

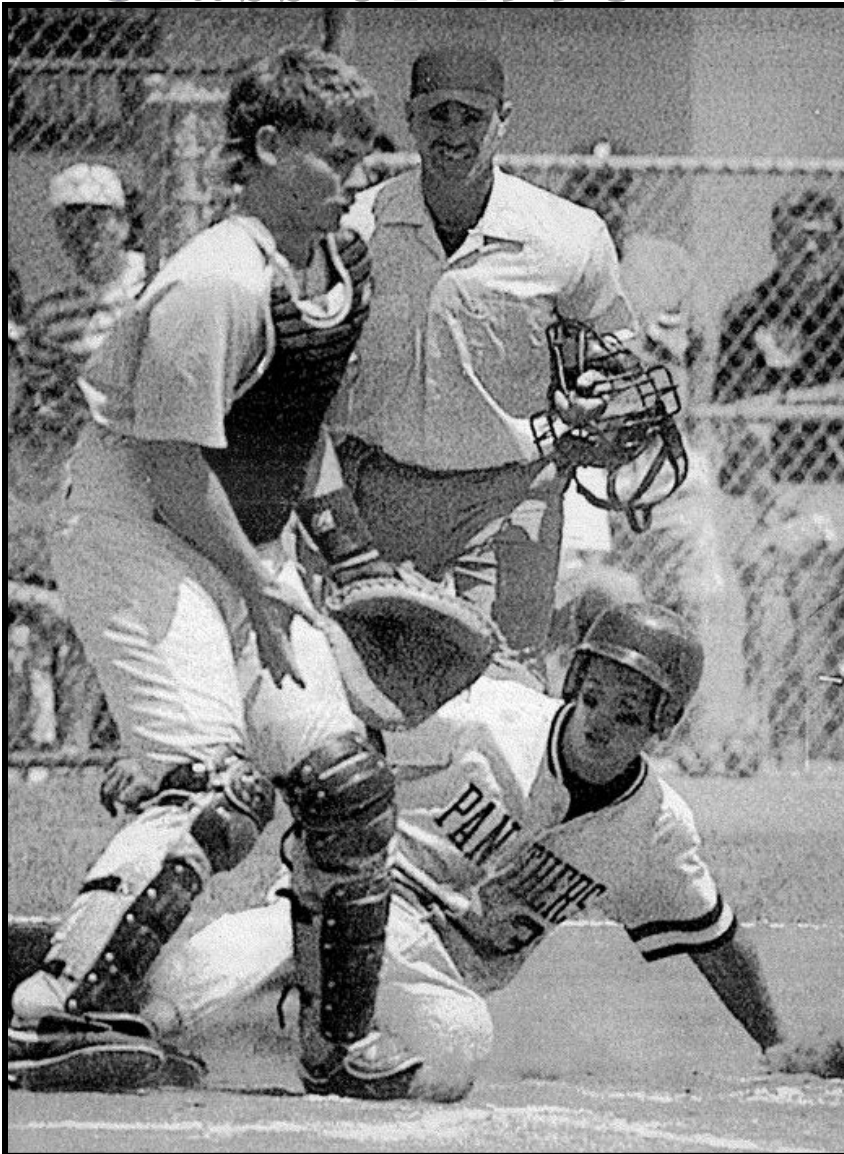
David Dirkx

Class of 1993

2022 Hall of Fame Inductee

1st Team All-State IHSBCA (1993)

Baseball



Dave Dirkx participated in basketball, track, and baseball during his high school career, 1990-1993. The baseball field was where Dirkx stood out. He was a 3-year starter, earning Honorable Mention All-Big West Conference honors as a sophomore. As a junior, Dirkx posted a .435 batting average while playing pitcher and third base defensively. He helped lead the team to a sub-state appearance and earned the following accolades: 1st Team All-Big West Conference, 2nd Team All-Northwest District for Class 1A/2A, 1st Team All-Area by the *Pilot Tribune*, and Honorable Mention All-State by the Iowa Newspaper Association (INA).

In his senior year, Dirkx helped lead the Panthers to a State Baseball Championship in Class 1A with a 31-4 record. He compiled a .454 batting average, with 41 RBIs, and 2 homeruns. He finished his career going 4 for 4 in the State Championship game. Dirkx was also 7-0 on the mound with a 2.32 ERA during that championship season. Individual honors his senior year included 1st Team All-Coon River Valley Conference, 1st Team All-Northwest District, 1st Team All-State by the Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association (IHSBCA), 2nd Team All State by the INA, *Storm Lake Times* All-Area Team and Player of the Year, and *Pilot Tribune* Elite Team. Dirkx was also selected to play in the IHSBCA Senior All-Star Series.

Baseball continued to be a major part of Dirkx's life following graduation from UNI as he began a career as a math teacher and baseball coach. During his 10 years as baseball coach at Carlisle High School, he led his team to 4 state tournament appearances, winning a state championship in 2003 with a 32-5 record. Dirkx then moved on to Waukee High School, racking up another 7 state tournament appearances, 9 seasons of 20+ wins, and 4 seasons of 30+ wins. He has a career coaching record of 557-239 for a .700 win percentage. Remarkably, Dirkx has participated in the state baseball tournament in all 4 classes – in 1A as a player, in 2A and 3A while coaching at Carlisle, and in 4A while coaching at Waukee.

Dave currently lives in Norwalk, IA, teaching 24 years and coaching 26 years at Waukee High School. His daughters, Natalie and Morgan, are both students at Iowa State University.