



**Larry Kempf**  
**Class of 1956**  
**Male Athlete Inductee**

Larry Kempf was a four sport athlete at Holton High School from 1952-1956. Kempf played football, basketball, baseball, and track. In third grade, his teacher stated that he had “poor muscular coordination” and “gave up too easily.” Perhaps much to her surprise, Larry Kempf would grow to become one of Holton’s best football and track athletes. In 1954, Kempf played halfback on the first official football team at Holton High School. The team, loaded with novice players, came to have one of the most successful football seasons in Holton history. Kempf was a fast and powerful runner with long running drives resulting in touchdowns. This includes two 70 yard break out touchdown runs in a single game. Kempf’s hard hitting, aggressive style of football made him a strong athlete with both the short and long game. In 2016, Larry and the rest of the 1954 Football Team were inducted into the Holton Athletic Hall of Fame.

In track, Kempf also excelled. As an accomplished running back, his fast legs led him to setting school records in the 100 yard dash and 220 yard dash. These records remain unbroken. Kempf’s grit and desire to succeed gave him a competitive edge on many opponents.

Kempf’s outstanding performances on the football field and the track make him worthy of induction into the Holton Athletic Hall of Fame.