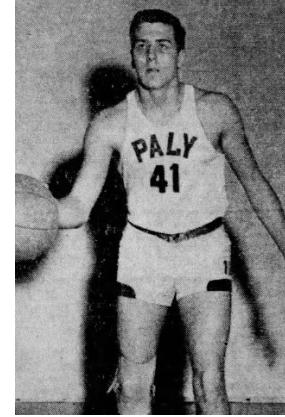
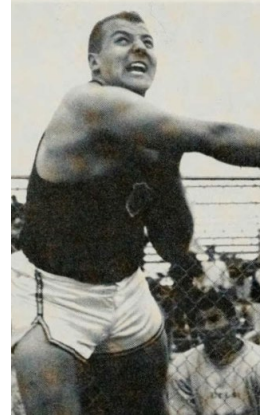
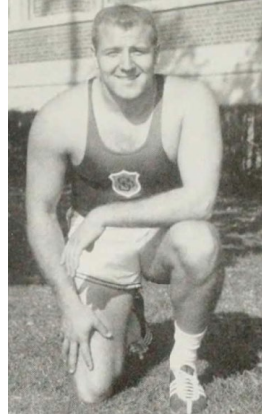
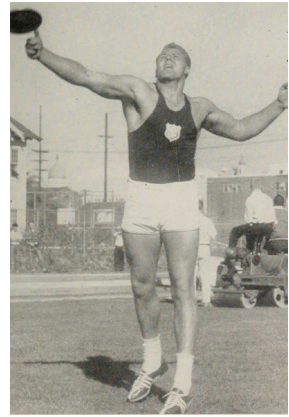


RINK BABKA



BORN: September 23, 1936 Cheyenne, WY
DIED: January 15, 2022 (85-years old) Lodi, CA

Palo Alto HS, CA

- 1954 Peninsula Times area Athlete of the Year
- 1954 California State discus champion
- 1954 CIF North Coast discus champion
- 1954 Peninsula Athletic League discus champion
- Football
 - 1953 All-Southern Peninsula Athletic League HM (end)
- Basketball
 - 1954 All-Southern Peninsula Athletic League 1st team

Menlo JC

- Menlo College Hall of Fame
- 1955 State Junior College discus champion
- 1955 Northern California discus champion

University of Southern California

- USC Athletics Hall of Fame
- 1990 USC Heritage Award
- 1958 USC co-captain
- 3-time Pacific Coast Conference discus champion
- 1958 co-NCAA discus champion
- 1958 AAU discus champion

- 1958 helped lead Trojans to NCAA title
- **Olympic Club (1959), Striders (1960-61, 1964), Pasadena AA (1962-63, 1965-68)**
- 1960 Olympics silver medalist in discus
- 1960 set World Record with mark of 196-6 in pre-Olympic meet at Mt.SAC (had two throw with exact distance)
- Ranked 12 times in World Top 10 by T&F News
 - Ranked 1st in world in 1958
 - Ranked 2nd in world 1957, 1960, and 1967
 - Ranked 3rd in world 1961, 1966
- 1959 Pan American Games silver medalist
- 1960 Olympic Trials champion at 192-3
- Just missed 1964 and 1968 Olympic team finishing fourth in Olympic Trials
- Competed against USSR three times – 1958, 1962 and 1963
 - 1958 won discus at 187-0
 - 1962, 1963 finished second
- 1967 won discus in dual meet against British Commonwealth
- 8-time Southern Pacific Assn AAU discus champion
- Won West Coast Relays four straight years – 1958 through 1961
- 3-time California Relays champion
- 4-time Coliseum Relays champion
- 3-time Compton Invitational champion
- 2-time Mt.SAC Relays champion
- San Francisco Olympic Club Hall of Fame
- Member of the World Throwers of Congress

