



Albert Wiegand
Class of 1957 – Male Athlete Inductee
Athletic Hall of Fame – Class of 2016

One of the best all-around athletes of his time, Albert Wiegand was a four sport athlete who lettered in football, basketball, track and field, and baseball at Holton High School, while also having actively participated in the “H” Club, among other activities. Described by teammates as a strong competitor and outstanding all-around athlete, Wiegand was a member of many of the outstanding teams in the early history of athletics at Holton High School. Among those teams, were the 1954 varsity football team, the school’s first football team that finished the year with a 5-1 record, and the 1955 and 1956 men’s basketball teams, to name a few. The 1955 men’s basketball team was the first basketball team to win a district championship in the history of Holton High School, and the 1956 men’s basketball team also earned a district championship, while ending the season with a record of 18-3.

Wiegand was a major contributor to the success of all of the teams that he participated on, and he was known for his tremendous speed and agility. Wiegand was an outstanding running back in football, was an outstanding shooting guard, ball handler, and consistent scorer in basketball, he ran sprints and relays in track and field, and he was an excellent centerfielder in baseball. As a member of the 1956 basketball team, one of the best basketball teams in the history of Holton High School, Wiegand has been described as being able to run the fast break offense that Coach Deiters implemented better than anyone.

Wiegand would go on to share fond memories of practicing and training for track and field, while having to use the gravel road that is now Fourth Street, as the school’s track. Runners knew that it was 100 yards between telephone poles, it was 220 yards to the corner, and they made due with what they had at the time. Wiegand would go on to share memories of the 1956 440 yard relay team that he was a part of that competed at the state championship meet that year. At this meet, the relay team was running at state record timing, until one of the relay team members ripped his shorts. His teammate continued running while holding both the baton and his shorts. Even through all of this, the relay team still finished fourth at the state championship meet that year.

As a baseball player, Wiegand settled in as the team’s centerfielder, after having spent much of his days in youth sports as a pitcher. At the time, as a natural left hander, Wiegand was made to play centerfield, instead of being allowed to pitch, even though he had grown up as a pitcher. Wiegand would become one of the best centerfielders to ever play for Holton High School.

After graduating from Holton High School, Wiegand would go on to serve 22 ½ years in the United States Air Force, where he would continue to participate in athletics during his adult life for most of the time that he was in the United States Air Force.