



**PINE ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME**

Brian Sorum

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Brian W. Sorum

Brian Sorum was a three sport athlete for the Panthers and excelled in all three; Football, Basketball, and Baseball. He was that rare athlete that combined speed, power, and tremendous athleticism. Besides his physical talents, he was highly respected by his peers, and was a captain in Basketball and Baseball. In addition, he was a member of the National Honor Society, was the Triple AAA Award winner (MSHSL award for excellence in the Arts, Academics, and Athletics). Brian was named to the Academic All-State teams in Football and Baseball. He was named the Male Athlete of the Year as a Sr.

Brian's honors were numerous on the athletic fields and courts. In Football, he was an All-Conference quarterback and defensive back for the Panthers. As a Sr. he was named to the Rochester Post-Bulletin All-Area team. In the winter, he was the ultimate team player, as he led the team in assists (5th on the All-Time list), and won the "Iron Man Award" three times and the Defensive Player of the Year twice. In the spring, Brian became one of the all-time greats for the Baseball program. With his outstanding defensive play at shortstop on defense and speed and power on offense, he established some records that are still the school records today. He owns the school record for stolen bases for a season (27), career (44), and career batting average (.462). As a Sr. he hit .508 (5th highest in school history), and scored 32 runs (2nd most in school history). His .694 On Base Percentage is 8th in state history. He was a 2 time All-Conference and All-Sub-Section selection. He was a vital member of the 1994 HVL Conference Championship team, their first year in the league. He culminated his outstanding career by being named to the Class A All-State Team and was named to the South team for the Lions All-Star Baseball team as a Sr.

Brian went on to become a two sport athlete at Gustavus Adolphus, where he continued to excel. He was a 4 year letterman in Football and Baseball for the Gusties. He was a 3 year starter in Football, earning All-Conference 2nd team as a Jr. and 1st team as a Sr. as a defensive back. In Baseball he started all 4 years at shortstop or 3rd base. He set a single season record with 6 triples in 1997, is 3rd in career triples (9), 4th in career steals (35), and 7th in career assists (232). He just completed his 20th season of playing for the local amateur Baseball team, the Pine Island Pioneers.