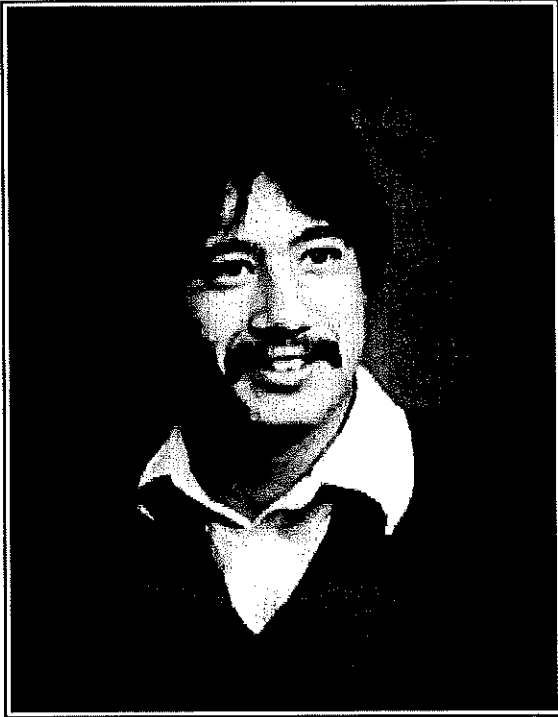


Robert Lee Truax



Robert L. Truax, a member of the Lunenburg High School graduating class of 1984, was an outstanding athlete who participated in numerous sports during his high school career, while maintaining honor level status in his academics. Four solid years in Football, Spring and Winter Track, along with one season of baseball showed Lunenburg had found a remarkable athlete in this young man.

Of special note are "Bobby's" accomplishments on the gridiron. At only 5' 8" and 155 pounds, Bob was known for being one of the smallest in stature on the field. Newspaper reports frequently referred to this "outstanding running back" as "tough", "awesome", and the one that "wouldn't go down".

Running back, pass receiver, and defensive back were positions Bob took on, and he always gave more than 100% every time he stepped on the field. Fellow 2015 Hall of Fame inductee and Bob's Lunenburg High

School football coach Walt Dubzinski had this to say: "He's (Bobby's) always coming up with the big plays. He's a fine pass catcher coming out of the backfield and he's one of the top linebackers in the area." Coach Dubzinski called him "the toughest kid I have ever coached" and he had been coaching for over twenty years at that time.

A humble man, Bob, though grateful for the honor, stated, "I do believe there are more worthy candidates than myself out there." The overwhelming number of stories that can be recalled, and numerous newspaper articles highlighting Bob's achievements as part of Blue Knights football program, certainly beg to differ with that. The words "awesome", "outstanding", and even "hero" were seen in print repeatedly when referring to his abilities as an athlete.

Bob served as a Tri-Captain of the 1983 Super Bowl Championship team. In December of that year, Lunenburg met Oakmont for the final game of the season. Bob, regarded as one of the best players in the Wachusett League, ran for 105 yards and scored two touchdowns, one of which was a "brilliant 54 yard run". This undeniably helped seal the victory for his team, with a final score of 21-20. His stats for senior year alone totaled 935 yards and 9 touchdowns. He was chosen the 1983 Wachusett League All Purpose Offensive Back All Star, the team's most valuable player with the presentation of the Andrew DiGiammo Memorial Award, and also received the Brian McNally Memorial Award.

Bob Truax continues to be a presence at Lunenburg High School, giving of his time both on and off the field, as a classroom teacher and coach of both football and track. He is well-respected, well-liked and will be well-remembered for not only his academic and athletic accomplishments, but for his dedication to the students and athletes of Lunenburg High School.

It is an honor to induct Robert "Bob" Truax into the Lunenburg High School Athletic Hall of Fame.