

## Kenosha Unified Athletics – Hall of Fame Inductee – Class of 1997

### *Owen Kingsley – 1956*

A three time letter winner in wrestling and track, Owen Kingsley added two more letters in football as a junior and senior. He was an outstanding athlete during his three years at Kenosha High School, but wrestling was his forte. From 1953 to 1956, he wrestled his way to three WIAA Sectional Championships, two Big 8 Conference Championships, three MVP awards and two captains' stars. Kingsley completed an impressive senior year in 1956 by winning a WIAA Individual State Championship at 120 pounds. This was also the year that Kenosha won the WIAA State Team Championship under coach Glen McCulloch.

According to Coach McCulloch, "Kingsley was one of the best wrestlers ever to come out of Kenosha High School. He had excellent takedown skills, an almost unstoppable switch move from the bottom and he was an awesome control wrestler when he had the top advantage position." McCulloch continued by saying, "Owen was a perfect leader for the team as captain. He led by example – first to practice, last to leave and he worked exceedingly hard to achieve skills and superb conditioning. He was a champion in every sense of the word."

His work ethic also carried over to the sports of track and football. In track he was a pole vaulter and sprinter and was selected as captain his senior year. He earned all Big 8 honors in football as a halfback during both his junior and senior years. Kingsley did not just excel in the athletic arena, he was ranked in the upper 25% of his class and participated in Badger Boys State during his junior year.

Offered several college wrestling scholarships, Kingsley opted to concentrate on his studies and attend Marquette University. Today, Owen Kingsley is a real estate consultant for Real Estate One.