

ROYCE FLIPPIN, JR.
Montclair HS
Four-Sport High School Athlete



Royce Flippin Jr. graduated from Montclair High School in 1952 and was selected as the *Newark News* New Jersey High School Athlete of the Year that spring. He earned 12 varsity letters for the Mounties in three years, for football, basketball, baseball, and track & field, and was a first-team New Jersey All-State selection in football, baseball, and track in his senior year. As a senior, he won the Group 4 long jump title with a leap of 22 feet 6½ inches and placed fourth in the 100-yard final. In football, with Royce starting at halfback under legendary coach and New Jersey Hall of Famer Clary Anderson all three years, Montclair High was the undefeated Group 4 champion in both his sophomore and junior years, and was 8-1 his senior year. Royce also played for Clary as a three-year starting guard on Montclair's basketball team and three-year starting outfielder on the baseball team.

Royce went on to play football and baseball for four years at Princeton University, where he captained Princeton's Ivy League championship football team his senior year under coach Charley Caldwell and received the John Prentiss Poe Memorial Cup, Princeton's highest football award. Playing tailback in the single-wing formation, he was 11th in the nation in total offense and 16th in rushing in his junior year despite missing three games with a broken wrist, and was a first-team All-Ivy and All-East selection for football that year. He went on to serve as an officer in the Marine Corps and receive an MBA from Harvard University. Following a career in business, he was Princeton University's Director of Athletics from 1973 to 1979, during which Princeton led Ivy League in all-sports winning percentage for six consecutive years, and also successfully integrated women's athletics into the sports program of the newly co-ed university. Royce went on to be Director of Athletics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology from 1980 to 1992, a span in which he also served five years on the NCAA Executive Committee and one year as President of the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC). He was also a Trustee of Ariel Mutual Funds for 28 years, serving as Lead Trustee for the last eight years, and in 2012 was nominated as Institutional Investor's National Small Board Trustee of the Year.

Royce married his Montclair High School classmate, Louise Ferdon, 61 years ago, and together they had three children and six grandchildren. He thanks the Hall of Fame for this honor, and is thrilled to join his beloved high school coach Clary Anderson as part of this special group.