

It is a great honor for me to introduce the first inductee into Lynbrook's Football Hall of Fame - Jay Miller. I had the opportunity to coach Jay in football and also in basketball on the fresh-soph level.

Why is this honor being bestowed on Jay - there is a very simple answer - if you ask anyone who has witnessed Lynbrook athletics for the past 30 years - to list the top male athletes who participated in team sports - the name Jay Miller would be on top of the list.

Jay not only excelled in football, but he was the point guard on the basketball team and the shortstop on the baseball team. In all these sports there was one common ingredient that he provided for a team - an intensity that made things happen. If he wasn't diving for a loose basketball, going into the hole to prevent a hit or ~~swatting~~ knocking away a pass, he was getting the crucial hit in baseball, instigating a steal + break-away in basketball or making the deciding reception in football.

What were his statistics:

(1970) Junior Year: 27 630 yds 5 TD 23.3  
Interceptions - 5

(1971) Senior Year: 33 775 7 23.5  
Interceptions - 6

Highlight Game: Irvington  
8 Receptions <sup>190 yds</sup> 69 yd. TD reception  
2 Interceptions  
San Jose Mercury Player of the Week.

At the conclusion of the season:  
Named Offensive Player of League.  
Sidelight - Carl Ebern Fremont.

Jay's high school football career culminated with his selection as a participant in the North-South Shrine game in L.A.

It was interesting to witness the college recruiting process with Jay. The big schools basically were shying away from Jay because he didn't have 4.3 speed, he was only 4.5. I remember John Mackovic - at that time an assistant at S.T. - now the head coach at the University of Texas - saying how much he

liked Jay - his ability to go for the ball - but he was overruled by the other coaches who wanted the 4.3 speedster from L.A. (I guess they never heard of Raymond Berry + Steve Largent) Mackovic stated that Jay would make someone a great receiver & BYU was intelligent enough to see Jay's potential - he rewarded them with a NCAA record of 23 catches in one game.

As you can see Jay deserves to be the first selection for Synbrook's Hall of Fame. His athletic prowess is unquestioned - but more importantly Jay served as a role model for the other athletes - his humbleness, his integrity and his positive nature were a definite asset to Synbrook. There are many athletes - but there are few who can individually change the course of a contest - Jay is one of those blessed few.

Congratulations.

Now I would like to introduce Craig Juntunen - in my opinion the best QB Synbrook has ever had, who played at De Anza, Idaho & in the Canadian Football League - who present another perspective of Jay.