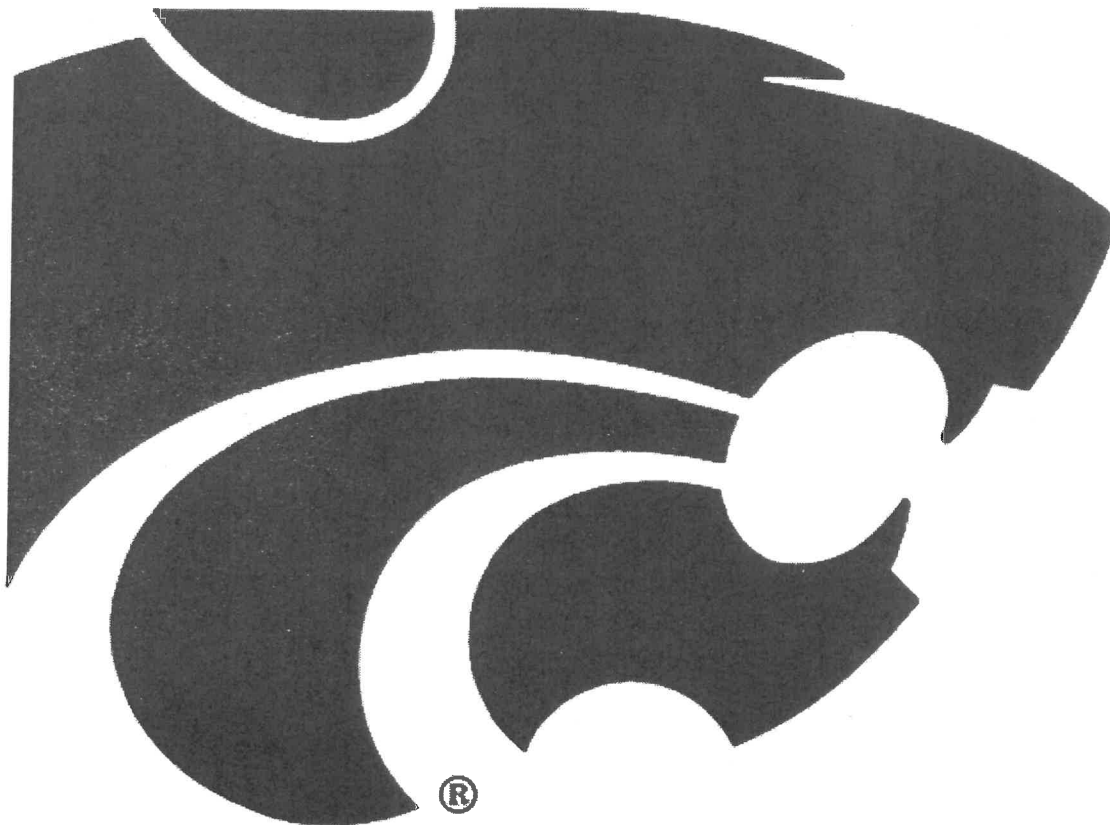


Kennedy Athletic Hall of Fame



Class of 2004 *Friday, February 13, 2004*

Athletes

*David O. Brown
Jody Ream*

Boosters

*Tom Berthel
Bud Wiese
Jerry Danforth
Leroy Kremer
Paul Johnson*

Coaches

*Jim Hermann
Ed Miller*

David O. Brown – Dave Brown was a valued member of the Class of '77. Throughout his high school career, Dave participated in a variety of Kennedy activities. A three-sport athlete, Dave played a key role in the football, wrestling, and club soccer programs. Although Dave was a significant contributor on the football field and as a member of the Cougar soccer program, Dave's true passion was found on the mats in the heat-filled wrestling room. Dave's presence on the wrestling mat was felt from the very moment he stepped into the center circle as a sophomore in the fall of 1974. A dedicated athlete, his leadership style and work ethic would help guide the Cougars over the next three years. In the spring of his sophomore year, Dave led a youthful group of wrestlers to Des Moines where he completed a sterling season with a State Runner-up finish in the 119-pound weight class. Dave's dream and determination to win it all carried him through the next two wrestling seasons. In 1976 Dave entered District competition with a perfect 18-0 record. A lesson well-learned for all athletes is to take nothing for granted as evidenced by a disappointing loss at Districts his junior year. That loss left Dave even more determined to stand atop the championship awards stand. Dave's pursuit of a state wrestling title was relentless. While others complained of being tired or injured, Dave marched on with his mission. His quest was realized on a cold February night in Des Moines as he knelt down to accept the 138-pound gold medal at the 1977 IHSAA State Wrestling Tournament. Dave went on to win the AAU High School Central Region Freestyle Wrestling Championships and earn a wrestling scholarship at Iowa State University.

