

# Ray Rohwer

## Class of 1913

Ray Rohwer, born June 5, 1895, played baseball, basketball and track for Dixon High School. In 1913, the Dixon High basketball team, for which Ray was the Captain, won the league basketball title. Ray also had a very successful baseball career at Dixon High, playing outfield and known for his hitting ability. After graduating from Dixon High, Ray attended the University of California, Berkeley. At Berkeley he was captain of the baseball team as a junior and earned the distinction of being one of the best all-time hitters in Berkeley's history. Ray was Cal's leading hitter with batting averages of .354 in 1916, .432 in 1917 and .378 in 1920. Before graduating from Berkeley, Ray joined the US Army as a lieutenant and served in the Army Occupation of Luxemburg during World War I. Ray later returned to Cal and continued his baseball career. After graduating from Berkeley in 1920, Ray signed a professional contract to play baseball with the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1921. As a Pirate, he played in 83 games during the



1921-22 seasons. Ray ended the 1922 season with a batting average of .295. After playing for the Pirates, Ray spent nine seasons in the Pacific Coast league playing for Seattle, Portland and Sacramento. In nine seasons, he had a batting average of .299, 1,402 hits, 287 doubles, 61 triples and 196 home runs. After his baseball career was over, Ray returned to Dixon and went to work for the Federal Land Bank working in Woodland where he worked for 33 years before retiring. Ray married Elda Schmeiser and they had two daughters LaVerne and Gail. Ray passed away in 1988.