

Francis Reimers

Class of 1923

Francis Reimers was born in Oklahoma in 1904 but moved to Dixon as a child.

During his time at Dixon High School, Francis was a member of the track team and competed in the javelin, discus, pole vault, high jump and one mile run. Francis was Dixon's greatest javelin thrower. At the county championship, Francis set a county and school record with a javelin throw of 164 feet and 5 inches. Francis, along with his teammate and fellow HOF inductee Francis Watson, was the first Dixon athlete to qualify for the state track and field championship in Los Angeles. At the state championship, Francis placed second, missing first place by one inch. To date, no Dixon athlete has placed as high as Francis at the state track and field championship. In part due to javelin being discontinued as a high school sport in California in 1933, Francis' Dixon record in the javelin has never been broken and is currently listed on the Track and Field records board hanging in the Dixon High gym.

Following Dixon High, Francis attended College of the Pacific (later renamed the University of the Pacific). At UOP, Francis was a member of the track team and held the Far Western Conference record in the javelin. After graduating in 1928 with a major in Art, Francis became a teacher and later a principal in Salinas, California. Francis was in education for forty years before retiring.

Francis married Margaret Rader and had three girls, Nancy, Joanne and Marcia. Francis passed away March 1994.