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COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

SPORTS HALL OF FAME

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Football (1948-1950)

Track (1948-1951)

JACK CHRISTIANSEN

Hall of Fame Class of 1988

BIO



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