

JOHN F. HORAN CLASS OF 1951

Six foot, eight inch John Horan is the only Cadet in the history of the school to play in the NBA. He was drafted number one by the Fort Wayne (now Detroit) Pistons in 1955 and later played for the NBA champion Minneapolis Lakers with George Mikan. A heart condition cut short his career. John was a three-time All-State choice for the 1949, 1950 and 1951 Cadets, who were undefeated and State Catholic Champions those three years with him at center. In 1951 he was chosen as the top Catholic high school player in the nation and named a high school All-American. At Dayton he was a four-year starter, the captain of the team for the last three years and a three-time All-American. He holds numerous school records, including most career rebounds. John married Eileen in 1955 and they had four children, Casey, Colleen, Kelley and Riley. In 1975, he founded and owned the Rochester Indoor Tennis Center. John passed away November 14, 1980.

JOHN HORAN STATISTICS -

Saint Thomas Academy Athletics, total of seven Letters –

- STMA basketball: '48, '49, '50, '51
- STMA golf: '49, '50, '51
- All-Conference basketball: '49, '50, '51
- All-State basketball: '49, '50, '51
- Catholic High School All-American: '51
- Named “Top Catholic High School Player” in the nation by a Chicago newspaper
- Catholic State Champions -
Basketball: '49, '50, '51 (undefeated team)

Post-Secondary Athletics, total of four Letters –

- Dayton University basketball: '52, '53, '54, '55
 - Captain of the team 1953-55
 - First freshman to ever play/start a game at UD
 - First player to be a first-string starter for four years
 - Played in the NCAA once and NIT three times
 - Holds 20 UD records (see next page)

- First team All-American, Colliers Magazine: 1955
- Second team All-American, Associated Press: 1955
- Third team All-American, Converse and UPI: 1955
- First team All-Ohio, AP, UP and INS: 1954
- First string All-American for Sports Illustrated: 1955
- All-NIT Center: 1954
- All-Ohio and All-Midwest teams: 1954 and 1955

Professional Experience –

- Number one draft choice, number six overall of the Fort Wayne Pistons 1955 draft
- Played for Minneapolis Lakers, 1955-56

Other athletic-related activities, awards and accomplishments –

- Inducted into the Dayton University Athletic Hall of Fame in 1964

University of Dayton Records –

- Number 1 - Most rebounds, career (1,341)
- Number 3 - Most field goals attempted, freshman (316, 1951-52)
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- Number 3 - Most rebounds, freshman (221, 1951-52)
- Number 4 - Most consecutive free throws made, career (28)
- Number 4 - Most free throws made, career (477)
- Number 4 - Most consecutive free throws attempted, career (656)
- Number 4 - Most free throws attempted, season (217, 1954-55)
- Number 4 - Highest rebounding average, freshman (7.1, 1951-52)
- Number 5 - Most field goals made, freshman (136, 1951-52)
- Number 5 - Best free throw accuracy, game (12/12, January 30, 1955)
- Number 5 - Most free throws made, season (174, 1954-55)
- Number 6 - Highest rebounding average, career (11.2)
- Number 9 - Most points scored by a freshman (312, 1951-52)
- Number 10 - Most field goals made, career (640)
- Number 10 - Leading scorer (1,757)
- Number 10 - Highest rebounding average, season (13.5, 1953-54)
- Number 16 - Average points per game, career (14.6)
- Number 29 - Most points scored, season (514, 1954-55)