

JERRY ANDERSON

CLASS OF 1992



Mynderse Academy has produced a number of multi-talented athletes. Jerry Anderson is no exception, excelling in football, basketball and baseball. He is to be considered, with several others, in the elite category of these storied athletes. He was an outstanding leader as well, having been chosen as captain in all three sports.

Playing three years of Varsity Football, Jerry was selected to the Finger Lakes 1st Team his junior and senior years. His senior year, he was also selected to the 1st Team offensive and defensive squads, earning Player of the Year honors. For his outstanding effort, he was selected for the Section V Eddie Meath All-Star Game. He showed his athleticism by starting at four different positions throughout his career; quarterback, wide receiver, defensive back and linebacker, wherever his team needed him most.

In the winter, Jerry played basketball. As a starting forward and part time guard, he proved himself on the court in many different ways. A tenacious defender, he often guarded the opponent's best big man. A relentless rebounder, he seemed to be always in the right spot. An offensive force, he was capable of "taking over a game" when needed and always looking to hit the open man. His hard work paid off, being selected to the 1st Team Finger Lakes East All-Star Team, two Waterloo Tip-Off Tournament All-Star teams, and two Section V All-Tournament Teams. In the NYS Final Four, Jerry was also selected for the All-Tournament Team. He was a NYS Writers All-State 7th Team Choice along with being on the "Fab Five" 1st Team. Jerry played in the Finger Lakes Exceptional Senior Game and was a Ronald McDonald All-Star selection.

In the spring, Jerry again showed his athletic versatility on the baseball diamond, earning 1st Team Finger Lakes All-League status. He was a pitcher, first baseman, and outfielder in his three years on Varsity.

For his combined efforts in these sports, Jerry was voted the Outstanding Male Athlete his senior year at Mynderse Academy and received five prestigious senior awards: Angelo Suffredini Award, James Amidon Award, the David Geitner Award, the Stu Smith Award and the Pete Giusti Award.

Upon graduating from Mynderse, Jerry went to Ithaca College and continued his outstanding career. He played baseball for HOF Coach, George Valesente, and played in two NCAA College World Series. He also played for the Geneva Knights in the Northeast Collegiate Baseball League.

In the fall, Anderson played for the Ithaca football team and started at strong safety. In 1994, Ithaca played in the National Collegiate Football semi-finals. During the 1995 season, he led the team in interceptions and was 2nd in team tackles while setting school records for blocked kicks in a game, season and career. At Ithaca, Jerry was awarded the Michael S. Bond Award given to the outstanding student on the Ithaca football team.

Jerry resides in Seneca Falls and is heavily involved in community activities such as high school girls' basketball, Little League baseball, and Community Center basketball to name a few.

Jerry and his wife, Kelly, can always be found at daughter Brittany's and son Devin's many athletic events. He is employed by ITT Goulds Pumps in Seneca Falls.