



Osawatomi High School Athletic Hall of Fame 2026

This team and these individuals have made significant impact at Osawatomi High School and we are excited to induct them into the 2026 Osawatomi High School Athletic Hall of Fame! The purpose of the Osawatomi High School Athletic Hall of Fame is to keep the traditions and history of the school alive and to give future Osawatomi programs a standard of excellence that is expected in this community.

1973 State Championship Football Team

S.M. "Mac" Steele

Eddie West

Rick Stephens

Derrick Shelby

Crystal Walker Ecton

Jennifer Snyder Cumpton

We are very excited as this is just the second year for inductions. We look forward to recognizing so many deserving individuals and teams in the future. It can't happen all at once, but each year we will add Trojan athletes to this amazing group! We've only just begun.

We will also recognize these inductees on Saturday, January 17, 2026 in the high school auditorium beginning at 6:15 p.m. with a public ceremony. The inductees will be introduced by selected speakers during this ceremony. We invite and encourage everyone to attend and come celebrate with us both evenings!

Please join us in congratulating and celebrating the 2026
Osawatomi High School Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees!



1973 OHS 3A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL TEAM

The 1973 football team won the 3A state championship registering a perfect 12-0 season . They captured this dream season with barely two dozen boys on the varsity roster. The Trojans could beat you with an aerial attack or playing smash mouth football running behind a devastating offensive line. The defense recorded 7 shutouts on the season and only allowed 42 points the whole year. The Trojans finished out the regular season with a 36-8 dismantling of the Panthers of Paola, keeping the Tom-Tom at OHS for the 3rd year in a row. It was only fitting that the boys in red and white recorded a shutout in the state championship against Ulysses to bring the title back to Osawatomie!

26-0 VS. Prairie View
32-6 VS. Sumner
53-0 VS. Gardner
55-0 VS. DeSoto
33-7 VS. Tonganoxie
24-0 VS. Bonner Springs
33-0 VS. Lansing
20-0 VS. Shawnee St. Joseph
36-8 VS. Paola
22-7 VS. Fort Scott (P)
21-14 VS. Shawnee Heights (P)
15-0 VS. Ulysses

Seniors:

Ike Brady
Bo Bumgarner
Scott Cook
Bill Hammond
Derrick Jensen
Nelson Jordan
Gene Koger
Steve Lindsey
Chuck Marcum
Chad Montgomery
Frank Packard
Bob Pennock
Doug Pfaltzgraff
Marty Powell

Juniors:

Stan Newcomb
Jim Self
Jack Welch
Buddy Zaman

Sophomores

Tom Billinger
Don Brady
Jim Byard
Mike Conrad
Jack Corlis
Chris Maimer
Dan Wendt

Coach Bill Freeman
Asst. Coach Troy Hodges
Asst. Coach Bob Whitehead
Manager Randy Newport



COACH S.M. “MAC” STEELE

Mr. Samuel M. “Mac” Steele was a constant presence at Osawatomie High School from 1926-1968. He was a teacher, coach, counselor and finished up as the athletic director. He spent most of those 42 years as the head coach for the football, basketball and track and field teams. He coached many of those years without the aid of an assistant coach.

Coach Steele roamed the sidelines for 34 seasons leading the Trojans football squad to over 140 wins, the most wins in school history. This includes a winning record against rival Paola Panthers and records of 6-1-1 in 1942, 8-2 in 1947 and his best season in 1954 finishing with an 8-1 record.

Coach Steele is also the leader in wins for the OHS boys basketball team. He guided the boys to over 230 victories during his tenure. He had many successful seasons, but his best years were the 1946-47 season with a 14-1 record, the 1926-27 season with a 15-2 record and the 1947-48 season with a 14-4 record. The 1947-48 squad also earned a trip to the state tournament, the 1st ever trip in school history. The current gym at Osawatomie High School is also named the ‘Mac’ Steele Gymnasium in his honor.

Coach Steele also played a part in the naming of the Osawatomie High School football and basketball teams according to Charles Holloway, class of 1934. He went before the student body at an assembly and asked them to vote on a name. The name Trojan was selected because all OHS teams were strong, hardworking and determined. The thought being that the name Trojan signified more clearly the description of the teams of Osawatomie High.

Coach Steele was named to the KSHSAA Hall of Fame in 1977.

Coach Steele was married to Maxine Meek Steele and they had one son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Samuel McDowell Steele, Jr. & Olivia Smith Steele. He also has one grandson, Andrew Steele (Jennifer). Coach Steele passed away in 1976 at the age of 73. His wife preceded him in death and his son passed away in 2018. He is survived by his daughter-in-law, grandson and grandson’s wife.

Please welcome to the Osawatomie High School Athletic Hall of Fame Coach “Mac” Steele.



EDDIE WEST

Mr. Eddie West, a 1955 graduate of Osawatomie High. Eddie was a 3 sport athlete for OHS earning multiple letters in football, basketball and track and field.

