

Kirt Davis

Kirt Davis attended Hoopeston East Lynn from 1979-1983. He was a member of the cross-country team and the track team. Quentin Ryder stated that “Kirt was one of the finest distance runners that I have ever witnessed in area and state competition during my thirty-five-year career”.

As a freshman on the 1979 cross country team, Kirts was the number two runner on the team. That same team finished third in state that year. In 1981, he ran a



14:52 and that time is still listed as one of the top twenty-five times ever run in a Class A competition. He is an All-State performer including 4 consecutive appearances at the state cross country meet and a 9th place state finish in 1982. Other cross-country accolades include: making the top 7 finishers in the sectional meet all four years, three regional championship runs, two conference top finishes, two-time St. Joe Spartan classic champion, and Bismarck and Clifton Invitational champion.

Kirt also set records on Hoopeston’s dual and regional courses and also on the Clifton, Georgetown, Oakwood, and Watseka courses during his high school career. In 1981, he put together a string of 17 straight wins in both

dual and invitational competition.

His career in track was no exception. He was a four-time state qualifier, three-time state finals qualifier, and two-time medalist in the 1600m run placing 6th and 7th and a state finalist in the 3200m run. He was a member of the state finals 4 by 800m relay team, placed first in the 1600m run twice and once in the 3200m run at sectionals, and was the conference champ three times in the 1600m run and once in the 3200m run. Mr. Davis racked up six championship runs at the Tolono and St. Joe Invites in the 1600m run and the 3200m run. He also won multiple individual events at numerous dual and triangular meets.