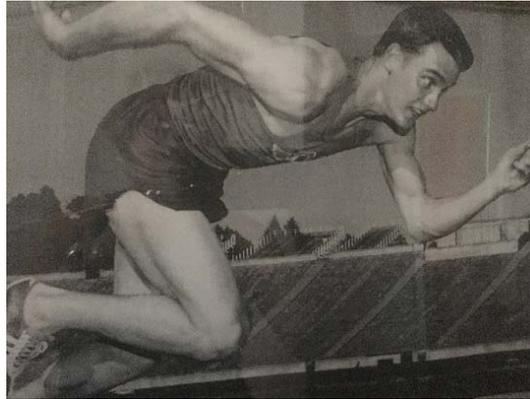


DR. DAVID SIME*
Athlete - Fair Lawn HS



Dr. David Sime was one of those dynamic individuals who excelled at everything he tried. At age 13, he won a speed-skating contest at Madison Square Garden, despite the fact that he hated to skate. At Fair Lawn HS, he was an all-state football player with over 20 football scholarship offers, including an offer to play at West Point with assistant coach Vince Lombardi. David was also an all-state baseball player. His senior year he batted .525 and was given offers to play for the Cincinnati Reds and the NY Giants baseball team. In the end, David chose a scholarship to play centerfield for Duke University. (He also played football at Duke for one year which got the attention of the Detroit Lions, who tried to draft him).

Ironically, though David went to Duke initially to play baseball, David is most known for his speed on the track, a sport he never played in high school, and picked up as a sophomore when the Duke track coach noticed him. At a time when the world record for 100 yards was 9.3 seconds, he ran 9.8 in his first practice and 9.6 in his first meet. A career was born. In the mid-1950s, he broke or tied five world records outdoors and four indoors in the sprints and low hurdles to become the world's fastest sprinter. His record in the 200-yard dash stood for ten years from 1956 - 1966 and David appeared on the cover of a July 1956 Sports Illustrated with the caption "Superman in Spikes." He was favored to win three gold medals in the 1956 Olympics but a groin injury kept him out. At the 1960 games in Rome, he went on to win the silver medal but Rome marked the end of Sime's track career. He returned to Duke to complete his medical degree before settling in to South Florida. David was voted the best athlete in the university's history.

In Florida, Dr. Sime opened up his own ophthalmology practice, where he became a renowned eye doctor, with clients such as President Richard Nixon, Ted Williams, Sugar Ray Leonard, Eddie Arcaro, the swimmer and actress Eleanor Holm and Nixon pal Bebe Rebozo. He also served as one of the physicians for the Miami Dolphins during the Don Shula era, when his main job was to help quarterback Bob Griese deal with various eye difficulties.

David died in January of this past year in Miami Beach after a long battle with cancer. He was 79.

**Posthumous Award*