

MARK COX



Mark is a 1986 graduate – Mark grew up in Gold Hill and attended Hanby Middle School in the 7th and 8th grades where he was a three sport athlete, competing in football, basketball and running track. His freshman year he attended Scenic Junior High School where he continued to be a three sport athlete, competing in football, basketball and baseball. As a sophomore at Crater he continued to play all three sports and was a varsity starter (a rare feat for a sophomore in that era) in football as a receiver and a shortstop in baseball, where he was selected as second team All-Conference.

As a junior and senior he focused his efforts on the football field and excelled as a running back. He was not exceptionally big but was known for his speed and toughness. He was a First Team All-Conference running back and was the leading rusher in the Southern Oregon Conference both years. Crater had their most successful season up to that point in 85, his senior season, finishing 8 - 2 as Co-Champions. It is the only time the Comets

were conference champions in football in the Southern Oregon Conference. Mark was selected the SOC Offensive Player of the Year and Most Valuable Player.

In the fall of 86 he enrolled at Oregon Institute of Technology and starting as a receiver. He was once again undersized for NAIA Division I level football but used his speed to lead the nation in receiving that year. Over the course of four years playing at OIT he caught over 250 passes as the Owls had one of the most prolific passing attacks in the nation. They were very successful in those seasons, advancing to the national semi-finals in his junior year. He was a multi-year All Evergreen Conference and Northwest Conference Player three of the four seasons he played. His sophomore year he was All American.

Mark currently owns and operates Medford Countertops, the family business he took over from his dad in 1998. He and his wife, Tiffany, have two children: his son, Spencer, who is 18 and attends Portland State University; and his daughter Finley, who is 14 and attends St. Mary's High School in Medford.