



Jimmy Blanchard

Athlete: 1996

Inducted 2023

Jimmy Blanchard is a Grants Pass native having attended Fort Vannoy Elementary, Lincoln Elementary, North Junior High, and Grants Pass High School. He spent his early years as a Caveman ball boy waiting for his opportunity to be a Caveman and play football on Mel Ingram Field.

Jimmy was an outstanding three sport athlete, earning ten varsity letters in football (3), basketball (3), and baseball (4). Out of high school, he was drafted by the Kansas City Royals professional baseball team but chose instead to play collegiate football with the Portland State Vikings. Following his collegiate career, Jimmy signed a free-agent contract with the Jacksonville Jaguars of the National Football League.

During his standout football career, Jimmy led the Cavemen football team to the conference title in 1994. He earned all-conference honors his junior and senior years at four positions, quarterback, punter, placekicker and defensive back. He also garnered All-State honors both his junior and senior seasons at multiple positions. He was elected captain his senior year by his team. After his senior year, he was selected to play in the Shriners All-Star football game.

Jimmy was known for his lockdown defense in basketball being assigned to guard the opponent's best scorer. He played on the State Tournament team as a sophomore and was elected team captain as a senior.

Jimmy began his baseball career as the starting shortstop his freshman year. He earned first team all-conference and first team all-state honors both his junior and senior seasons. He was elected captain by his teammates and was selected to play in the North/South All-Star baseball game featuring the best players in Oregon.

At Portland State, Jimmy became one of the most efficient quarterbacks in PSU history. He ranks second all-time in passing yardage (8455), passing touchdowns (63), and pass completions (618). In 1999, Jimmy set the NCAA record for most consecutive passes without an interception (342) when he threw for 29 touchdowns and only 3 interceptions. He also shares an NCAA record for the longest touchdown pass from scrimmage (99 yds). He was a two-time All-Big Sky Conference selection, led the Vikings to their first ever Division I AA playoff berth, and was a two-year candidate for the Walter Payton Award which honors the nation's best offensive player. Jimmy also was a four-time Academic All-Big Sky honoree. He was inducted into the Portland State University Athletics Hall of Fame in 2008.

After earning his Bachelor of Science degree in Health Administration at Portland State, he began his career in Medical Technologies "Medtech". Always focused on leading teams and developing people, he has remained in MedTech for 20 years and is currently Vice President of Sales for Acumed, a Global Leader in orthopedic fracture care.

Jimmy is married to Kami and they have three daughters, Hailey, Hannah and Mae.