



Joe Rader is Olympians All-Time Scoring Leader in Boys' Basketball



Joe Rader graduated from Jim Thorpe Area High School in 1993 and when his basketball career was over he finished as the All-Time leading scorer in school history with a total of 1,348 points.

Rader received three varsity letters in basketball. He was a 2-time MVP in both his junior and senior seasons and averaged over 20 points a game. In his three seasons, Rader's team qualified each year for the district playoffs and he was a member of the 1991-1992 unit that was runner-up in the District #11 playoffs.

He captained the Olympians during the 1992-1993 season scoring 485 points and scored in double figures 52 of his 53 final high school games with a career game high of 31 points. He was a two-time First Team selection of the Times-News; represented the Pocono Region in the Keystone State games; was on the Sesquicentennial 1993 Boys Basketball Team and was selected to the 5th Team All-State Team in 1992-1993 that included

both Class A and Class AA players. At that time, Rader was only the second player (Don Herman, 1972 first team, was the other) in the history of Jim Thorpe to make any of the All-State teams in basketball.

After graduation Rader went on to get a bachelor's degree in Psychology from Muhlenberg College where he earned a varsity letter in basketball. He received his M.ED. from Widener University and his ED.S. in Educational Leadership from Barry University In Miami Shores, Florida.

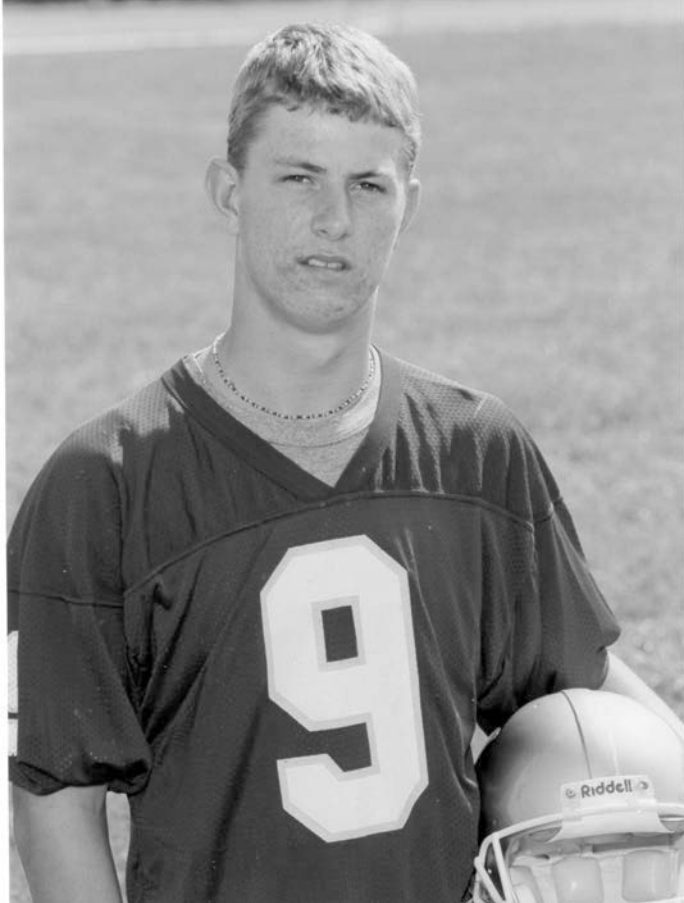
Since then, Rader has been a Special Education Teacher in Collier County, Florida and has been the Head Varsity Basketball Coach at Palmetto Ridge High School in Naples, Florida from 2004-2011 and Baron Collier High School, also in Naples, Florida from 2012 to the present

He lives in Naples, Florida with his wife, Jen, and their two sons; Mason and Quinn.





Eric Schrantz excels in three sports at Jim Thorpe High School



When Eric Schrantz graduated from JTAHS in 1994 he had earned 10 varsity letters; four each in football and baseball and two in basketball.

Schrantz was the MVP during the 1993 football season for the Olympians. As a senior in his second season as an All-Star starter and team captain at quarterback, his 92 of 193 completed passes for 1,375 yards and 11 touchdowns in the regular season led all quarterbacks in the area and he finished as a two-way First Team selection at both quarterback and defensive back in the Mid-Penn Football Conference's Eastern Division. The Olympians earned a spot in the Eastern Conference playoffs with an 8-3 record. Schrantz played in the Kiwanis Classic All-Star Football game and was selected as the MVP in that game. He was honored at the Lehigh Valley Scholar Athlete Dinner for being ranked 20 out of 90 in his senior class.

