



Andy Peters

Year of Induction: **2011**

Year of Graduation: **1982**

The greatest praise an athlete can receive comes from one's teammates and coaches. In the case of Andy Peters, JCHS Class of 1982, this is certainly the case:

Coach Chuck Gottfried (JC Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2006) said of Peters after the last game of his senior season, "I'll never have another like him again."

Teammate Mike Moran (JC Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2009) said of Peters, "He had the best combination of power and speed I've seen at Johnson City. In my opinion, he was the most dominant back in Section IV during his time."

Mr. Peters was a four year starter on the Wildcats' varsity football team, which meant that he was the first freshman to play on legendary coach Chuck Gottfried's teams. He was a First Team All-STAC selection as a junior in the fall of 1980, but his best was yet to come. The 1981 Johnson City football team was historic for its accomplishments. Andy led the team to a perfect record of 10 wins and 0 losses. This record marked the first time since 1916 that a football team from Section IV won 10 games, and it was Johnson City's first undefeated team since 1949. The team ended up ranked sixth in New York State in the large school poll, and was ranked 20th in the Northeast Region of the U.S. In the season ending bowl game victory against Chenango Forks, Andy carried the ball 41 times for 230 yards. He totaled 1,383 yards and 20 touchdowns during his senior season. This excellence earned Andy the following honors:

- First Team All-STAC
- First Team All-Metro
- First Team All-State
- 1981 Press & Sun Bulletin Athlete of the Year

After completing his playing days for the Wildcats, Andy earned a full athletic scholarship to Temple University. He was recognized for his scholastic achievements with induction to the Section IV Hall of Fame in 1994.

The Johnson City Athletic Hall of Fame is proud to welcome a football player who helped to return the Wildcats' football program to prominence, Andy Peters, JCHS Class of 1982.