

JOHN DEMERIT

ATHLETE



PORT WASHINGTON HALL OF FAME
Inducted September 14, 2024



John DeMerit achieved remarkable success across multiple sports during his time at Port Washington High School. A 16-time varsity letter winner, John was a four-year starter in football, basketball, and baseball, while also excelling in track. His track accomplishments include seven state titles and two team State Championships in 1953 and 1954. In football, he earned a spot on the 1954 3rd team All-State as a back, while in basketball, he was the conference scoring champion the same year. John was also part of the 1953 state baseball team, where he played as a pitcher and outfielder. He continued his athletic career at the University of Wisconsin, where he earned a basketball scholarship, was a letter winner in basketball, and a two-time All-Big Ten selection in baseball. Professionally, he signed with the Milwaukee Braves, played in the 1957 World Series, and even hit a home run off Hall of Famer Sandy Koufax in 1961. He dedicated much of his later life to the community as the Parks & Recreation Director in Port Washington until 1995.

John's exceptional versatility and success across numerous sports at all levels highlights his remarkable athletic achievements and serves as an inspiration to young athletes today. His achievements not only highlight his athletic prowess but also his dedication and commitment to sports and our community. John's legacy is a testament to his incredible skill set and leadership. He is a true sports icon whose contributions have left a lasting impact on both Port Washington High School and the broader athletic community.