

Dale Fairlee

Class of 1948

Dale Fairlee was born in 1930. Dale was among Dixon's most talented athletes that excelled at every sport that he played at Dixon High School. Dale was the team captain and quarterback on the undefeated Dixon football team that captured the league championship in 1947. He was an All-League basketball player on the 1947-1948 championship basketball team, Dixon's first boys basketball championship since 1923, that ended the season with a team record of 16 wins and 2 losses. Dale was also an All-League baseball player for Dixon High.

Dale continued his studies at Sacramento City College where he played three sports, including football and baseball. In 1950, he made the Brooklyn Dodgers farm team and played on their Class C team in the Arizona-Texas League that year. Dale joined the Air Force the following year, and while stationed at Mather AFB in Sacramento, found the time to play semi-pro baseball with the local Rio Vista and Willows teams in the Sacramento area. In 1953, Dale won the Sacramento Rural League batting crown with a .592 average and a pitching record of 12 and 2. Dale moved to Billings, Montana where he worked in a number of positions and started a number of businesses, including partnering with former U.S. Senator Conrad Burns to begin a radio and TV network.

Dale was married to Priscilla and had two sons, Jon and Jef. He recently passed away in May 2013.