

Bradford D. Lee

Racine William Horlick High School: 1966 – 1968

Coach: Phillip Esten

Team Captain: 1968

High School Events, Best Performances:

**Long Jump (23' 2 1/4"), Mile Relay (3:21.0), 880yd Relay,
120yd High Hurdles (15.0), 180yd Low Hurdles**

WIAA State Records Set (Class A):

1967 – Mile Relay (3:23.4)

1968 – Mile Relay (3:21.0)

Monona Grove Invitational

1967 – 3rd 180yd Low Hurdles & Mile Relay

1968 – 1st Mile Relay; 3rd LJ; 5th 120yd High Hurdles

Drew Memorial Invitational (Illinois)

1967 – 1st Long Jump; 4th 880yd Relay; 5th Mile Relay

Big Eight Conference

1967 – 1st Long Jump, Mile Relay; 2nd 180yd Low Hurdles

1968 – 1st Long Jump, Mile Relay; 2nd 120yd High Hurdles

WIAA Sectional (Class A):

1967 – 1st Long Jump, 180yd Low Hurdles & Mile Relay

1968 – 1st Long Jump, 120yd High Hurdles & Mile Relay

WIAA State Meet (Class A):

**1967 – 1st Mile Relay (3:23.4; state meet record); competed in
the Long Jump & 180yd Low Hurdles**

**1968 – 1st Mile Relay (3:21.0; state meet record), Long Jump
(21' 11"); competed in the 120yd High Hurdles (:15.0)**

1968 – WIAA State Team Champions

Historic Notes:

This inductee is described as a quiet, humble and modest man, who never got lost in the glory of his early athletic accomplishments. So, what made Bradford D. Lee worthy of Hall of Fame consideration outside of his accomplishments during his junior and senior years of high school? It's what took place between those two track seasons, and after, that are truly miraculous. As a senior athlete, Bradford suffered a broken neck during the early football season that initially

left him paralyzed. His spinal cord was bent and pinched but luckily not severed. After having his vertebrae fused, only time would tell whether this young man would be able to walk or use his arms again. Following countless hours with doctors, therapy, a caring/supportive family and a coach he admired, Brad seemed to make miracles happen. This is an athlete who started his senior year of track trying to run with one arm curled against his chest while trying to drag one leg along to keep up. In short, he just wouldn't quit! As his wife Maria stated, "Brad went full circle, from having it all, to losing it all, and then bringing it back again!" He has lived an athletic life ever since. His senior year accomplishments are a testament to that.

Inducted 2008

