

Russell Pierce

Class of 1974

Russell Pierce was born in 1956. Although a talented swimmer before high school, Russell excelled in football and track and field at Dixon High.

In 1971, his sophomore year, Russell was elevated to the varsity football team near the end of season to play offensive guard in the Sac-Joaquin section playoffs. Russell played in all of the section games, including the Championship game won by Dixon. His junior year, Russell was named All-League honorable mention. In his senior year, Russell was team co-captain and named All-League (guard) and selected to play in the Optimist All-Star football game as well as the Solano-Napa Counties All-Star football game.

Russell was also Dixon's greatest shot put thrower. A four-year member of the track team, Russell set the school record in the shot put first in 1973 and again in 1974. That record still stands 40 years later. By placing third in the shot put at the Sac-Joaquin Sections his senior year, Russell qualified for the state track and field championship. There, he placed eleventh. Russell also threw the discus and set a school record although his record in the discus was later broken. In recognition of his talent, Russell was invited to compete at the Sacramento Invitational track meet his senior year.

Russell was offered both a football and track scholarship to BYU. He was a member of BYU's freshman football team as well as on the BYU track team. Since leaving BYU, Russell has worked in the industrial packing industry.