

Kenosha Unified Athletics – Hall of Fame Inductee – Class of 1995

Richard Kivi – 1946

A standout performer in two sports, Kivi lettered twice in football and basketball. Among his accomplishments as a prep athlete were earning All-Conference and All-State honors in football his senior year. Co-captain of the '45 team, he quarterbacked the team to a Big 8 Conference Championship and a number 2 ranking in the state. Not solely involved with athletics, Kivi also found time in his busy schedule to be involved with club activities like Hi-Y, K-Club, and Spy.

Richard Kivi went on to play freshman football at Marquette after graduating from Kenosha High School. He first transferred to University of Wisconsin Extension in Kenosha and then to Whitewater State Teachers College where he lettered twice in football. Playing first team offensive halfback and defensive cornerback, Kivi and the 1950 Warhawks went undefeated leading the nation's colleges in team defense.

Upon returning to Kenosha, Kivi taught math, English, and data processing for 35 years. Continuing his love for athletics, he also coached junior high football at Lincoln and McKinley, and sophomore basketball at Bradford. While at Lincoln he coached Kenosha Hall of Fame stars Eddie Hart and Harry Stoebe. Outside of teaching and coaching, Kivi also found time to participate in semi-pro football with the Kenosha Redskins and professional softball with Racine Metal Parts. He was a utility player with the 1953 ASA State Champs, Kenosha Tees. An avid golfer, he has placed in the County Open, Class A; Kenosha Golf Associations handicap match play; and Class A Club Championship at Spring Valley Country Club.