Schrantz started in the infield as a sophomore on the 1992 Olympian baseball team that won 19 games that season and captured the District #11 Class AA Championship. As a junior, Schrantz added pitching to his resume going 5-2 in his junior season and 6-2 in his senior year as he helped the Olympians qualify for the district playoffs in both years. As a senior, he was selected as the MVP of the baseball team.

In basketball, Schrantz scored 356 points, averaging 14.8 points per game as a senior. He hit for double figures in all but two of the Olympians 23 regular season games and helped to lead the Olympians to a 15-8 record and a spot in the District #11 AA playoffs.

In 1994, Schrantz signed a letter of intent to play both football and baseball at Kutztown University. He played football at Kutztown for three years and then played quarterback for the Kutztown University Flag Football Team that went all the way to the National quarter-finals and were ranked 21st nationally in 1997.

Schrantz then went on to the Allentown Police Academy where he graduated with a B.S. in Criminal Justice. He is presently a police officer in Jim Thorpe and lives there with his wife, Kriston, and his two sons, Brody and Landon.





Erin Kennedy Uses Her Talents to Lead USA Rugby Program



Erin Kennedy graduated from Jim Thorpe Area High School in 2003 and earned a host of athletic and leadership awards while being there. She received 11 varsity letters in Cross Country, Basketball and Softball. As a Captain on the Cross Country team, Kennedy led the team to a 7-1 record in her junior year and a 7-2 record in her Senior Year where as the Most Valuable Runner on the team she helped to bring a District III Cross Country Championship to Jim Thorpe. On the basketball court she received the “Coaches’ Award” in both her junior and senior years. She also received the “Coaches’ Award” two years in a row while playing softball. Kennedy was voted as the MVP of the Softball team as a Senior.

She was also the Senior Class President; Yearbook Editor-in-Chief, Homecoming Queen in 2002 and was the recipient of The Jim Thorpe Hall of Fame’s Annual Scholarship.

Erin graduated from Marywood University in 2007 with a major in Clinical Psychology and then went on to the University of Denver where she received a Master’s Degree in Sports Psychology in 2009.

It was in Denver where Kennedy became involved in the USA Olympic Committee where she worked directly with the USOC Manager of Coaching Education. She became part of the USA Rugby Program where as the National Youth Development Manager her responsibility is to create opportunities for young people to play rugby throughout the United States. She manages, supervises, coordinates and develops rugby programs at all grade levels in all of the state rugby organizations nationwide.

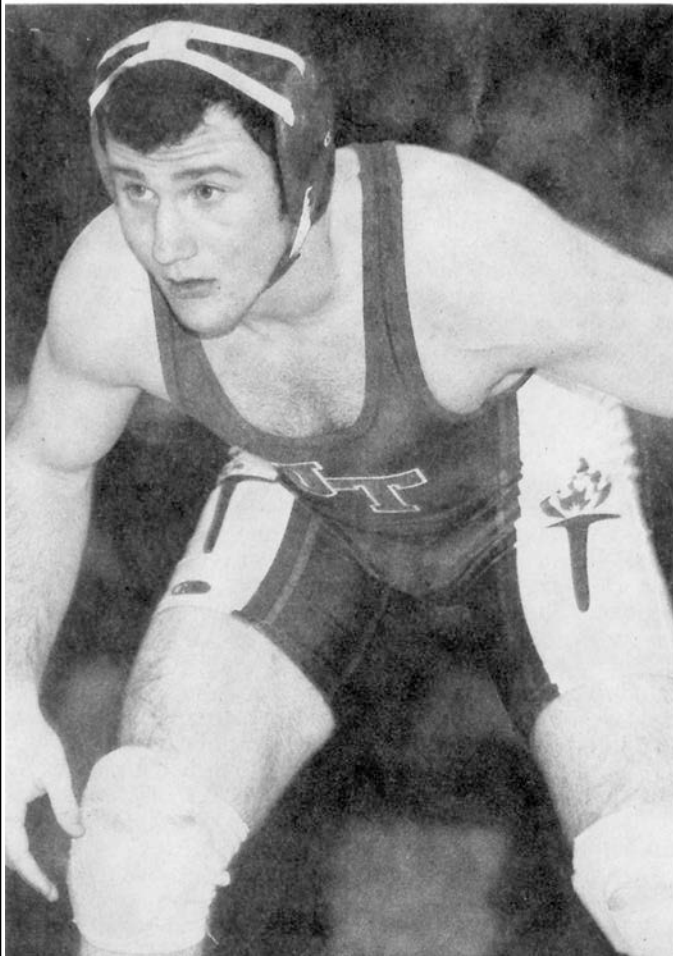
Along with being the Special Projects Manager for the USA Olympic Committee, she is also a certified USA Rugby Coach and Referee; is the Head Coach of the Boulder, Colorado High School Girl’s Rugby team and has been a member of the Boulder Woman’s Rugby team since 2009.

