

Kenosha Unified Athletics – Hall of Fame Inductee – Class of 1994

Gary Jackson – 1979

A standout in football and basketball, Jackson earned two varsity letters in each sport. He was co-captain of each team as a senior, and was accorded first team all-conference honors and named most valuable player in basketball his senior year. With Jackson filling a key role, Bradford's basketball team ranked seventh in the state and won conference and regional tournament championships. He was named to the All-Kenosha County team and the All-Metropolitan Milwaukee all-star team as a senior. As a junior, he was voted the most improved player on Bradford's football team. Jackson also was a star in the classroom, ranking in the upper 10% of his class and qualifying for the honor roll.

As a collegian, Jackson concentrated on basketball at Carthage College. He earned four varsity letters and was co-captain and most valuable player in his junior and senior seasons. He also earned all-conference honors both years and finished his career as Carthage's 13th all-time leading scorer.

After leaving Carthage, he played professionally in Holland and Norway for two years. He averaged 27 points a game for a team in Bergen, Norway and then moved on to the Southern California Summer Pro League in Los Angeles where he played on a team that won 11 of 12 games during the regular season and then won a division championship. His play attracted the attention of National Basketball Association scouts, including the Chicago Bulls, who twice invited him to their training camp.

The 6'5" Jackson is currently an assistant coach at Bradford. He also has had coaching experience at Lincoln Junior High School, where he was head coach of the 7th and 8th grade basketball team and head coach of the 9th grade football team. He also has served as junior varsity basketball coach at Carthage, where he was a member of the Student Activities Board. He has served as controller of the Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Greater Milwaukee, has been active in the Boy Scouts of America and has served on the board of directors of the Lincoln Neighborhood Center.