

Solanco Athletic Hall of Fame Induction

Jed King

His impact on Solanco athletics spans generations. As a standout multi-sport athlete, respected educator, successful coach, and current school leader, Jed King has dedicated much of his life to representing the values and traditions of Solanco. It is fitting that we welcome the Solanco High School Class of 1999 graduate into the Solanco Athletic Hall of Fame.

Few student-athletes have left their mark on as many programs as Jed did during his time at Solanco. A true four-sport athlete, he earned four letters in football, three in baseball, two in wrestling, and one in track and field. Regardless of the season, Jed could be found competing, leading, and pushing himself to excel.

On the football field, He was a four-year starter on defense and a three-year starting quarterback, demonstrating both versatility and toughness. His teammates recognized his leadership by electing him team captain during both his junior and senior seasons. Jed was a two-time First Team All-Section selection and a two-time New Era Player of the Week. He was selected to the prestigious War of the Roses All-Star Game, placing him among the area's top graduating football players. During his senior season, his outstanding performance earned him both the Team MVP Award and the Iron Mule Award. Jed was also recognized as a finalist for the Pennsylvania State Heisman Award, an honor that celebrates not only athletic achievement but also leadership, citizenship, and academic success. It was a fitting recognition for an athlete who embodied everything a coach could hope for in a student-athlete.

As remarkable as his football career was, Jed's athletic accomplishments extended well beyond the fall season. In baseball, he was a three-year starter and served as team captain during his senior year. Batting ninth in the lineup, Jed hit an impressive .390 while leading the section in both home runs and runs batted in. He finished the season with nine home runs and thirty-eight RBIs, production that earned him First Team All-County honors as an outfielder.

In wrestling, Jed competed in the varsity lineup during his sophomore and junior seasons. While injuries unfortunately shortened what promised to be a successful senior campaign, his willingness to step onto the mat and compete in one of the most demanding sports demonstrated the toughness he became known for across all athletic endeavors.

In Track and field, during his senior year, Jed competed in the javelin, placing fifth in the league with a throw of 174 feet. In a testament to his dedication and time management, he attended track practice in the mornings before heading to baseball practice after school.

Following graduation from Solanco, Jed continued both his education and athletic career at Kutztown University. There, he became a four-year member of the football program, earning three varsity letters and serving as team captain during his senior season. In 2003, Jed graduated from Kutztown University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. That degree launched a career devoted to serving students both inside and outside the classroom.

For the next two decades, Coach King became a fixture in the Octorara School District. As a teacher and coach for twenty years, he played an instrumental role in starting and building the Octorara football program. Countless student-athletes benefited from his leadership, mentorship, and commitment to helping young people develop both as athletes and as individuals.

Today, Jed currently serves as an Assistant Principal at Solanco High School, where he continues to impact students every day. In addition to his administrative responsibilities, he volunteers as an assistant football coach, giving back to the very program that helped shape him years ago.

Away from school, Jed is supported by his wife, Michelle, and their three children, Brooklyn, Lucy, and Bo, who are all Solanco Athletes themselves. We proudly welcome Solanco Hall of Fame inductee **Jed King** into the Solanco Athletic Hall of Fame.