Eddie was co-captain for Coach Mac Steele his senior season on the gridiron for OHS. He earned East Kansas League All-League running back after averaging more than 7 yards a carry, piling up over 230 yards receiving and scoring 10 touchdowns. The Trojans finished with an outstanding 8-1 record including a 12-0 victory over rival Paola. Eddie also received All-League recognition his junior campaign rushing for over 650 yards at 9 yards a carry and more than a dozen touchdowns. The Osawatomie Graphic-News said Eddie West would take his place as one of the all-time Trojan greats.

Eddie shined as well on the hardwood for the red and white. He led OHS in scoring, averaging about 16 points a game his senior campaign, scoring more than 20 points 6x with a high of 27.

Eddie's speciality in track and field was the broad jump, now called the long jump.

Eddie's success in high school allowed him to compete in college for the Pittsburg State University Football and Track and Field squads. Eddie was a 3 year starter at halfback for the Gorilla football squad where he was nominated for the Little All-American Team. He was also part of the 1957 NAIA national championship football team. That team was enshrined in the Pittsburg State Athletic Hall of Fame in 1988. Eddie was also All-Conference 4x in the broad jump for the PSU Track and Field squad.

Eddie taught 4 years and coached at Lincoln High School in Kansas City, MO. He worked for 23 years for AT&T as Production Manager. He took early retirement and returned to teaching special needs kids.

Eddie lives in Kansas City, MO. His wife of 45 years passed away in 2021. He has 3 step-children and numerous step-grandchildren.

Please welcome to the Osawatomie High School Athletic Hall of Fame, Mr. Eddie West!



RICK STEPHENS

Mr. Rick Stephens, a 1973 graduate of Osawatomie High. Rick lettered in 3 sports during his time at OHS. He earned 3 in football, 1 in wrestling and 3 for track and field.

Rick garnered many accomplishments during his 3 seasons playing varsity football for Coach Bill Freeman. He was 1st Team 3A-1A DL by the KC Star in 1972 to go along with 1st Team Pioneer League RB and DT. He rushed for a then school record 784 yards, averaging over 7 yards a carry to go along with 10 touchdowns. His last game was a game to remember, rushing for 4 touchdowns which tied a school record in a 61-14 shellacking of the Paola Panthers. His dominance on defense helped play a part in the Trojans only allowing 9 points a game. Rick finished his prep career leading OHS in rushing 2x, racking up 1450 yards and 15 rushing touchdowns. "Big Rick" helped lead the Trojans to an outstanding 8-1 record his senior campaign and a 21-6 record overall during his time wearing #36 for the red and white.

Rick was also an exceptional thrower for the OHS track and field squad. Rick was a part of an OHS squad that won 3 straight Pioneer League championships. As a team they won every meet in 1973 up until regionals. They also placed 2nd as a team in 1973 at State Indoor Track. Rick finished his high school track career with 4 medals at state including a gold in the shot put at indoor State Track in 1973. He won 2 golds overall at regionals and 5 golds at league. Rick still holds the school record throw in the shot put with a throw over 56 feet.

Rick was rewarded with a full ride scholarship to the University of Kansas to play football for the Jayhawks. We never got to see that come to fruition as Rick was tragically killed a few days before his high school graduation. According to the Osawatomie Graphic-News people would remember the spirit, determination and high ideals of a winning young man. Rick was the son of the late Clifford and Norma Stephens.

Please welcome to the Osawatomie High School Athletic Hall of Fame Mr. Rick Stephens!



DERRICK SHELBY

Mr. Derrick Shelby, a 1991 graduate of Osawatomie High. Derrick participated in two sports while attending OHS earning 3 letters each in basketball and track and field.

Derrick was a 2 year starter for Coach Dan Welch's basketball program. He was Honorable Mention All-State, 1st Team All-League as a junior and 1st Team All-State, 1st Team All-League as a senior. Derrick averaged 18.0 ppg as a junior with over 100 assists and 25.0 ppg as a senior. During those 2 seasons the Trojans were a combined 32-14 and earned a trip to the state tournament during the 1989-90 campaign. Derrick finished his career with 975 points, the 4th most for boys in school history. His 162 career 3 pointers is #1 for boys and girls. Derrick made 5 or more 3s in a game 13x during his career. He also has 3 of the top 5 highest scoring games in school history. Derrick and the Trojans had a night to remember the 19th of February 1991 against Prairie View. The Trojans walloped the Buffaloes 107-60 and Derrick played a gigantic role in this effort, hitting a state tying 12 three pointers and scoring a school record 60 points.

Derrick also had much success in track and field individually in the triple jump and long jump as well as part of the 440 meter relay. The Trojans were Frontier League champions all 3 of his varsity seasons. Derrick medaled 3x at league in the triple jump and 1x in the long jump. He was part of 2 league championships as part of the 440 meter relay in 1990 and 1991. He qualified for state in the triple jump in 1991 and also in 1990 and 1991 for the 440 meter relay.

Derrick continued his athletic career playing basketball for Allen County Community College where he was named to the All-Jayhawk Juco elite squad as a point guard. He finished his last 2 years of eligibility at the University of Texas-Arlington and Friends University.

