

Lew Olsen

2013 SRVHS ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Lew Olsen, Class of 1973:

Tall and imposing. That's how opposing baseball batters viewed Lew Olsen on the pitcher's mound, and that's the gridiron, as well. Lew's athletic prowess was evident early in High School. Lew played one game as a Sophomore and became a starter on the Varsity team the following night. By the time Lew's H.S. Football career had ended, he had been named 1st Team All-East Bay twice. While College Football recruiters lined up with offers of full-ride scholarships, Pro Football scouts were deep to watch this hard-throwing pitcher. In Lew's Jr. year, he had 113 strikeouts in 87 innings and a 0.46 ERA. He compiled a perfect 7 – 0 record with 3 no hitters and 2 one hitters and an unbelievable 0.13 ERA. He was the MVP of the Year and the K.C. Royals made him their first pick in the 1973 draft (9th player chosen overall) right out of High School. Lew's Baseball career was cut short by a shoulder injury in 1977. Lew was elected to the Tri-Valley Sports Hall of Fame in 2008.

Lew is a humble man and an active member of his church. When asked about his athletic accomplishments, Lew shared information about his wife of 34 years, Cindy and their daughter Summer's championships with their horses, and his love of golf course. Lew submitted a picture of his grandson Layton before he sent the picture of himself in his K.C. Football uniform.

Lew earned his BS in Industrial and Systems Engineering from the U. of Florida and his MS in Computer Science from the U. of Florida. Lew works in FL at the Harris Corp. as the FTI Data Center Operations Manager.