



ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME



Keith Rucker '93

Football, Track

Keith was one of the most visible performers in Ohio Wesleyan history, winning seven All-America honors in football and seven in track & field, the most by a Battling Bishop. His senior year, he was a first-team All-America selection by Kodak, Associated Press and *Football Gazette* and was a third-team pick by Champion. Keith was the NCAC's Defensive Player of the Year. He capped his career by being the first Division III player ever invited to compete in the Hula Bowl all-star game. As a junior, Keith was an All-America selection by the Associated Press and Champion. Ohio Wesleyan led all NCAA Division III teams in rushing defense that season on the way to a top-20 national ranking. His sophomore year, Keith was an honorable mention All-America pick by *Football Gazette*. The team's 25-4-1 record during Rucker's 3 seasons is the best of any 3-year span in Bishop history. In track, Keith was a three-time national champion in the shot put and discus and a four-time selection as Most Valuable Field performer at the NCAC championship meet. His freshman year, he won the NCAC title in the shot put and was named Most Valuable Field performer as OWU won the NCAC title. Keith went on to place fifth in the shot put at the NCAA Division III meet, becoming Ohio Wesleyan's first indoor track & field All-American. Outdoors that year, he won the shot and discus at the NCAC meet, winning Most Valuable Field performer honors. As a sophomore, Keith won the shot put both indoors and outdoors, setting OWU and NCAC records outdoors, and won the discus title outdoors on the way to Most Valuable Field performer honors as Ohio Wesleyan won both indoor and outdoor championships that season. Keith won the shot put and placed fifth in the discus at the NCAA Division III outdoor championship that year. His junior year, he won the NCAA Division III indoor championship in the shot put. Outdoors that season, Keith won both shot and discus at the NCAC championship meet and again at the NCAA Division III championship meet. His senior year, he won the shot put at the NCAC indoor championship meet to become just the second



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male in NCAC history to win an event for four straight years. Keith finished second in the shot put at the NCAA Division III indoor championship that year. Outdoors, he won both the shot and discus at the NCAC championship and was named Most Valuable Field performer.

Keith lives in Cincinnati, OH and is a coach and teacher at Mt. Healthy High School. Keith is active in charity work for the Cincinnati Bengals Inter-action alumni team.