Derrick has had an opportunity to either Coach, Mentor or develop multiple NBA All Stars such as Julius Randle, Trae Young, Cade Cunningham and Tyrese Maxey. His son Noah is currently playing at Division 1 Texas A&M.

Derrick has been married to his wife Fannie for 25 years. They have one child Noah, but have also adopted 2 other boys named Lee and Francis. Derrick and his family currently live in the Dallas area in Texas.

Please welcome to the Osawatomie High School Athletic Hall of Fame Mr. Derrick Shelby!



CRYSTAL (WALKER) ECTON

Mrs. Crystal (Walker) Ecton, a 1998 graduate of Osawatomie High. Crystal was a three sport athlete while attending OHS earning 4 letters in volleyball, 4 in basketball and 3 in softball.

Crystal was dominant on the volleyball court for the Lady Trojans. Crystal earned 1st Team Frontier League in volleyball 3x, All-State 2x, including 1st Team her senior campaign. She also made the KC Star All-Metro Team.

Crystal was a force on the basketball court as well excelling all 4 years for the Lady Trojans. She led the Lady Trojans to places they had never been before. The Lady Trojans went 22-2 in the 1996-97 season, earning a trip to the state tournament for the first time. Her senior year they made a return trip capturing a 3rd place finish. It remains the highest finish for a boys or girls team ever at OHS. The Lady Trojans won 62 games over her 4 year career including 41 wins her last 2 seasons. She was a 3x Frontier League 1st Team recipient. She also received All-State recognition 3x including 4A 1st Team All-State her senior year. She is one of only a few Trojans to be named 1st Team All-State in multiple sports. Crystal is the all-time leading scorer in OHS history boys or girls with 1567 points.

Crystal also earned honorable mention All-League on the softball diamond for the Lady Trojans in 1996 after a season with a .361 batting average.

Crystal signed to play with the University of Kansas Volleyball Team after high school. She played 2 seasons with the Jayhawks. She then transferred to Washburn University where she played 1 season of volleyball and 3 seasons for the Lady Washburn basketball team. Her name is on the top ten list for the IChabod basketball squad in almost 20 categories including career points with 1344. She was part of 2 MIAA championship teams and the IChabods made it to the Elite 8 in 2003. She was MIAA Conference MVP 2x, a 2x DII All-American, 3x Washburn MVP, NCAA Division II player in the Women's Basketball Coaches All-Star Game in Atlanta during the DI Women's Final Four in 2003. Crystal was inducted into the Washburn University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2013.

Crystal has been married to Jarrod Ecton for 15 years and they have 3 sons, Max 14, Bodie 12, and Judd 10. They live on a farm near Burlington KS. She is a College & Career Advocate at Burlington High School and she coaches the boys' basketball team at BMS.

Please welcome to the Osawatomie High School Athletic Hall of Fame, Mrs. Crystal 'Walker' Ecton!



JENNIFER (SNYDER) CUMPTON

Mrs. Jennifer (Snyder) Cumpton, a 2003 graduate of Osawatomie High. Jenny played 4 years of volleyball and 4 years of track and field. Jenny lettered all 4 years of track and 3 years in volleyball during her prep career.

Jenny was an exceptional volleyball player and was part of the sub-state team in 2003 and was 2nd on the team in kills and 3rd in team aces.

Jenny was extraordinary in track and field where she dominated the track. In total, Jenny earned eleven 1st place and six 2nd place finishes at Frontier League meets. For regionals, eleven 1st place and one 2nd place finish. At the KSHSAA State Championships, Jenny ended her high school career with six 1st places, one 2nd place, three 3rd places and two 6th places. She won several awards including the Kansas City Star Scholar-Athlete, Kansas State High School Activities Association Certificate of Outstanding Achievement, Gatorade High School Athlete-Will to Win in 2003 and Gatorade High School Athlete Player of the Year in 2003.

Upon graduation, Jenny held six school records and three Frontier League records. She still holds five individual school records in the 100m, 200m, 400m, 100H and 300H. In 2003, the Osawatomie Girls Track Team placed 2nd overall at the state tournament. This was the highest place in school history with Jenny having earned 30 of the 35 points individually along with being part of the relay team that scored another 2 points.

Jenny chose Wichita State University to continue her track career where she ended up winning 5 Missouri Valley Conference Championship Titles and 10 other top 5 finishes in the MVC Championships. She competed at the Regional Level and earned NCAA USTFCCA Division 1 Midwest Region Team Honors. She was part of the Wichita State Women's Track Team who won 6 MVC Team Titles. At the end of her college career Jenny was 2nd all time at WSU in the 60H, 100H, outdoor 4x400 relay and part of the school record indoor 4x400m relay and Shuttle Hurdle relay. She received MVC All Conference Honors Indoor and Outdoor in 2006, 2007 and 2008. She received MVC Female Track Athlete of the Week four times.

Jenny and her husband Craig currently live in Liberty, MO and have two children, Emrik and Eris.

Please welcome to the Osawatomie High School Athletic Hall of Fame Mrs. Jennifer 'Snyder' Cumpton!