

JEFFERY JEROME “JJ” GEHRING

Athlete

Born and raised on a dairy farm, hard work and dedication were no stranger to JJ. His competitiveness probably came from being the youngest of four boys who were all respectable athletes. Besides carrying a 3.0 GPA, JJ lettered 11 times between football, wrestling, and track and field.

On the football field, he was a varsity starter for 3 years and achieved many team awards. He was All-Conference Linebacker and Running Back for the 1997 season, which was a crucial role in the team’s conference championship that year. His performance helped propel the team to consecutive WIAA State Championship appearances; falling short in 1997 but bringing home the State Championship in 1998.

On the wrestling mat, JJ had 100 career wins and took first place at various tournaments throughout the years. He was conference MVP back to back in 1997 & 1998 and competed in the state tournament twice, placing 4th in 1997 and 3rd in 1998.

For track and field, he threw shot put and discus. In 1998, he helped secure a conference relay record for shot put of 156’9”. JJ was shot put conference champ in 1999 and earned 4th at state. His success also contributed to the team’s Triple Crown that year.

On the field, JJ marveled his peers with his strength; but off the field, it was his gratefulness and honesty that won people over. A humble farm boy who was well respected for who he was in and out of the locker room.

Graduated 1999