Dave Brown attended Iowa State University on a wrestling scholarship from 1977 through 1982. A three-time NCAA National Tournament Qualifier, Dave helped guide the Cyclones to two NCAA National Runner-up titles and a third place finish at Nationals. Along the way, Dave earned All-American recognition for his 3rd and 6th place finishes at the NCAA National Tournament. During his tenure at Iowa State, he also helped the Cyclones to consecutive Big Eight Conference Champion and Runner-up titles. In 1981, Dave was honored as the Walt Smith Ring Award recipient. This recognition is given to the outstanding wrestler at Iowa State. A very special award in light of the fact that two NCAA D1 Champions, Jim Gibbons (future ISU Head Wrestling Coach) and Nate Care (Future Olympic Bronze Medalist), were also members of that team. Dave also participated in the soccer program at Iowa State. From 1980 through 1982 Dave played for the Cyclones on the University Club soccer team. Playing soccer for the Clones was merely an extension of the Cougar Club Soccer program and the Cedar Rapids Comets Men's Soccer Club he played on while in high school. Two-sport Division 1 athletes are certainly rare and unique opportunities. Dave's tremendous work ethic and dedication allowed him to excel in both endeavors at the same time.

Dave graduated from ISU in the spring of 1982 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in physical education and coaching. Following his stellar collegiate career, Dave began his teaching career as a substitute teacher in the Mason City and Clear Lake Community School District. While there, Dave founded and coached the Mason City Soccer Club and helped organize the Clear Lake Parks and Recreation kids soccer program. He also taught physical education and coached varsity wrestling in the Clear Lake Community School District. In his free time, Dave returned to the classroom at Buena Vista College to earn advanced degrees in Business and Finance. Dave branched out of the education market to take on the responsibility of a full-time grain and livestock farmer on the family farm and US Postal Service worker in the Mason City area. Dave continues his community service to the Mason City as a youth soccer coach for the YMCA program and the Mason City Parks and Recreation youth soccer program. He also serves as a volunteer for the local chapter of the Habitat for Humanity program in Mason City. In his free time, Dave is a player/coach for the Iowa Select Rugby Team and the River City Rugby Club in Mason City. Currently, Dave works as a substitute teacher in the Mason City area. He also owns and operates a lawn service and dabbles in real estate.

Dave and his wife Cynthia are raising two wonderful children in Mason City, Iowa. They are the proud parents of sons Jefferson and Matthew. Dave's family extends to his stepson Jake Kappmeyer, his wife Heather and their children Madelyn and Jack and to his stepdaughter Serina, her husband Morgan and their children Simon and Grayce. It is my distinct please in introducing our newest member to the Kennedy High School Athletic **Hall of Fame – David Brown.**

Jody Ream – Jody graduated from Kennedy High School in the spring of 1988. Jody participated in volleyball, basketball, and softball at Kennedy High School. Although a varsity letter winner in all three

sports, Jody's favorite sport and her sport of choice was softball. In softball, Jody surpassed those around her in dedication and determination. Jody was the catalyst on a team filled with several exceptional players and yet Jody stood out. Her presence was felt throughout the Conference and across the state. So much so that she was selected to the All-Metro, All-Conference, and All-State teams each of the four seasons she competed in. She was an Academic All-Conference performer and graduated with Academic Honors from Kennedy High School. Jody Ream was clearly an impact player for the Cougars. She was capable of changing the flow of a game with a single action. A diving catch, stretching a hit into an extra base hit, a stolen base, or a game winning hit were expected behaviors for Jody Ream. More often than not an outstanding play she made look routine with her athleticism. In 1986, Jody guided the Cougars to their first Mississippi Valley Conference Championship in softball. She dominated play on more than one occasion and led the team in virtually every offensive and defensive category. During her senior season, Jody and teammate Lisa Smith (Hall of Fame – Class of 2000) provided the Cougar faithful with a home run derby contest throughout the season. They each finished the year with six round-trippers apiece. That remains a current Cougar record for home runs in a single season.

