

**DeAndre Yedlin 2011**, participated in O'Dea's football, wrestling, track, and soccer programs. He also played for the Seattle Sounders Academy during the 2010–2011 season.

In 2013, after two seasons at the University of Akron, where he made the College Soccer News Freshman All-American team, he signed with the Seattle Sounders FC as the club's first homegrown player.

DeAndre featured in close to 200 matches in top European competitions, including the English Premier League, the EFL Championship, the Turkish Süper Lig, and the Europa League. He also played in North America in the MLS, CONCACAF Champions League, and U.S. Open Cup. DeAndre's performances have earned him three MLS All-Star selections as of 2023; twice with the Sounders, and once with Inter Miami CF. He has also played for the U.S. National Team, representing the United States in the 2014 and 2022 FIFA World Cup campaigns.

**Erasto Jackson '92**, was a three-sport athlete participating in football and wrestling. He also ran track his senior year. In his time at O'Dea he played offensive tackle and defensive end and was a 2-year letterman and co-captain in football his senior year. With his defensive prowess, Jackson helped lead O'Dea to a State Championship in 1991. He was named All-State and All American his senior year. Erasto was also the Metro Champion in the shot put as a senior.

Erasto attended the Naval Academy Prep School in Newport, Rhode Island, where he played football. He returned to his roots at O'Dea, starting the weight room program and giving back to our students by coaching football for 16 years. Currently Erasto's hard work and dedication can be seen in his restaurant, Lil' Red's Takeout and Catering, for which he was named a 2022 James Beard Award semifinalist for Best Chef: Northwest.

**Jim Skurski 1997** played both football and soccer for the Irish. He was a 3-year letterman and co-captain in football, helping lead O'Dea to a 35-1 record, 3 Metro Championships, and back-to-back State Championships in 1994 and 1995. His career long field goal was 54 yards.

Jim was named Street & Smith's All-American in 1996 and was an AP All-State pick in 1995 and 1996. He was an All-Metro League first team selection in 1994 through 1996.

Skurski was also a 3-year letterman and co-captain for the Irish soccer team. He helped capture two Metro Championships in 1996 and 1997, and 2<sup>nd</sup> in State in 1996. He was named All-Metro 1<sup>st</sup> team in 1996 and 1997, and Metro Player of the Year in 1997.

Jim attended the University of Washington where he was a 4-year letterman in football. He was on five bowl teams, including the 2000 Pac-10 and 2001 Rose Bowl Championships. He graduated from the Foster School of Business with a degree in Business Administration.

**Mark Green '96**, participated in football, baseball, and wrestling for the Irish. He was a 3-year letterman in football, captain of the team his senior year, and played in the 1994 and 1995 state championship games. In 1995 Mark started on both sides of the ball and was recognized by the Seattle Times, Post Intelligencer, and Associated Press as the State's Defensive MVP, as he helped O'Dea win their second straight State Championship. The team posted one of the best defensive scoreless streaks in state history, later to be named the "Scoreless in Seattle" defense. Success Stories Magazine listed Green as an honorable mention All American.

Mark wrestled and started as catcher for the Irish baseball team his sophomore year. He was recognized as an All-Metro catcher in 1995 and an All-State catcher in 1996. He signed a free agent contract with the Seattle Mariners in 2000 and played through 2002, before retiring due to injuries.

## **2004 Basketball Team**

In the 2003-2004 season, the O'Dea Fighting Irish Basketball Team had a record of 24-5 and won the school's third State Championship in basketball, an impressive journey culminating in a thrilling double-overtime victory over Rainier Beach, a team ranked #14 nationally by USA Today. They also claimed the coveted Metro League Championship, and were ultimately ranked in USA Today's top 25.

The team had an unyielding commitment to defense, seamless teamwork, and unwavering mental toughness. According to legendary O'Dea coach, Phil Lumpkin, the squad represented one of his most profound coaching experiences. He shared with the Seattle Times, "People said we were overmatched at times and that no one really feared or was intimidated by us. We didn't try and do any of that stuff. We tried to maximize our strengths, and that group played up to its potential".

The team's State Championship run was a journey not only of victories, but of heart and determination.