

# Robert Brown

## Class of 1944

Robert "Bob" Brown was born in 1926. Bob played football, basketball and ran track at Dixon High. However, Bob made his mark in track.

During 4 years of high school track, Bob competed in the 100 and 220 yard dash and low hurdles and long jump. He set school records in several events. Yet Bob's biggest accomplishment was winning the Sac-Joaquin Section championship in the 100 yard dash in 1944. Because schools were not divided by size at that time, Bob ran against and beat runners from all Sac-Joaquin section schools. For 70 years, Bob had been the only Dixon boy to win a Sac-Joaquin Section track-event championship (HOF Paul Webb won the field-event pole vault championship in 1949). It was not until 2014 that another Dixon boy won a Sac-Joaquin Section track championship. Although he qualified to compete in the state track and field championship, the state meet was not held during the wartime years of 1942 to 1945.

Bob entered the merchant marines after high school. He attended UC Davis from 1946 to 1949 where he was on the track team. At the 1949 Far Western Conference meet, Bob won the 220 yard low hurdles and placed second in both the 100 and 220 yard dashes. Bob transferred to UC Berkeley, lettered in track and graduated in 1950.

Bob worked in the ranching business and was a Dixon School Board member for 11 years. Bob was a published cowboy poet. Bob married Mona and had two daughters, Lisa and Debra. Bob passed away in January, 1994.