Following her successful high school career, Jody attended Creighton University on a softball scholarship and played during the 1988-99 season for the Lady Jays. Her tough-minded approach to softball earned her All-Conference recognition her freshman year. In the spring of 1989, Jody suffered a serious rotator cuff injury that ended her collegiate softball career. Interestingly enough the injury she suffered rekindled her interest in sports medicine. Jody decided to transfer to the University of Nevada in Las Vegas to pursue a degree in kinesiology. In 1995 she earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Nevada. A desire to return to Iowa prompted Jody to accept a job with the Cedar River Paper/Weyerhaeuser Company in Cedar Rapids as an inventory engineer and computer software design specialist. Jody essentially designed the software used to nation-wide track inventory throughout the Weyerhaeuser system. Earlier this year Jody accepted a promotion with the Weyerhaeuser Company in Seattle, Washington in production and inventory systems management. Jody stays connected to her softball days as a volunteer for the YMCA youth baseball and softball programs. Her parents, Ron and Pat Ream, still reside in Cedar Rapids along with sisters Janette and Robin and their families. Janette's husband Jim is currently stationed with his military unit in Iraq. They have two children Kristin (age 18) and David (age 14). Robin's husband Dennis Hynek is a current teacher/coach with Kennedy High School. Robin and Dennis are raising two wonderful children as well, Robin's son Gage (age 6) and Dennis' son David. Jody is especially proud of her niece and nephews. Last summer the Iowa Girls' High School Athletic Union and the Iowa Softball Coaches Association honored Jody by her induction into the 2003 IGHS AU Hall of Fame. It is appropriate and fitting that we recognize Jody Ream in similar fashion. Please join me in acknowledging this very special person. **Hall of Famer – Jody Ream.**

Jim Hermann – Jim Hermann was born and raised in the central Iowa farming community of Sheldahl, Iowa. A product of Sheldahl High School (Class of 1954), Jim acquired his love of sport by his involvement in basketball and baseball. Jim was an outstanding athlete and earned a baseball scholarship at Iowa State University. Interestingly enough, Jim didn't play high school baseball for Sheldahl High School. In fact he played for rival Slater High School on the Junior Legion team prior to any organized IHSAA sponsored activity. Through Jim's involvement in sports, his competitive spirit blossomed. That competitive spirit would help shape Jim's adult career as a teacher and coach. In 1958, Jim's journey began in earnest as he earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in education. His goal of teaching and coaching took an abrupt turn when he was called to active duty in the U.S. Army. After a short stay in military duty, Jim began his long run as a teacher/coach in the fall of '62 at Palo Junior High School. Part of the Shellsburg Community School District, Jim was hired to teach science and coach baseball and basketball. His prowess as a coach was well known in the area. Thus, in the fall of 1963, Jim was recruited to Center Point to teach social studies and coach Pointer basketball and baseball.

Four short years later Jim found himself returning to central Iowa as a graduate assistant at Iowa State University and baseball coach for the Cyclones. At ISU Jim completed his Master's program in physical education and soon returned to eastern Iowa to begin a new teaching assignment at Harding Junior High School in Cedar Rapids. For the next twenty-nine years Jim would be the heart and soul of the Harding teaching and coaching community. In 1987, Jim joined the Cougar coaching staff. Over the next twelve seasons, Jim Hermann would serve as an integral part of the Cougar basketball program. For nine seasons

