

## Sterling Hammack Class of 1925

Sterling Hammack was born in 1906. He was a talented athlete that excelled in all sports that he played. At the age of 15, he was a member of an all-star Sacramento soccer team that played for a state championship.

For Dixon High School, Sterling played basketball, track and baseball. He was one of the top basketball players in the league. In track, Sterling was a broad jumper. In baseball, Sterling was a pitcher as well as the shortstop. He was on the baseball team that won the league championship in 1924. Sterling also played on Dixon's town baseball team.

After graduating from Dixon High School, he began a long career in baseball. He played on a semi-pro baseball team in Colusa and then, beginning in 1928, played on various minor league baseball teams ranging from Salt Lake City to Ogden to Sacramento to El Paso to Tyler. During his best season in the minor leagues, Sterling batted a .322 batting average, hit 26 doubles, 10 triples and 3 home runs.

Sterling eventually left baseball as a player and became a scout for the Baltimore Orioles, manager of a Phillies farm team in Klamath Falls and manager of a semi-pro team in San Bruno. He coached the San Bruno team to 11 league titles and 2 state championships. Sterling worked for DuPont Chemical for 30 years. He was married to Pauline Roberts and had a son, Sterling Jr. Sterling passed away in 1974.