

Max Krance

Soccer, Football, Track, Tennis, Baseball

Class of 1997

Some athletes are celebrated for playing 2 or 3 varsity sports, but Max Krance played 5. In fact, his classmates voted him “Most Athletic” his senior year. Max started his Varsity career in Middle School, playing Tennis in 7th and 8th grade. He even played 2 varsity sports at once, Soccer and Football, in his Sophomore year. Krance shined brightest in Baseball, leading the team to a League title, and winning several individual awards.

In Soccer, Max was a team leader, playing Goalie and Midfield. His junior year, he helped his team win a League title, and he was named All-League. As a Captain his senior season, Max led the team to another League championship and was named All League and All-Section Honorable Mention.

Krance had a busy fall his sophomore year. In addition to his duties with the Soccer team, he served as backup kicker for the football team. He even made one kickoff in a late-season game at home. And if playing for two varsity teams was not enough, Max also played Fall Baseball on the weekends.

Krance played Second Doubles for the Tennis team as a 7th grader, helping the team win a League championship. The following year, Max was part of another League champion Tennis squad. In Track, Krance specialized in running sprints and throwing shot-put. During his Sophomore year, he helped Nyack win a Section Title. As a senior, Max was named the team's MVP.

Baseball got off to a great start his Sophomore year, as Krance hit a grand slam in his first Varsity at-bat. Amazingly, he started a hitting streak that season that lasted 43 games, into his senior year, setting a Rockland County record. In 1997, Max led the team to its first League title since 1971. Behind Krance's exploits at the plate and in the field, Nyack went 22-5, and made it to their first Section 1 Semifinal. Among his accolades were Team MVP, Section 1 Diamond 9 Scholar, and Rockland County Player of the Year. He was also All-League, All-County and All-Section in both his Junior and Senior seasons.

After high school, Krance played 4 years of D-1 Baseball at Princeton University. He finished as Princeton's 2nd all-time leader in hits and RBI's. Max helped the team win Ivy League championships in 2000 and 2001. Between his Junior and Senior years of college, he played in the Cape Cod league, and was 2nd on his team in batting average, after future Red Sox star Kevin Youkilis. Krance also played 2 years of professional baseball in the Frontier League. Since then, he has coached Baseball at Chelsea Piers, and eventually became Baseball Director at Chelsea Piers Connecticut.

Max's versatility and talent have always been remarkable, and his character has likewise been commended. At the conclusion of his NHS career, Max received the Nyack Coaches Award for Leadership and Sportsmanship in Athletics. Krance won a lot of championships, and he did it with class and integrity.