Jim worked as an assistant coach within the Cougar program. In 1996, Jim assumed the coaching responsibilities of the head sophomore basketball coach. Jim guided the Cougars to a 35-19 record during his tenure. A familiar trademark of his teams was their disciplined approach and pressure defense style of play. Jim's coaching earned him the respect of his colleagues over the years as evidence by his selection to the IBCA's Rouschar Evans Assistant Coach of the Year Award in 1994. That same year Jim was honored as the Metro Area Middle School Coach of the Year. Since retiring in 1997 Jim has stayed active the coaching community by serving as an assistant coach in the Coe College Men's Basketball program. Jim's leadership, dedication, and fair-minded approach to student athletes are the hallmark of his career. Helping kids realize their dream of playing in the "Barn" in Des Moines and being a part of the State Championship teams of '72 and '84 were some of his greatest memories.

Jim and his wife Jean raised two wonderful children. Their daughter Andrea and her husband Bryan live in Clive, Iowa. They have three children, Keagan (age 10), Alexandria (age 8), and Connor (age 5). Daughter Brenda and her husband Rick of Des Moines, Iowa are the parents of Samantha (age 8). They are here this evening to help celebrate the induction of our newest coach into the Cougar Athletic Hall of Fame. Please welcome **Hall of Famer – Jim Hermann**

Ed Miller – Our next inductee is former coaching great Ed Miller. Ed grew up in the north central community of Hampton, Iowa. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from Westmar College and Master's Degree from the University of Iowa. In 1968, Ed started his teaching career in the newly opened Kennedy High School. Two years later, Ed began an illustrious coaching career as the Cougars boys' golf coach. Over the next nine seasons Ed led the Cougars to three Conference Championships, four IHSAA Sectional Championships, and three State Tournament appearances. Following his successful run as the Cougar golf coach, Ed took on a new coaching challenge. In 1980, Ed assumed the leadership duties of the softball program. From 1980 to 1991, Ed guided the Cougars to a 328-150 overall record. Along the way Ed's teams had several firsts. In 1982 the Cougars won their first State Tournament berth. The Cougars also earned their first Conference Championship in 1986 under his leadership. Several of Ed's athletes earned All-Metro, All-Conference, and All-State recognition. One of those athletes is also being recognized this evening – Hall of Fame athlete Jody Ream (Class of 2004).

In 2001, Ed retired from the Cedar Rapids Community School District. He currently enjoys working as an Adjunct Professor at Kirkwood Community College. He and his wife Cheryl remain active within the Cedar Rapids community. Ed is an avid golfer and nature photographer. Please welcome **Hall of Fame inductee – Ed Miller**

Tom Berthel – Tom Berthel first got involved in the Athletic Booster Club in the fall of 1994. A Clinton, Iowa native, Tom long ago established his roots as a Cedar Rapiidian. He and his wife Deanna raised two children. Their daughter Paige graduated from Kennedy High School in 1998. She was an outstanding cross country, track, and basketball athlete for the Cougars. Their son Brandon, a 2001 Kennedy graduate, participated in football and track for the Cougars. Throughout their high school experience Tom and Deanna remained their children's biggest fans and two of Kennedy's strongest supporters. Tom's initial involvement with the Athletic Booster Club came about as a natural reaction to his kid's athletic involvement. Eventually Tom's involvement was manifested in his desire to help the Booster Club work efficiently and effectively. Tom served on numerous fundraising committees and could always be counted on to help with the traditional Booster Club functions. Tom's leadership skills were a perfect match for the leadership functions of the Booster Club. Thus, Tom served as the President of the Booster Club for two years. During that tenure, Tom and Deanna volunteered to serve as the Co-Chair of the Capital Campaign for baseball lights and an all-weather track. During that campaign, they raised nearly \$300,000 to fund the construction of a seven-lane all weather track and a lighted baseball field. It was Tom's leadership, dedication, and work ethic that helped the Booster Club through a process of change. That process was witness to significant increases in the yearly athletic budget and organization of a volunteer work force. Tom brought to the Booster Club that same common sense approach that he uses in his own personal business.

