

Kenosha Unified Athletics – Hall of Fame Inductee – Class of 1996

Wendy Hunkeler – 1985

Wendy Hunkeler's name is featured prominently in Tremper High School's Who's Who in Athletic Achievement record book. This book reveals that she won eleven varsity letters – four in cross country, three in basketball, and four in track – during her prep career. The book also reveals that in cross country she earned all-conference honors for four years, MVP for three years and was captain for two years.

The book goes on to state that in basketball she was co-captain during her junior and senior years. As a junior she was selected to the Kenosha News All-County School team and received an Honorable Mention in the All-Milwaukee Area Conference.

In track, Wendy continued to prove her versatility as an all-around athlete. Over the span of four years she won more than nineteen 800 meter races, set records in the County Indoor and Outdoor meets, won the 800 meters at the WIAA Regional Meet and qualified for the State Meet in 1983. During her junior year she also won four out of five 1600 meter races. It is no wonder she was voted MVP honors as a sophomore and junior and was selected as co-captain as a junior. Her name appeared in Tremper's Track record book for the 800 meter and the triple jump.

Chuck Bradley, Wendy's cross country and track coach, viewed her as one of the very few athletes who possess the determination to succeed as an individual and have the same desire to help teammates. She was totally unselfish in her approach to athletics. Her determination to succeed also carried over to the classroom where she maintained an overall GPA of 3.5, was a member of the National Honor Society and Key Club.

Wendy continued her education at the University of Wisconsin-Madison where she graduated with honors from the School of Education. She returned to Kenosha and now is teaching third grade at Frank Elementary School. For the past five years Wendy has been coaching both basketball and track at McKinley Junior High School. Her girls' basketball team won the city title in 1993 and her varsity boys' team captured the city track title in 1995. The fact that McKinley has no track and must run around the block for practice is a great testimony to Wendy's ability to motivate her athletes to be successful under any conditions.