



Jack Decker

Year of Induction: **2010**

Year of Graduation: **1950**

The Johnson City football teams of 1948, 1949, and 1950 accumulated an amazing record of 24 wins and 0 losses. One of the keys to this incredible winning streak was the team's decorated halfback, Jack Decker, JCHS class of 1950.

Mr. Decker's dominance on the gridiron began in the fall of 1948, but his season was cut short as he sustained an injury in the season's first game. Opposing teams would not be so lucky in 1949, as Jack returned to the field and began a streak of dominance that helped his team continue its winning ways. Jack's accomplishments at the halfback position led to numerous honors. He was the leading scoring in the STC with 72 points, which was more than double that of any other player in the league. This feat was followed by being named to the Southern Tier Conference 1st team. He was also named the captain of the all-state team in 1949.

After graduating in January of 1950, Mr. Decker returned to the team in the fall of 1950 as a post-graduate. The 1950 team would continue its winning ways as it compiled another undefeated season, running its winning streak to 24 games. Jack would once again lead the STC in scoring in 1950, and he would go on to be named the captain of the STC offense and defense 1st team, 1st team all-state, and the WNBFF Player of the Year.

The Section 4 Hall of Fame welcomed Mr. Decker in 2005, and the Johnson City Athletic Hall of Fame is proud to have Mr. Jack Decker, the star halfback and leading scorer of back-to-back undefeated teams in 1949 and 1950, as one of its members.