



Paul Jokela

2023 NYM Athletic Hall of Fame

A talented all-around athlete at New York Mills High School, Paul was a major contributor in 3 sports: football, basketball and tennis. Paul's academics earned him co-salutatorian honors. He served as Senior Class President. Paul was also active in the Arts, both theater and music.

NY Mills High School Record:

TENNIS: District 23 three-time Champion (1970, 1971, 1972); Region 6 two-time Champion (1971, 1972); State Quarterfinalist (1971) **FOOTBALL:** Quarterback (1970, 1971, 1972); Team Captain **BASKETBALL:** Point Guard (1971, 1972); Team Captain **THEATER:** District 23 Best Supporting Actor (1971)

NYM Millers Baseball: Centerfielder for

the New York Mills Millers in the Amateur State Baseball Tournament (1975); Named Region 14B Most Valuable Player (1975)

Paul holds an Executive MBA degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha and served as Class President (1995-1997). His undergrad degree is in Education from Gustavus Adolphus College, St Peter, MN where he continued to excel athletically. He taught and coached in Belgrade, MN and Cosmos, MN, where he may be the only coach to perform piano recitals at both high schools.

Gustavus Adolphus College Record:

TENNIS: MIAC - Undefeated singles and doubles record (1973) **BASEBALL:** MIAC - three-time All Conference Selec-

tion (1974, 1975, 1976); MIAC- Batting Title (1976); Baseball Hall of Fame Inductee (2001) **BOWLING:** IBC - Intercollegiate Bowling Conference four years: (1972-1976); IBC - High Average Award (1976)

Paul served as President of Hillside Little League, Omaha NE: 2001-2006. As an avid golfer, Paul won the Nebraska Publinks Senior First Flight Championship 2011. Musically, he wrote songs and performed with the musical group Zurich. Paul currently resides in Omaha, NE with his wife, Roxanna.

He remains active with pickleball and golf where Tristan, his son, keeps him competitive.