



Mr. Tracy Rogers Class of 1985



Athleticism arrives in many packages. Tracy Rogers' came with a large dose of talent, an abundance of commitment and a reservoir of humility which he carried throughout his football career. At every level of the sport, he thrived: All-Area linebacker in Wildcat football; team captain and All-Central Valley Conference at Taft College; Big West Conference Defensive Player of the Year at Fresno State, a season in which he set a new team record for defensive scoring, led the team in solo and total tackles and was named by *Sporting News Magazine* as National Defensive Player of the Week.

His coaches, beginning with his father Ronnie Rogers, and continuing through his career with Al Baldock, Jim Sweeney, Marty Schottenheimer and Bill Cowher, found Tracy's intensive and aggressive commitment to his sport ideal for the success he found at every level. He was coachable, positive, mature and unselfish and a committed member to his TEAM. He wanted to become the best football player he could be, and he did. Drafted in the Seventh Round by the Houston Oilers, he was later signed by the Kansas City Chiefs where he played for seven years before injuries and surgeries led to his football retirement in 1997.

Tracy returned to Taft, and with his father and Charlie Comfort founded TRC, an independent oil-producing company. He has become deeply involved in community activities, sponsoring Little League programs, and contributing to various Oildorado projects, including serving as one of the Oil Workers' Monument sponsors. Recognized as an outstanding person of great integrity, he has attracted recognition as an athlete at every level of football. Tracy Rogers is a member of the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame and the Bob Elias Kern County Sports Hall of Fame.

