

# **Rick (The Crusher) Scherr**

**Class of 1969**

**Rick ranks as one of the best athletes in Slinger High School history. In basketball, he is still tied for the record of most points in a basketball game with 37. In track, his school record shot put of 59'7", led him to a second place finish at state. The record stood for 37 years, until 2006. He also threw the Discus- 157'11", which at the time was another school record.**

**He was the leading scorer on the Scenic Moraine Conference Championship basketball team which went 14-0, and topped 100 points three times, setting the still standing school record of 115 in the 1968-69 season. That team also set the record for most wins in a season at the time with 18. Rick was voted First Team All-Conference.**

**Rick played football his senior year and recovered 4 fumbles in one game, while also punting the ball over 70 yards in another. In baseball, Rick hit a homerun that is still believed to be the longest ball ever hit for Slinger High School, back when they were using wood bats.**

**Rick went on to become one of the greatest softball players ever. He played for 25 years in Wisconsin, Texas, and North Carolina. He broke the National Home Run Record two times, with 356 home runs in 1982 and in 1985 he hit 456 in 190 games. Rick was voted "Softball Player of the Decade" for the 1980's, and named by the U.S. Olympic Committee the "1981 American Amateur Softball Athlete of the Year". Rick played in the 1989 Summer Olympics Festival in Oklahoma City for Team USA North, batting .720, hitting 13 homers and driving in 30 runs, leading his team to third place, and a Bronze Metal. That same year, he hit two home runs in a row that landed in the top of the bleachers in left field at the infamous Rosenblatt Stadium in Omaha, Nebraska where the College World Series is played. They estimate the balls traveled at least 450 feet.**

**He was inducted into the USSSA Hall of Fame in 1994, ASA Hall of Fame in 2001, Wisconsin Softball Hall of Fame in 1997, and the North Carolina Softball Hall of Fame in 2001. Always proud to be an Owl!**

**Graduated 1969**