

## **Scott Finlay**

### **Football, Hockey, Lacrosse**

### **Class of 1974**

Athletes are often measured by how they perform on the biggest stages. Scott Finlay shone brightest when it mattered most. He delivered clutch performances to help Nyack win titles in Hockey and Lacrosse. Finlay was versatile enough to excel in three different sports, and he went on to have a phenomenal college career.

Scott played Varsity Football for three years, leading NHS as a linebacker and a kicker. He was named Second Team All-County in 1973. His Football teammates included Steve Wanamaker and Robert Woods, both NHSAHOF class of 2015. His coach was the legendary Paul Lankau, NHSAHOF 2016. Finlay also starred on the Hockey team for 3 years. During his junior year, both of Nyack's goalkeepers got injured, so Scott took over in the net. After losing in his first game as goalie, he had 2 straight shut-outs to end the season. Finlay's finest moment came his senior year, when he scored a pivotal power-play goal in Nyack's 2-1 victory over Suffern, to win the Hudson Valley Hockey League's Huntington Playoffs.

Scott's greatest achievements came in Lacrosse. He was All County as a Sophomore, Junior and Senior, and set a Rockland County record with 109 career goals. In his senior year, he was one of the team's Captains. That season, he won more than 80% of his face-offs, and set a League record with 29 goals, on the way to earning All-American honors. Late in the season, Finlay scored the game-winning goal from 40 yards out, as Nyack beat Suffern 7-5. The victory helped Nyack earn a PSAL CO-Championship.

After NHS, Scott enjoyed a remarkable Lacrosse career in the Army. He led the team in scoring all four years, and was never held scoreless. Finlay was twice named an All-American, and set a West Point career goal-scoring record that stood for 35 years. He was inducted into the Hudson Valley Lacrosse Hall of Fame in recognition of his impressive career. Scott helped pave the way for many future Nyack lacrosse stars, and his heroics in leading NHS to championships in multiple sports will go down as some of the greatest moments in the school's athletic history.