



## Devon Fallon

### Softball, Basketball, Soccer

### Class of 1998

Great teams usually need team-first, defensive-minded players to take them over the top, and Devon Fallon was certainly one of those players during her time at Nyack High. Fallon was a key member of several powerful Nyack teams in the mid-to-late 1990s, excelling as a first baseman in Softball, a forward in Basketball, and a defender in Soccer. Devon won numerous league titles and postseason accolades between her three sports, and her effort and character won her the respect of players and coaches throughout the area.

In Softball, Fallon was a four-year starter under legendary Head Coach Tony Boffa (NHSAHOF 2015). As a freshman, Devon helped the team win a league title, earn a 2-seed for the section playoffs, and advance to the section championship series. Her sophomore season she earned All-League honors after helping to lead the team to another league title and an 18-4 record. Fallon helped Nyack reach the section semifinals where they nearly knocked off perennial champions Brewster. Devon became a captain her junior season. She led Nyack in batting average and extra bases, and was named All-League, All-Section, and Team MVP. Behind Fallon, Nyack won

the Nanuet Tournament title and she was named Tournament MVP. As a senior, she once again led the team in average and extra bases and earned All-League, All-Section, and All-County honors. Devon was named Team MVP again, showcasing her leadership throughout the season, such as in a comeback win versus Clarkstown North. She broke up a no-hitter with a triple in the 4th inning, and later hit another triple as Nyack overcame a 12-4 deficit to win 13-12.

Fallon was a key part of Nyack's dominant run in Girls Basketball in the 1990s. Her sophomore year, the team was a 2-seed and advanced to the section finals. As a junior she became a starter, earning All-League honors as the team advanced to the section semifinals as a 1-seed. When Devon was a senior, she helped lead Nyack to the section finals in the first year that the girls' finals were held at the Westchester County Center. She led a powerful Nyack defense that held opponents to 35 points or less 13 times that season, including in the semifinals. She won the Coach's Award along with All-League, All-Section, and All-County honors. Playing alongside Erica Lawrence (NHSAHOF 2016), Allison Chambers (2017), and Liz Gilroy (2019) over the years, Fallon won league titles all three years on the team.

Devon was a four-year varsity player in soccer. As a freshman, she was part of a staunch Nyack defense alongside Liz Chambers (NHSAHOF 2018), helping the team win a league title and reach the section finals. Fallon was All-League as a junior and All-League, All-Section, and All-County as a senior. Devon was admired for her leadership even as the team fell on hard times. She was named captain and Team MVP as a junior and senior and was celebrated for her defense and effort. Fallon also excelled in the classroom, finishing top ten in her class and being named a Journal News Scholar Athlete of the Week. She earned the respect of opposing players and coaches as well as her own teammates and coaches. Darren Shepard, her Head Basketball Coach, praised her for work ethic: "I have coached since 1974 and it's no small statement when I say Devon is the hardest working young lady I have ever coached."