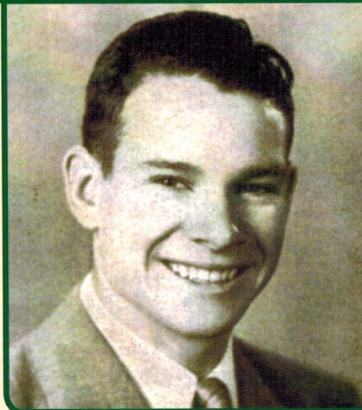


Chuck Taubenheim

Athlete

Chuck Taubenheim was an incredible, natural athlete, and his records at Lynden suggest he was one of the best to ever compete. In high school, Taubenheim played football, basketball, and baseball, earning varsity letters in all three.



On the gridiron, he was both a quarterback and punter. During one game, Taubenheim was ready to punt when the ball was hiked over his head and he had no choice but to run back, grab it, and head up field with several opposing players chasing him. As he reached the scrimmage line, he punted the ball in mid stride, and it sailed well over the punt returner's head. This was just one of many great plays he made over the course of the season.

Taubenheim was a deadly shooter from long range on the basketball court, and he had a two-handed set shot that proved to be effective against the opponent. During his senior year, the team was strong on defense; during the regular season, only five opponents scored more than 42 points against the Lions. The team advanced to the state tournament after a four-year absence. As the smallest school in the state tournament, they lost their opening round to Cleveland of Seattle, but they came back to defeat Lincoln of Tacoma. This put them in a match-up against their district rival, Snohomish. The game went into overtime, but Snohomish outscored the Lions by two for the win.

Taubenheim was injured at the end of regulation play and had to watch from the bench, but he ended up as the leading scorer with 12 points.

Considered an incredible pitcher, he threw for three years for the Lions, going 7-0 his senior year with an earned run average of 0.00 and giving up exactly one hit per game. His blazing fastball and his great knuckleball were a combination that frustrated many batters, who were seen to swing at the knuckler when the bottom would drop out of it, and it would hit the ground before ever reaching home plate. After high school, he was signed by the St. Louis Cardinals as a free agent (they did not have a draft back then), attended their baseball camp, but got homesick and returned to Lynden.

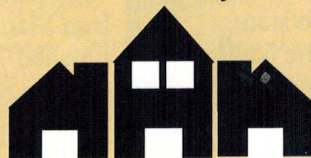
Back in Whatcom County, Taubenheim was one of four pitchers on the Deming Loggers team, a semi-pro squad. Later he played for John Deere in the local fastpitch league. Teammate Terry DeValois admired Taubenheim's "tremendous arm" and said he "threw hard for a guy his size."

After a stint in the Marine Corps, where he obtained the rank of sergeant, Taubenheim worked for Wilder Construction for 22 years. After his retirement, he worked with his brother Bruce for several years as a marshal for Homestead Golf Course. He enjoyed playing golf and managed to play several times a week.



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