

Mathew Ball

Class of 1999

Mat is the twin brother of 2011 Hall of Fame inductee Dave Ball and an equally talented athlete.

Mat played varsity football for three years as a defensive end and offensive lineman. Although limited by injuries his senior year, Mat was All-League his junior year, compiling 80 tackles and 14 sacks and helping his team to a 10-0 league record and sixth ranking the State for Division III football. Mat concluded his high school football career honored as a PrepStar All-American and ranked the 13th defensive lineman in the Western Region. He played in both the East-West All-Star football game and the Optimist football game, in which he was named co-MVP with his brother, Dave.

An impressive football player, Mat was arguably a better basketball player. He was League MVP his senior year and a close second for League MVP his junior year. Mat led Dixon's basketball team to two league championships in 1998 and 1999 with back to back 20 win seasons. Mat was named All-League all three years he played on varsity basketball team and played in the basketball Optimist game

Mat attended UCLA on football scholarship and played defensive end and linebacker. Upon graduation from UCLA, Mat signed as a free agent with the NFL's Jacksonville Jaguars. Mat played less than a year as injuries took their toll and forced Mat to end his football career.

Mat has worked at a variety of companies since the NFL. He is currently attending George Washington University pursuing a

MBA.