

BRYAN BOERJAN

A 2001 graduate of Rock Falls High School, Bryan earned a total of six varsity letters in the sports of football and basketball. While his achievements in basketball are what he is most remembered for, Bryan did earn two varsity letters quarterbacking the Rocket football team. During his junior year Bryan had an outstanding season with 132 completions in 239 attempts for 1669 yards. He also threw 14 touchdown passes against only 8 interceptions. For his play he was selected First-Team All NCIC.

Basketball was his sport. Bryan was a four-year varsity starter and earned 1st Team All-NCIC both his junior and senior seasons. He also received 2nd team All-State honors from the Associated Press, IBCA, and Chicago Sun-Times his junior year and received 1st team honors from all three his senior season.

Bryan was also a two-time co-MVP for the Rockets and was named to several holiday tournament teams during his four year career. He was also named to play in the IBCA All-Star game his senior year and was a McDonald's All-American nominee.

For his career Bryan scored 1492 points, which ranks him 3rd on the Rockets All-Time scoring list. His 937 career rebounds are tops in that category. During his four years the Rockets won three NCIC titles and were an incredible 104-22. The 104 wins are the most by any Rocket player in school history. Bryan was the starting center as a sophomore on the 1999 State Championship Team as well as the starting post player on the Elite Eight team of 2000, and the Sweet 16 teams of 1998 and 2001. He is one of only three players in Illinois State Basketball to be part of four winning Sectional teams.

After graduation Bryan signed a National Letter of Intent to play Division I basketball at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama. While at Samford, Bryan played in 111 of 112 games the Bulldogs played, including being their starting post player his senior season. During that senior year, Bryan scored at nearly 10 points per game while shooting over 50% from the field and 40% from the 3-point arc. He was also voted the team's Most Outstanding Defensive Player in 2003 and 2005 and the team's Most Improved Player in 2005.

SETH HEIM

Seth is a 2001 graduate of Rock Falls High School, where he was a three-time State Qualifier and a four-time varsity letter winner in wrestling. During his junior year of 2000 Seth captured the 135lb. State Wrestling Championship while compiling a record of 36-6 with 19 victories coming by fall. He also captured a Regional title along the way to the state meet.

Seth followed up his outstanding junior year by recording 41 wins, 21 by fall, against only five defeats his senior year. He finished 3rd in the State at 145 lbs. And also captured several invitational titles along with a NCIC title and Regional Championships. Seth also qualified for state as a sophomore and had an overall record of 38-9 while also winning the NCIC title at 135 lbs.

During his career at RFHS, Seth had an overall record of 139-34. The 139 wins are second all-time for a Rocket wrestler. Seth holds two Rocket wrestling records. His 72 career pins are tops along with his single season mark of 41 victories.

JORGE ACOSTA

Jorge is a 2001 graduate of RFHS and earned nine varsity letters in the sports of football, basketball, and baseball. While many people may most remember his achievements on the basketball floor, Jorge excelled in all sports, which made him one of the finest all-around athletes to come out of Rock Falls High School.

As a three year starting point guard for the Rocket basketball team, Jorge helped lead the Rockets to a remarkable 81-14 record that included 3 NCIC, Regional and Sectional championships, two trips to State, and one State Championship. He earned two co-MVP awards; First Team NCIC honors his junior and senior years and was a First Team All-State selection as a senior. Jorge holds the single season assist record with 237 and the single season steals mark with 130. He also holds the career assist record with 560.

On the gridiron, Jorge returned kicks, played in the secondary, and excelled at wide receiver. During his junior year, Jorge caught 81 passes for 1081 yards and 12 touchdowns. These fantastic numbers earned Jorge First team NCIC honors and Second team All-State honors from the Chicago Tribune.

Baseball, maybe Jorge's favorite sport, saw him named the Rockets MVP his sophomore, junior and senior seasons. During that time, Jorge led the team in batting average, runs scored, and stolen bases while playing shortstop, centerfield, and even doing some pitching. He was a three time First team All-NCIC pick and earned All-State mention his senior year. Jorge had a career batting average of .431 and his 78 stolen bases was a Rocket record.

After graduation Jorge attended Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois where he was a member of the Vikings baseball team. As a shortstop he earned four varsity letters at Augie and finished his career in the Top 10 in stolen bases, walks, runs batted in, at bats and triples.

1999-2000 BOYS BASKETBALL

Having to replace five of their top eight players off the State Championship team from the year before, this version of the Runnin' Rockets used an in your face defense coupled with a balanced half-court offense, to ring up 25 victories against only 5 losses on their way to returning downstate and Elite Eight Status.

The Rockets became "Back to Back" NCIC Champions by posting a perfect 11-0 mark on the strength of a defense that allowed only 39 points per game. Victories over cross-river rival Sterling and conference power Rochelle were the key wins in the perfect conference mark.

In the post-season, the Rockets captured the Port Byron Regional, the Rock Falls Sectional, and then to earn their return trip to Peoria, defeated Rock Island Alleman, 57-51, at the East Moline Super-Sectional. In the State Quarterfinals, the Rockets lost a hard fought 52-49 game in the final minute to Riverton

2000-2001 BOYS BASKETBALL

This Runnin' Rockets squad continued the winning ways of the program by capturing their third consecutive NCIC Championship and fourth straight Regional and Sectional titles on their way to a 25-6 record and a another trip to the "Sweet 16".

The Rockets blasted off to an 11-0 mark to start the season, winning the New-Mor-Roc-Ster and State Farm Holiday Classic titles along the way. Their first loss came to South Holland Thornwood, the State's #1 ranked Class AA team, 64-56, in the Champion vs. Champion game of the State Farm Classic. After a couple of tough, close losses to state ranked Rock Island Alleman and Farmington, the Rockets rebounded nicely winning 12 of their last 14 games and the aforementioned Conference, Regional, and Sectional Championships. In fact, all six Rocket losses were to state ranked teams and 11 of the 31 games on their schedule were against ranked opponents.

After winning the Prophetstown Regional and the Port Byron Sectional the Rockets got a rematch with Farmington at the East Moline Super-Sectional, but Farmington pulled away from the Rockets in the fourth quarter and denied the Rockets a third consecutive trip to state.

The Super-Sectional game was the last game for Head Coach Thom Sigel. In his last four years at Rock Falls, the Rockets had a record of 104-22 with three NCIC titles, four Regional and Sectional championships, two trips to State and one State Championship. It was also the last game for two All-State players, four-year starter Bryan Boerjan and three-year starter Jorge Acosta.