In 2010 she worked for the USOC at the 2010 Youth Olympic Games in Singapore.





Shawn Bradley excels in Football, Wrestling and Power Lifting



Shawn Bradley left behind a successful career in football, wrestling and power-lifting when he graduated from Jim Thorpe in 2006.

In football, he was a four-year letterman and finished his football career playing for the 2006 Olympian football team that finished 10-1 and played for the first District #11 championship in school history. He started all four years at nose guard on defense and anchored the offensive line playing at center and guard. He was named to the First Team All-Anthracite team and to the Schuylkill County All-Star Team three times and was named to the 2006 TIMES-NEWS All-Star First Team as a defensive lineman. His coach, Mark Rosenberger, described him as being “an extremely dedicated athlete who left it all on the field. His overall character and intensity will be greatly missed”.

Wrestling in the 170 pound class, Bradley finished his career with an overall record of 105-36 which placed him 4th in total wins as part of an elite group of wrestlers at Jim Thorpe who exceeded 100 wins in their career. As a

senior, he finished with a 25-2 overall record while winning the gold medal in the Jim Thorpe Christmas Tournament.

To close out his senior year, Bradley took up power-lifting and led the Olympian “Deadlift” team to the 2006 USA Powerlifting Pennsylvania State Championship. His lift of 518 lbs. in the 181 lb. weight class set a state record.

Upon graduation, Bradley announced that he would play football and wrestle at Wilkes University beginning In 2007. He achieved a record of 11-5 as a freshman on the Wilkes Wrestling Team. Bradley later transferred to Kutztown University and earned a degree from Kutztown in 2013.

He now resides in Etters, PA.





1987 Jim Thorpe Baseball Team were First-Time District #11 Finalists



The 1987 Jim Thorpe baseball team, coached by Dave Malkin, compiled a 15-5 overall record for the 1987 season and was full of “firsts” for the Olympian Baseball Program.

They were the first team in school history to win a District #11 playoff game; to advance to the District #11 Championship game and the first to qualify for the P.I.A.A State AA tournament. They also finished as Schuylkill League Division II North Champions with a record of 11-3. During the 1987 District #11 playoffs, the Olympians defeated Freeland 3-2, Marian 8-4, Tri-Valley 2-0 before losing in the championship game to Salisbury, 8-3.

Overall, the senior class members were part of a team that compiled a Schuylkill League four-year record of 43-15 (.768) while winning 3 Division II North Championships. During their last two years they were 24-4 with a winning percentage of .875. The team was consistent both on offense and defense and were only shutout once all year and that happened in the final game of the year in the State Playoffs. The pitching staff compiled a team ERA of 3.60 through 20 games and were led by Pat Large, who was 6-1, Dennis Bincarosky (4-1) and John Searfoss (5-3).

The Olympians’ batters had 42 extra base hits as part of a team batting average of .315. Leading the team with outstanding seasons at the plate were: John Searfoss (.468); Dave Rimsky (.348); Tim Benyo (.345); Dennis Bincarosky (.344) and Pat Large (.324).

The team was led by Head Coach, Dave Malkin and Assistant Coach, Sid Liera. The Olympian team members were: Dennis Bincarosky, Dave Brown, Pat Large, Mike Pope, Dave Rimsky, John Searfoss, Calvin Ulshafer, John Valick, Tim Benyo, John Cooper, Craig Armbruster, Chris Bott, Tony Wolfe, John Dennis, Rob Kovac, Joe Doll and Mark Rimsky. Team managers were Kelly Kmetz and Leann Brunner.

