornell.

Mike has taught physical education and coached for 14 years and has been an athletic administrator for the past 9 years. He lives in Seneca Falls with his wife Lisa, sons Sean, Jason, and Brett.