

O'Dea Fighting Irish

Athletic Wall of Honor

2000 Inductees

Pat Brady, Class of 1945

Pat Brady was a three sports athlete at O'Dea, earning varsity letters in football, basketball and baseball. While at O'Dea, Brady had a punt of 75-yards versus Everett HS in 1943, the longest punt in Washington State high school history. Brady went on to attend the University of Nevada, Reno where he had a 99-yard punt versus Loyola Los Angeles, the longest possible under the rules and a NCAA record that has never been tied. He completed his collegiate careers at Bradley University in 1951 and later went on to play for the Pittsburgh Steelers. He led the NFL in punting average for five years, from 1952 through 1956, until an injury ended his football career. Brady was inducted into the Bradley University Hall of fame, the University of Nevada Hall of Fame, named to the University of Nevada "Team of the Century," and named to the Pittsburgh Steelers 50th Anniversary team. Brady died on July 14, 2009 in Reno, Nevada.

Bill Courage, Class of 1944

Bill Courage came to O'Dea in 1940 and earned a total of 11 varsity letters in football, basketball and baseball during his time. Throughout his football career, he carried the ball, passed, punted and returned punts and kickoffs. He was an all-star in basketball and played catcher on the baseball team during each of his four years at O'Dea. Royal Brougham, then sports editor for the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, called Courage "the best [running] back in O'Dea history" up to that date. Courage was named to the "Best of the Decade" list by the league's coaches. Upon graduation, Courage joined the United States Navy in 1944. After his service ended, Courage played football for Santa Clara University and later signed a pro baseball contract with Portland of the Pacific Coast League.

Monte Kohler

Monte Kohler has been a member of the O’Dea faculty and staff since 1985 and serves as Athletic Director, Head Coach of the varsity football team, and Head Coach of track & field. Under his leadership, O’Dea football teams have won 20 League Titles, three State Championships (1991, 1994 and 1995), and named Academic State Champions three times (1993, 1995 and 1999).

Kohler’s track & field teams have won 17 League Championships as well as three State Championships (1995, 2003 and 2004).

O’Dea is proud of the outstanding achievements of Coach Kohler’s football and track & field teams, but even more proud of the outstanding leadership and guidance he has provided to O’Dea’s athletic programs. Kohler is a graduate of Loyola High School in Missoula, Montana and Carroll College in Helena, Montana.



Pat Raney

Pat Raney joined the O’Dea faculty in 1991, but has served as the Head Coach of the varsity soccer team since 1972. Under his leadership, Raney’s teams have won more than 430 games, 14 Metro League Titles and the State Championship in 1990. Raney has the longest tenure of any soccer coach in Washington State history and was chosen Coach of the Year twice (1984 and 1996). He has coached hundreds of All-League players, many of whom have gone on to play soccer at the collegiate level and beyond. In addition to his time coaching at O’Dea, Raney



has coached soccer for the CYO (30 years) and Seattle University (5 years). A native of Spokane, Raney graduated from Gonzaga High School and later moved to Seattle, finishing his college studies at Seattle University.