

Kenosha Unified Athletics – Hall of Fame Inductee – Class of 1991

Jim Padlock – 1978

Things got better from one year to the next for Padlock. After winning five letters at Tremper High School – 2 in football, 3 in track – he moved on to Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where he earned eight letters – four in each sport. He was a two year starter on the Tremper football team and competed in the shot put and discus events in track and field. After receiving all-county honors in football as a junior, he earned first team all-South Shore Conference honors as a senior. As a senior captain, Jim played offensive and defensive tackle and was the punter and placekicker on the 1977 Trojan team that won the South Shore title with a 6-3 record.

In track, he won regional and sectional titles in the shot and a regional title in the discus and qualified for state in both events as a senior. He was the team captain and MVP. His effort of 165 feet in the discus and 56 ½ ft toss in the shot ranks in the top five in school history. He still holds the county indoor shot put record with a 54'9" effort.

As a collegian, Padlock was a four year starter at offensive tackle and was a member of a team that posted a 7-2 record and led the nation in NCAA Division III total offense with an average of 421.5 yards a game during his senior year. In track, he was the first four-time conference champion in an individual event, the shot put, in school history and helped Coe win four Midwest Conference championships. He also placed four times in conference discus competition. He served as team captain as a senior and set school records in the shot both indoors and outdoors.

Padlock also has achieved success in coaching. In Cedar Rapids, he coached the only two undefeated ninth grade teams in school history. He also coached a high school wrestling team that won the conference and sectional championships and finished with a 9-3 record, which was the school's best ever. After the season, he was named "Cedar Rapids Wrestling Coach of the Year." Since 1988, he has been the head wrestling coach at Tremper where he posted a 27-10 dual meet record. His 1988-89 team won the sectional championship and he has coached 10 state qualifiers and 5 state placewinners in the last 3 years.