Tom represents all that is good in volunteerism and community service. His activism in Cedar Rapids goes far beyond Kennedy High School. He is one of the most respected business figures in eastern Iowa. Tom's

giving extends much farther than the athletic fields at Kennedy High School. He is active throughout our community working with various charities and philanthropic organizations. His influence can be felt across Iowa. Tom remains an active participant in the political process, his business, and his playtime passion, golf. Although Tom's interests are broad and varied, his family remains his primary focus. It gives me great pleasure in recognizing this unique individual. Please join me in honoring **Hall of Famer – Tom Berthel**.

The Chain Crew – The next four individuals waiting to be introduced can easily be described as the Cougar version of the “League of Extraordinary Gentlemen.” Their biographies can only be described as spectacular. For nearly twenty years these men have faithfully worked the sidelines at Cougar football games. They are without question the very best “Chain Crew” in the State of Iowa. They deserve our recognition for their unselfish years of service to our Kennedy community.

Bud Wiese – Bud has been an active supporter of Kennedy athletics for some twenty-two years. Bud and his wife Geri followed their three children through Kennedy High School. Their daughter Melissa graduated in 1985. She and her husband Tad live in Suwanee, Georgia with their two sons, Adison and Brandt. Chris graduated from Kennedy in 1988. He and his wife Anna live here in Cedar Rapids with their three daughters Michala, Emily, and Lily. Their youngest, Chad, graduated in 1992 and lives in Odenton, Maryland with his wife Abra and their two daughters Sawyer and Elena. Geri has been involved with the Kennedy Booster Club since 1982 when Melissa first entered high school. Bud has volunteer every year since then. He has served as a Kingston Stadium host, scoreboard operator, and of course as a member of our football chain crew. He has also helped with our softball, baseball, football, and boys' basketball parent organizations. He is recognized this evening for his years of service to Kennedy High School. Bud follows his wife Geri (Class of 2001) into the Athletic Hall of Fame. Please welcome our newest Booster Club representative to the **Hall of Fame – Bud Wiese**.

Jerry Danforth – Jerry Danforth has one way or another been involved with Kennedy High School since 1985. Jerry and his wife Nancy followed their two children Jeff (Class of 1988) and Chad (Class of 1990) throughout their high school experience. Along the way, Jerry served the Booster Club with dignity. Jerry enters his twentieth year of working the sidelines at Kennedy football games. Officials working our games have often commented on the professionalism with which our Chain Crew conducts itself. This is certainly a reflection of Jerry's soul. Throughout the years, Jerry has given countless hours of volunteer service to Kennedy High School. He was a Booster Club Board Member for six years and served as the Vice President and later President of the Booster Club in the late '80's. Jerry could often be found taking tickets of selling concessions at Cougar events. Every spring you would find Jerry at the finish line of our track meets volunteering to time events. Jerry's service to Kennedy is notable and deserving of this recognition. Please help me honor **Hall of Famer – Jerry Danforth**.

Leroy Kremer – Leroy and his wife Jayne have been around Cougar athletics for more than seventeen years. Together they raised three sons who wore the Green and Gold. Their oldest, Steven (Class of 1988), now lives in Phoenix, Arizona working as an occupational therapist with Heath Sound. Eric (Class of 1991) has relocated in the Shawnee Kansas area working as a Marketing Manager with the Enterprise Corporation. Patrick (Class of 2002) is currently a full-time student at Culver Stockton College in Canton, Missouri playing football and majoring in Criminal Justice. Patrick coaches baseball for the Cougars in the summer. Leroy and Jayne remain tremendous supporters of the Kennedy Booster Club. Over the years they have worked as a team through the football and baseball support groups and served as representatives to the Booster Club for both sports. Leroy has been an icon on the football sidelines since 1985 with our current crew. He has volunteered countless hours for Booster Club fundraisers throughout those years. He has been a tremendous role model for other parents involved in the Booster Club. **Hall of Famer – Leroy Kremer**.

