Scott Martin, Distinguished Alumni

Scott Martin, a native of Hunter, was a graduate of the Dakota Warriors class of 1973. While in High School, Scott participated in Football, Basketball and Track. Scott was an All-Conference selection in football his Sophomore, Junior and Senior years. One of his most favorite memories of football was getting the chance to play middle linebacker in several games his senior year. He was a 3-year starter in basketball and was voted co-MVP for basketball his Senior year. The highlight of his senior year was winning the District 5 Championship over arch rival Central Cass in overtime. Scott only participated in one full year of track, which was his Senior year. However, he is very proud of the fact that he was involved in 6 new school records that year. His highlight of track was anchoring the 440-relay team, which qualified for state. He was also voted MVP of the track team that year.

In 1973, Scott went on to attend the University of North Dakota where he received a scholarship to play football. He was the starting offensive left guard for the “Fighting Sioux” his Sophomore, Junior and Senior years. While there he played on two conference championship teams, 1974 and 1975. The 1975 team had an undefeated regular season. Scott received first team all-conference his Senior year. Scott’s favorite memory was playing NDSU in Fargo in 1975. UND won that game 34-17. Scott was named the NCC Conference offensive player of the week. That marked the first time an offensive lineman ever received that honor. He would later be honored by being named to UND’s All-Century team in 1994.

On June 10, 1977 Scott married Debbie Graalum, whom he met at UND. Debbie is originally from Cavalier, ND and is also a graduate of UND.

Earlier that spring, Scott was drafted by the San Francisco 49ers in the 12th round of the 1977 NFL draft. He was only the 11th player ever to get drafted out of the University of North Dakota. He went to training camp in July of 1977, played in the 1st preseason game, but unfortunately did not make the team. He had one more NFL try-out the next season with the Dallas Cowboys. While things didn’t work out as he had hoped, he very much enjoyed both of his NFL experiences.

After his football career ended, Scott returned home to Hunter where he farmed and started a family.

In 1986, Scott & Deb moved to Fargo and Scott entered the insurance business where he worked for 25 years. He held several roles in the insurance industry, from personal production to management. Scott was the VP of Sales for Nodak Mutual for 6 of those years. Scott retired from the insurance industry in 2010 and is currently working in the Gas and Oil business in Fargo.

Scott and Deb love spending time with their three children and their families. Tyler & Sarah Martin, Annie & Brett Larson and Heather & Kailun Ostheimer. Their summers are filled at the lake fishing and boating with their family. Their winters are spent going between all the different sporting events. Scott and Deb’s grandchildren are Kaden, Ellis and Jada Martin, Madison Larson and Isaac Ostheimer.