

## RAY ETHERLY

Ray Etherly's most memorable day in track and field was the day he beat Adolph Plummer, UNM great and Albuquerque Sport's Hall of Fame inductee, in the 220 yard sprint at the 1961 Albuquerque Jaycee Invitational Track Meet. However, to track and field aficionados, the early 1960's were the times when a 15 year old was establishing records in the 100 and 220 yard sprints. Ray's track career began at Lincoln JHS where he started his five year undefeated campaign against his age group competitors. Under the tutelage of Ed Garvanian, his high school coach, Ray, a 1961 AHS graduate, won the NM state titles in the 100 and 220 yard sprints in 1959, 1960, and 1961. He was also invited to run in the 1961 National High School Seniors Track Meet and was also crowned champion in the 100 and 220 yard sprints.

His high school career also included competition against some of the world's fastest humans. In 1959, at the Albuquerque Jaycee Invitational Track Meet, he outsprinted Bobby Morrow, Abilene Christian College All American and U.S. Olympian in the 100 yard sprint. In 1960, he placed fourth in the National AAU Track Meet, but photos later revealed he placed third, which would have qualified him for the Rome Olympics, an honor, which went to Roscoe Cook.

Ray was named outstanding athlete at the State AAU in 1960; he was the high point man in the 1961 NM State Track Meet with 21½ points and ran a 9.5 hundred at the Amarillo Relays in 1960 and also at the State AAU in 1961. He established his best mark of 20.3 in the 220 at the 1962 National AAU in New York City.

Ray recently started a business specializing in construction of bike racks and Texas-style boot jacks.