

Mark Granucci Class of 1969

Mark Granucci was an all-around athlete at Dixon High. He played football, basketball and track. In track, Mark ran the 100 and 200 and put the shot. His senior year, he ran with the 440 yard relay team that set a school record. However, football was the sport at which Mark excelled. His sophomore year, Mark helped the JV team win the league championship. His junior year, Mark was named all-league back and league Most Valuable back. In seven games, Mark ran for 902 yards, averaging 129 yards per game. He had long runs of 78, 74, 71, 66 and 55 yards that year. His senior year, Mark was named league Most Valuable Player. He averaged 141 yards per game and had a single game high of 256 yards. He had long runs of 85, 80, 74, 54, 50 and 45 yards. Mark was invited to play in the Optimist All-Star Game.

After graduation from Dixon High, Mark played football for the University of Nevada, Reno. He played halfback for the Wolfpack. Mark held the Nevada record for longest run from scrimmage, 92 yards, until 1984.

Mark graduated from Nevada in 1975. Mark was invited to tryouts for both the SF 49ers and the Philadelphia Eagles but was unable to make either team due to injuries. Instead, he joined The Hawaiians from the World Football League for a season.

Mark currently lives and works in Reno as a chef. He has a son, Andrew.