

JOHN H. O'BRIEN CLASS OF 1945

John (Jack) O'Brien was a four-sport letter winner during his years at the Academy. He earned three letters each in football, basketball and baseball and two letters in golf, for a total of 11 letters. Jack was captain of the Central Catholic Conference football champions in 1944. He earned six more letters at the College of St. Thomas in football and baseball, and was a member of the 1949 Cigar Bowl team, arguably the most famous football team in CST history. Jack was a sales representative with IBM for 32 years and Eastman Kodak for almost four years before retiring in 1991. He and wife Terry have one daughter, Katie, three sons, Pat '84, Tom '86 and Dan '88, and nine grandchildren. The couple lives in Minneapolis, MN.

JACK O'BRIEN STATISTICS -

Saint Thomas Academy Athletics, total of eleven Letters -

- STMA football: '42, '43, '44 (captain)
- STMA basketball: '43, '44, '45
- STMA baseball: '43, '44, '45
- STMA golf: '44, '45

- Central Catholic Conference -
All-Conference football: '42, '43, '44

- Central Catholic Conference -
Football Co-Champions in 1942
Football Champions in 1943 and 1944
Basketball Co-Champions in 1945

- State Private School Tournament -
Third place in 1945

Post-Secondary Athletics, total of six Letters -

- College of St. Thomas -
Football: '47, '48, '49
Baseball: '48, '49, '50

- All-State Football: '47, '48, '49
- Football Championships: '47, '48, '49
- Cigar Bowl: '49
* only CST team to reach a bowl game