

## Dewey Raymond



Nearly 40 years after recording his last tackle for the Brien McMahon football team, **Dewey Raymond** remains one of the most heralded defensive players in the history of the Senators' storied program.

In fact, he is still the only BMHS player to ever be named a High School All-American, something he achieved as a senior linebacker in the fall of 1976. His Adidas All-American plaque still hangs in the school's athletic trophy case.

A three-year varsity starter, Raymond gave an indication of things to come his junior year when he earned All-FCIAC, All-City, All-*Bridgeport Post*, and All-*New York Daily News* Tri-State honors while leading the Senators to the Western Division title and its first trip to the FCIAC championship game.

Then as a senior, the 6-foot-2, 210-pound Raymond had 90 unassisted tackles, five interceptions, and six quarterback sacks, while for his career he finished with a school record 258 tackles, 10 interceptions, six fumble recoveries, and 19 QB sacks. He not only repeated as All-FCIAC, All-City, All-*Bridgeport Post*, and All-*Daily News*, but became the first defensive player to ever be named MVP of *The Hour's* All-City football team.

In addition, Raymond was named the *Connecticut High School Defensive Player of the Year*, and capped off his career by being selected as a high school All-American by both Adidas and *Scholastic Coach* magazine.

Those kinds of accolades earned Raymond a scholarship to the University of Maryland and after one season, with a desire to play in his home state, he transferred to UConn. He started and lettered three seasons for the Huskies, switching to middle guard his final two years and leading the team in sacks. He was named All-Yankee Conference both years as well as All-ECAC as a senior. He was also elected a team captain his final season.

Raymond continued his close ties to his alma mater as a member of the UConn Football Alumni board of directors in 1998, and one year later was responsible for starting the Huskies' Football Career Day. In 2012, he was brought back as one of the honorary captains in the annual Blue-White spring game.

But while he is best remembered for his play on the gridiron, football wasn't the only sport Raymond excelled in. He also wrestled at McMahon and was All-FCIAC as a junior and senior, helping the Senators win the 1977 FCIAC and state championships. He was also named All-FCIAC in his only season in track and field after playing baseball his first three years.

Growing up, Raymond played baseball in the West Norwalk Community League and Pony League, Pop Warner Football with the Norwalk Ramblers, and football, basketball, and baseball at Ponus Ridge Middle School. He would later coach his three sons in the New Canaan Pop Warner Football program, winning three straight Candlewood Valley League championships, back-to-back state titles in 1994 and '95, and a New England crown in 1995. That team also finished third in the Pop Warner Super Bowl in Florida.

Raymond would go on to coach high school football, serving as defensive coordinator at Trinity Catholic from 1997-'98 before taking over as head coach from 1999-'02. He then returned to his alma mater at Brien McMahon, where he was a defensive coach from 2003-'06.

After his coaching days, Raymond remained close to sports and UConn as the athletic department's Associate Director of Development, and later as Director of Major Giving for UConn Athletics. In 2014, he left Storrs to become COO and a partner at Sports Traxx, Inc., a revolutionary sports technology system that, through the use of analytics, tracks coaching, drafting, scouting, analysis, even fantasy sports, for all major sports.

A lifelong Norwalker, Raymond and his wife Mena have five children — all of whom played high school sports, including three at McMahon — and two grandchildren. Raymond's son Peter played football for the Senators, while his father, Dewey Raymond Sr., was honored by the Norwalk Old Timers Athletic Association in 1995.