Best Marks

1954 Palo Alto HS	SP 57-8	1954 Palo Alto HS	DT 148-9
1955 Menlo JC	SP 50-1 1/2	1955 Menlo JC	DT 164-0
1957 USC	SP 52-10 1/4	1956 USC	DT 179-8
1958 USC	SP 51-1 3/4	1957 USC	DT 186-4
		1958 USC	DT 188-6, 198-10 (slope)
		1959 Olympic Club	DT 190-2
		1960 Striders	DT 196-6
		1961 Striders	DT 194-7
		1962 Pasadena TC	DT 198-0
		1963 Pasadena AA	DT 203-9
		1964 Striders	DT 202-3
		1965 Pasadena AA	DT 198-2
		1966 Pasadena AA	DT 209-5
		1967 Pasadena AA	DT 208-6
		1968 Pasadena AA	DT 209-9
		1972 unatt	DT 196-6

<p><u>High School</u></p> <p>1954 Peninsula AL SP 2nd ---</p> <p>1954 Peninsula AL DT 1st 140-4</p> <p>1954 CIF NoCoast prelims DT 1st 140-6</p> <p>1954 CIF NoCoast DT 1st 138-11</p> <p>1954 State DT 1st 148-2</p>	<p><u>JC/Frosh</u></p> <p>1955 Hartnell Invt SP 3rd ---</p> <p>1955 Coast Conf SP 1st 46-4</p> <p>1955 Hartnell Invt DT 1st 158-5</p> <p>1955 Coast Conf DT 1st 162-9</p> <p>1955 West Coast Rlys DT 2nd 155-10</p> <p>1955 NoCal JC DT 1st 158-10</p> <p>1955 State DT 1st 154-0</p>
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<p><u>Open</u></p> <p>1956 SPA AAU Rlys DT 5th 158-9</p> <p>1956 West Coast Rlys DT 4th 165-10</p> <p>1956 Calif Rlys DT 3rd 170-6</p> <p>1956 Compton Invt DT 4th 170-8</p> <p>1956 vs.UCLA DT 2nd 170-0</p> <p>1956 PCC DT 1st 179-8</p> <p>1956 NCAA DT 3rd 170-9</p> <p>1956 SPA AAU DT 5th 166-11</p> <p>1956 AAU DT 5th 171-1</p> <p>1956 Olympic trials DT 8th 165-6</p> <p>1957 West Coast Rlys DT 2nd 169-6</p> <p>1957 Calif Rlys DT 2nd 177-1</p> <p>1957 Coliseum Rlys DT 3rd 176-3</p> <p>1957 Compton Invt DT 2nd 181-1</p> <p>1957 vs.UCLA DT 1st 173-9</p> <p>1957 PCC DT 1st 175-8</p> <p>1957 SPA AAU DT 1st 179-3</p> <p>1957 AAU DT 2nd 180-3</p> <p>1958 Apple Valley Rlys DT 1st 198-10</p> <p>1958 West Coast Rlys DT 1st 186-0</p> <p>1958 Calif Rlys DT 1st 180-0</p> <p>1958 Coliseum Rlys DT 1st 186-6</p> <p>1958 Compton Invt DT 3rd 174-5</p> <p>1958 vs.UCLA DT 1st 184-1</p>	<p><u>Open cont.</u></p> <p>1958 PCC DT 1st 186-8</p> <p>1958 NCAA DT 1tie 186-2</p> <p>1958 AAU DT 1st 187-10</p> <p>1958 vs USSR DT 1st 187-0</p> <p>1959 SPA AAU Rlys DT 1st 176-8</p> <p>1959 Easter Relays DT 1st 190-2</p> <p>1959 Mt.SAC Relays DT 1st 189-4</p> <p>1959 West Coast Rlys DT 1st 174-1</p> <p>1959 Calif Rlys DT 1st 175-1</p> <p>1959 Coliseum Rlys DT 1st 180-0</p> <p>1959 Compton Invt DT 2nd 180-8</p> <p>1959 PacAssn AAU DT 1st 174-6</p> <p>1959 SPA AAU DT 1st 180-11</p> <p>1959 