

**2019
Hall of Fame Inductee**



**John Fonash (deceased)
Central Bucks -- 1962**

John Fonash played 3 sports at Central Bucks--Football, Track and Basketball--earning varsity letters in each sport multiple years.

Football

As one of the players on the 1960 Bux-Mont Championship Football Team. (Inducted in 2010), John scored many touchdowns as a halfback and punt returner.

- Sept. 23, 1960 - Scored 4 touchdowns in single game against Quakertown.
- Oct. 27, 1961 - Scored 3 Touchdowns in single game against Pennridge.
- Scored 16 Touchdowns Junior Year (12 from punt returns), 9 TDs Senior Year.
- Honorable Mention All Bux-Mont Junior and Senior Years.

Track

- April 18, 1961: First Place in 100 and 220 Yard Dashes.
- As Anchor on the 4X4 880 Relay Team, along with Joe Arcade, "Nat" Hawthorne Duckett (2000 HOF Inductee) and James Millar, they placed First at Pennridge Meet.
- May 3, 1961: At Souderton Meet, Placed 1st in the 100 and 220 Dashes.
- At Bux-Mont Championships: Placed 3rd in 100 and 220 Dashes Junior Year and 3rd and 5th Senior Year, also ran Anchor on 880 Relay.
- Received 1960 Bucks Booster Club Award for Most Outstanding in Track.

Basketball:

John was selected Captain in his Senior year. During his last two years on the team he was High Scorer and earned the Best Percentage at the Foul Line.

John attended Temple University on a Football scholarship, continuing to excel in athletics, first at Track where he ran the 100 in 9.8 seconds and the 40 in 4.7 seconds. As a Wide Receiver his football career at Temple accelerated during his Junior and Senior years when selected to the All Eastern College Athletic Conference. In his Junior year he was selected to the All-Middle Atlantic Conference Team. Then as a Senior, to the Little All-American Team, formerly a "Non-Division 1" classification. John holds 6 all-time individual records at Temple including the longest scoring return of a punt return. In addition to selection on the Pennsylvania All State 2nd Team in 66-67, the Temple website still lists two records for John:

- A 96 yard run against Rhode Island in 1965;
- Most receiving yards (213) against Lafayette in a 1964 game.

John's performance at Temple brought mention in a 1966 issue of Sports Illustrated. Other headlines in local newspapers include:

- The October 17, 1965 Philadelphia Inquirer stated him "Flash John Fonash is a one-man wrecking crew".
- The October 20, 1965 "Philadelphia Daily News" named him College Player of the Week.
- The May 12, 1967 Intelligencer stated he was the "Finest Punt Receiver in Temple's history".
- The June 4 1968 Pottstown Mercury called him "the most exciting football player in Temple history".

John was a Free Agent pick by the San Diego Chargers. Although it did not lead to a position on the team, he signed with the Pottstown Firebirds (now defunct -Atlantic Coast Conference League).

John lived in Doylestown Borough his entire life, employed at the Bucks County Domestic Relations for thirty years. He instilled his love for sports to his three children--Colleen, Michael, and Darren. John passed away in Doylestown in 2006.