

Claude Rohwer Class of 1914

Claude Rohwer was born in 1897. At the age of 14, Claude was the youngest baseball player to ever play for the Dixon town baseball team.

At Dixon High, Claude played baseball, basketball and track. In 1914, Claude was the captain of basketball team that won the league title. He had been a member of the team that won the league title the prior year as well. In track, Claude competed in the pole vault, discus and 100 yard dash. Claude also had a very successful baseball career, playing shortstop. After graduating from Dixon High, Claude attended the University of California, Berkeley, along with his brother, Ray. He played shortstop on the baseball team and was eventually made captain. Graduating from Berkeley in 1918, Claude joined the US Army during World War I. After the war, he returned to Berkeley and graduated from law school. Claude signed a professional contract to play baseball with the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1922. However, after spring training, he was sent down to the minor league to play for Charleston, during which he batted .294. Claude played the next year for Sacramento where he batted .295. and .284 in 1923 and 1924. After the 1924 season, Claude decided to retire from baseball.

Claude returned to Dixon to practice law and coach at Dixon High. From 1928 until 1935, he coached football, baseball, basketball, track and tennis. His teams won two track championships, four basketball championships, one football championship and one girls tennis championship. Claude became the town justice in 1930. Claude married Salome Brownlee and had children June, and Claude. Claude passed away in 1940.