



WAYNE STRADER GHS Class of 1977

Wayne Strader's numbers as he wore number 49 for the Geneseo Green Machine are indisputable as deserving GHS Athletic Hall of Fame status. Those numbers include more than 2,000 yards rushing in his senior season. That 1976 effort helped the Maple Leafs claim the school's first state championship since the playoff system was instituted in 1974.

After his playing days at Geneseo it was on to the University of Illinois football field where he was among the leading pass receivers as a running back. At the conclusion of his college career he had an opportunity to try out for the Dallas Cowboys.

Strader also scored big on the GHS track team as a school record holder in the shot put and 400 relay while competing for GHS.

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School record holder in shot put
and 440 - relay team.

Leading receiver as running back
University of Illinois.

Tried out with the Dallas Cowboys
after graduation.

