

Maxine Hopkins Bowman Class of 1944

Maxine Hopkins was born in 1927. An all-around female athlete in the mold of the famous "Babe" Didrikson Zaharias, Maxine excelled in all sports in which she was allowed to compete. Between the 1930's through the early 1960's, cultural and historical biases in the United States regarding athletic participation by women resulted in very few opportunities for women's and girls' athletics. Dixon High was no exception, offering few opportunities. But the few opportunities that did exist, Maxine participated in all of them to the fullest extent possible.

In 1943, Maxine won the girls singles tennis championship. She was also the head cheerleader at Dixon High. That same year, Dixon High reestablished a girls basketball team that had been long disbanded. Known as the "Lambs", Maxine's team played a 3 game season. Maxine led her team to victory in all three games, scoring 37 points against Esparto and 30 points against Davis. In dominating every sport in which she competed, Maxine established herself as one of the best athletes at Dixon High.

After graduating from Dixon High, Maxine eventually moved to Hawaii. She competed extensively in the sports that were available for women-- golf and tennis. In golf, Maxine played in numerous golf tournaments. Among others, she won the Waiehu Women's Golf February Ace title and the 49th State Golf Club trophy. In tennis, Maxine played in numerous U.S. Tennis Association tournaments and participated in the USTA Volvo League.

Maxine married Ian Bowman and had three children, Mary, Ann and John. She passed away in 1991.