

## Jerry Mauren – Head Coach 1970-1975



A native of Wyandotte, MI, Jerry Mauren attended St. Patrick's High School where he played football, basketball, and baseball. A star on the gridiron, Mauren played spinback in a variation of the Single Wing offense, modeled after the University of Michigan's offense at the time. He also played safety on defense. His teams won conference championships, and played for a state championship in old Briggs Stadium (later known as Tiger Stadium), home of the Detroit Tigers and Detroit Lions. Mauren was Team Captain for St. Patrick's and was named All-State for the small school division. He also held the school record for most points

scored in a basketball game (34).

After graduating from St. Patrick's in 1956, Mauren received a scholarship to play football at the University of Iowa under Hawkeye coaching legend Forest Evashevski. Mauren played halfback and defensive back at Iowa, earning two varsity letters. He played in the 1959 Rose Bowl against the University of California (Iowa's second Rose Bowl appearance, and last Rose Bowl victory). During a time when most college players played both offense and defense, as a Sophomore, Mauren subbed in on defense for former Hawkeye All-American Randy Duncan. He was named Team Captain during his senior year in 1960. That 1960 team tied for conference champs with the University of Minnesota, but Minnesota received the Rose Bowl bid since Iowa had played in it more recently. Mauren was selected to play in the annual Blue-Gray Football Classic major college all-star game held each year on Christmas Day in Montgomery, AL.

After his playing career ended, Mauren earned a degree in Political Science from Iowa. He then attended the University of Northern Iowa and received a Master's Degree in Physical Education.

While at UNI, Mauren was a student-teacher at West Union High School. While student teaching in West Union, he began his coaching career at Upper Iowa. His first full-time teaching job was as a Social Studies teacher at New Hampton High School. He was the Head Football Coach at New Hampton, as well as assistant boys' basketball coach. After 4 years at New Hampton, Mauren left to take the position of Head Football Coach at Waterloo Columbus. He also served as an assistant coach in wrestling and boys' basketball at Columbus, as well as teaching Physical Education. After 4 years at Columbus, Mauren left to become Assistant Football Coach at Cedar Rapids Washington under legendary Warrior coach Wally Sheets. He also served as Assistant Baseball Coach under another Warrior legend, Pinky Primrose.

Mauren took over the Head Football Coaching duties at Kennedy in 1970, at age 32, replacing Kennedy's inaugural coach, Dale Tryon. Well-liked and respected by his players, opposing coaches, and the media, Mauren's career record of 27-26-1 doesn't adequately describe his success at Kennedy. Mauren's second season, and only the 5<sup>th</sup> in Kennedy's brief history, saw

the Cougars go 6-2-1, including a 2-point loss to traditional powerhouse Cedar Rapids Regis. His 1974 team lost 5 games by a total of 21 points, including two 1-point losses. His 1975 team went 6-3 with the 3 losses by a total of 12 points. Mauren resigned after the 1975 season. Mauren continued to teach Driver's Education at Kennedy until his retirement in 1989.

Mauren continues to reside in the Cedar Rapids area, living in the same home he purchased when he moved to Cedar Rapids in the 1960's. His wife, Charleen, passed away in 2009. Mauren has three adult sons, Mathew, Mike, and Max (a Kennedy alum). Mike lives in Dallas, while Mathew and Max live in the Cedar Rapids area.