AAU DT 5th 177-10</p> <p>1960 Easter Relays DT 1st 189-9</p> <p>1960 Mt.SAC Relays 2nd 188-10</p> <p>1960 West Coast Rlys DT 1st 178-9</p> <p>1960 Calif Rlys DT 1st 184-7</p> <p>1960 Coliseum Rlys DT 1st 185-7</p> <p>1960 Compton Invt DT 1st 184-11</p> <p>1960 SPA AAU DT 1st 186-3</p> <p>1960 AAU DT 3rd 185-5</p> <p>1960 Oly trials DT 1st 192-3</p> <p>1960 PreOlympic meet at Mt.SAC DT 196-6</p>	<p><u>Open cont.</u></p> <p>1960 Olympics DT 2nd 190-4</p> <p>1961 Mt.SAC Relays DT 1st 194-7</p> <p>1961 West Coast Rlys DT 1st 180-7</p> <p>1961 Compton Invt DT 1st 194-4</p> <p>1961 Albuquerque Invt DT 2nd 187-6</p> <p>1961 SPA AAU DT 1st 186-6</p> <p>1961 AAU DT 3rd 186-6</p> <p>1962 Easter Rlys DT 1st 194-0</p> <p>1962 Mt.SAC Relays DT 4th 181-11</p> <p>1962 Coliseum Rlys DT 2nd 193-9</p> <p>1962 Compton Invt DT 3rd 191-2</p> <p>1962 SPA AAU DT 1st 194-10</p> <p>1962 AAU DT 2nd 193-4</p> <p>1962 vs USSR DT 2nd 193-10</p> <p>1963 Mt.SAC Relays DT 3rd 191-9</p> <p>1963 Calif Rlys DT 3rd 193-10</p> <p>1963 Coliseum Rlys DT 2nd 195-6</p> <p>1963 Compton Invt DT 3rd 194-10</p> <p>1963 SPA AAU DT 1st 191-8</p> <p>1963 AAU DT 2nd 188-5</p> <p>1963 vs USSR DT 2nd 185-0</p> <p>1964 Mt.SAC Relays DT 5th 192-11</p> <p>1964 Calif Rlys DT 3rd 195-7</p> <p>1964 Coliseum Rlys DT 1st 189-10</p>	<p><u>Open cont.</u></p> <p>1964 SPA AAU DT 1st 189-9</p> <p>1964 AAU DT 5th 186-7</p> <p>1964 Oly trials DT 4th 185-5</p> <p>1965 SPA AAU DT 3rd 193-7</p> <p>1965 AAU DT 5th 183-9</p> <p>1966 Calif Rlys DT 3rd 201-1</p> <p>1966 Compton Invt DT 3rd 194-9</p> <p>1966 SPA AAU DT 1st 202-3</p> <p>1966 AAU DT 2nd 191-2</p> <p>1966 Rose Bowl Invt DT 1st 207-4</p> <p>1967 Compton Invt DT 1st 198-11</p> <p>1967 Rose Bowl Invt DT 3rd 205-1</p> <p>1967 Pacific Assn AAU DT 2nd 208-6</p> <p>1967 AAU DT 3rd 195-2</p> <p>1967 vs Brit Commonw DT 1st 203-1</p> <p>1967 Santa Monica Invt DT 2nd 195-11</p> <p>1967 Pan Am Trials DT 1st 195-11</p> <p>1967 Pan Am Games DT 2nd 186-7</p> <p>1968 Compton Invt DT 2nd 188-11</p> <p>1968 SPA AAU DT 2nd 197-6</p> <p>1968 AAU DT 4th 186-1</p> <p>1968 Oly trials DT 4th 193-5</p>
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Miscellaneous

- Fullname Richard Aldrich Babka
- Artist with works on display with the Art of the Olympics
- Worked in electronics and computer sales
- Owned a Coors distributorship in Stockton
- Founded Babka Ltd., a financial and management company
- Raised quarter horses and cattle