

JOHN A. MEANEY, CLASS OF 1978



At K-O, John served as captain of the baseball team, and he won the Baseball Award. He also won the First Year Award in 1975 and the Williams Club Book Award for sincere scholarly interest and significant participation in athletics.

He is remembered as a great point guard and leader in basketball. He was a tough left-hander with a great jump shot and ability to drive to the basket. He was a strong and fierce competitor. As a four-year starter, his teams won three KIT Championships, and he was MVP of two KIT's.

John teamed with Phil Moran to form one of the finest backcourts in New England prep school boys' basketball history. The "M&M Boys" were the subject of considerable publicity, including a full-length column by The Hartford Courant's Woody Anderson.

In John's sophomore year — immediately after K-O beat Wilbraham in overtime on a 35-foot jump shot by Phil Moran to win the KIT — Dee Rowe, at the time the head men's basketball coach at UCONN, who was present at the game, stated, "I have never seen two high school backcourt players complement each other better than John Meaney and Phil Moran."

At Trinity College, John was a four-year starter, a three-year captain and a first-team academic All-American. In October 2006, John was inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame in the Scholar-Athlete category.