

## **Greg D'Auria**

### **Football, Baseball**

### **Class of 1970**

The D'Auria family has provided Nyack High School with a number of phenomenal athletes during the school's history, and Greg D'Auria certainly lived up to the family tradition. Greg was a powerful force on a dominant Nyack Football team that won titles all three years he was on the team. He was also a star on the Baseball team, which he helped improve dramatically over his three years on the squad. D'Auria attended Temple University on a full ride out of high school, and also played college Football at the University of Vermont.

As a Sophomore in 1967, Greg made a varsity football team that was coming off a title-winning campaign in 1966. D'Auria started on defense and came in as a substitute on offense. He recorded an interception in a win over Clarkstown on the way to helping Nyack defend its PSAL title. In Greg's junior year, he helped form one of the most dominant linebacking corps in NHS history, along with Robert Corvino (NHSAHOF 2015). In a win over Suffern, he blocked an extra point, and had a sack and fumble recovery. D'Auria had an interception in a win over Nanuet to clinch the County title, under first-year Coach Paul Lankau (NHSAHOF 2016). D'Auria and Corvino were both selected as All County linebackers.

In his senior year, Greg switched from Tight End to Center, hiking the ball to Quarterback Dale Lydecker (NHSAHOF 2017). D'Auria was a Captain, and a leader on both Offense and Defense. He recovered a fumble in the title-clinching win over Nanuet. Greg earned numerous accolades, including All County (offense and defense), All State (as a Center), Rockland County Lineman of the Year, and Monday Morning Quarterback MVP. D'Auria also excelled in Baseball. In his sophomore year, he was the team's Catcher, but he and the team struggled. In his junior year, Greg switched to First Base, and both he and the team improved. He stepped up when the team needed him, in a wild comeback against Spring Valley. D'Auria had three hits, three RBIs and a crucial two-run double in the bottom of the seventh, to help Nyack overcome a 10-0 deficit and win 15-14.

In his senior year, Greg became one of the best players in the area. He hit .412 and had 13 RBIS, and also had a .975 fielding percentage. D'Auria had several notable performances in his senior campaign. He drove in the winning run against Spring Valley and hit back-to-back home runs with Dale Lydecker (NHSAHOF 2017) in a loss to Suffern. Greg's excellent season earned him All County honors, and he helped lead the team to its first winning record in his three years with them. In his remarkable Nyack sports career, D'Auria was a major contributor to both our Football and Baseball programs. He won numerous titles and accolades, making his family and his school proud.