

# Jim Mech

## Class of 1956

# 2019 Hall of Fame Inductee

**Season & Career Scoring Leader (1956)**  
**Basketball**



Mech is a season and career scoring leader at St. Mary's High School. He scored 971 points as a senior in 1955-56 to set Iowa's all-time record and still stands third on the single-season list in Iowa. He has 1,983 career points (before there were three point plays). He had a career high of 52 points in a game (Versus St. Mary's Alton in 1955) and scored 40 or more points five times and 30 or more points 25 times. He was a three year starter and led the team in scoring all three seasons.

He averaged 30.3 points a game as a senior. He was fourth team all class All-State in 1956 before there were school size classifications. Bernie Saggau said he was the best high school player he'd seen in 20 years of refereeing. His classmates remember him as a natural athlete, ahead of his time with the jump shot, and very fast.

Mech also continues to hold the high school discus record at 132.10 feet. He qualified for state in the discus and football throw. He was an excellent baseball pitcher and first baseman and hitter. He later attended Creighton University on a basketball scholarship. Mech died January 5, 2012.