

1968 Track Team

The 1968 track team was one of the greatest ever to be assembled at Oak Grove High School. This team – Greg Alexander, Jim Arth, Andy Becker, Terry Bozarth, Dwayne Brown, Mike Church, Bob Cornett, Pat Costigan, Jim Crain, Terry Dill, David Frieze, Dave Griffith, Art Grote, Jon Grote, Bob Gurney, Ron Hall, Hollis Hensley, David Overton, George Peters, Jack Phillips, Rick Powell, Leslie Smith, manager Gary Cornett, and coaches Mr. Jim Hinton and Mr. Harvey Wright – succeeded in taking 1st place at the district meet and winning both the indoor and outdoor state championships. The state team consisted of Terry Bozarth, Mike Church, Jim Crain, Pat Costigan, David Frieze, George Peters, and Leslie Smith and earned the following finishes:

State Outdoor 220-yard Dash 5th place (Peters)

State Indoor Pole Vault 2nd place 11' 10" (Crain)

State Indoor High Hurdles 3rd place 8.5 sec. (Church)

State Indoor High Jump 1st place 5' 10" and State Outdoor High Jump 1st place 6' (Frieze)

State Indoor 60-yard Dash 2nd place 6.8 sec. (Frieze)

State Outdoor 100-yard Dash 1st place 10.4 sec. (Frieze)

State Indoor Shot Put 1st place 53' 11" and State Outdoor Shot Put 1st place 53' 11 1/4" (Frieze)

State Outdoor Discus 1st place 145' (Frieze)

State Indoor 880 Relay 1st place 1:39.5 (state record, Bozarth, Costigan, Frieze, Peters, Smith)

State Outdoor 880 Relay 1st place 1:34.5 (Bozarth, Costigan, Frieze, Peters, Smith)

From the 1968 Panther Highlights, "David Frieze's versatility was extremely outstanding, but it took the entire team effort to accomplish such great successes." This team definitely set the standard for all future OGHS track teams.