Paul Johnson – Paul Johnson has served the Kennedy community for the past eighteen years. He has been a mainstay on the Chain Crew for each and every one of those years. Paul and his wife Sandy are the proud parents of two children. Randy (Class of 1988) and his wife Chris live in Cedar Rapids with their children Drew and Ally. Rhonda (Class of 1992) and her husband Keith also reside in Cedar Rapids with their children Katelyn and Thomas. Paul became active in the Kennedy Booster Club in 1985 when Randy first

entered high school. Randy, a four-sport athlete, made it easy for Paul to find ways to be involved. Between Randy and Rhonda, there always seemed as though there was an event to watch and more often than not, to help with. Paul maintains his connection to Kennedy High School through the Cougar Chain Crew. An avid golfer Paul spends much of his free time golfing with his family and watching his grandchildren in their activities. Ladies and gentlemen, please join me in recognizing our newest **Hall of Famer – Paul Johnson.**

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ATHLETES:

DENNIS BASKERVILLE (01)	JENNI ADAMS KEITGES (97)
BRIANNA BENNING (01)	KEVIN KILEY (96)
TONY BOOTH (00)	GAIL KRAMER (95)
TAMMY BRAUER (02)	RANDY KRZECI (97)
MARY HARTMAN BRUCE (98)	DIANA GREENWOOD KURTZ (02)
TINA NAAKTGEBOREN BROOKER (03)	KRISTI LOFTUS (97)
KELLI STEGGALL BURESH (95)	AL LORENZEN (95)
MARI SATHER CHRISTENSEN (03)	LISA SMITH MATTINGLY (98)
TRACY CROCKER (94)	STEVE McDONNELL (98)
JEFF CROY (99)	TOBY MICHAEL (98)
DIRK DUNBAR (94)	GREG MICK (95)
MARK ENRIGHT (95)	RHONDA GARDEMANN MURR (99)
TANYA ROACH EWING (02)	RICK NETOLICKY (96)
RHONDA GERBER FREY (94)	BRENT PAULSON (02)
RICK GILBERTSON (00)	LANCE PAULSON (01)
CHUCK GRAHAM (00)	HERCULES "TY" PAYTON (01)
DAVE GREENWOOD (97)	BILL ROBY (98)
DON GREENWOOD (96)	SHELLY SHEETZ (99)
LINDA SMITH HAYWOOD (96)	KAREN HOFFMAN SPERFSLAGE (00)
JEFF HRUBES (97)	DEE ANN DAVIDSON VANHOECK (94)
CARIE GOODE JANS (01)	MARK VOTROUBEK (96)
CHUCK JOHNSON (03)	LISA SMITH WETTERMAN (00)
RANDY JOHNSON (02)	GLEN ZENOR (03)
LINDA CUNNINGHAM KAZMIERCZAK (96)	

COACHES:

RICK BLACKWELL (01)	FERRY MAUREN (96)
DAVE BROCKWAY (01)	GREG REED (99)
ROSE ELVIDGE (01)	DENNIS RUBENOW (03)
DAVID ETIENNE (94)	DON SHUPE (98)
BILL HERKELMAN (94)	DEB SNOOK (02)
HARVEY HOP (02)	LLOYD SPIER (95)
DON KNOCK (01)	AL STIERS (97)
BOB KOLAR (03)	BOB "BEAR" STEVENS (00)
JIM LEWIS (99)	GARY WILLIAMS (98)
	HAROLD WILKINSON (95)

BOOSTERS:

BOB BASKERVILLE (94)

JOHN BIRNBAUM (97)

MICHAEL BISEK (96)

BOB BROOKS (96)

GINNY CRONBAGH (00)

MERV CRONBAUGH (98)

DICK DIRCKS (98)

BOB DUFF (03)

DR. JOE GALLES (02)

DAN & JACKIE GARDEMANN (03)

JOEL HOPKINS (95)

JAN HUTCHISON (98)

CARL JUNTILLA (97)

RUTH LAMB (95)

NANCY MELSA (99)

JERRY MOHWINKLE (03)

EVALYN MOOREHEAD (03)

M. R. "PECK" PECKOSH (01)

LANNY PETERSON (03)

JIM SCHNEEKLOTH (99)

MERLE RUNDE (00)

GERI WIESE (01)

TOM ZAHN (02)