



Robert P. Votolato
Class of 1948

Robert P. "Bobby" Votolato is still remembered as one of the best baseball players Milford High School has ever produced. In addition to his exploits on the baseball diamond, Bobby was also an outstanding basketball player, leading the team in scoring during his junior and senior seasons. His skill and fluidness as a fielder, combined with his reputation as an outstanding hitter led Hall of Fame Athlete and Coach Charlie Brucato to acclaim Bobby to be "the best shortstop ever produced at Milford High School. He was born with the natural ability of a ball player; he always knew what to do and seldom had to be corrected."

As many young players of his generation, Bobby got his start playing for the Milford Boys Club before entering Milford High School, where he joined the varsity ranks as a second baseman during his freshmen year. After moving to Taunton as a sophomore, Bobby returned to Milford for his final two years of high school where he became a fixture at shortstop. He helped lead the team to both the Midland League and Town Series Championships in 1947.

After an outstanding senior year on the baseball diamond and as a member of the Powers Post Junior Legion, Bobby was one of thirty two athletes from all New England to be chosen to play in the New England Sandlot Championship game, the premier amateur event of the time, at Braves Field. His performance in that game earned him one of the two spots as New England's representatives in the Hearst National Sandlot All Star Game at the Polo Grounds in New York, the only Milford athlete to ever be so honored.

After graduation, Bobby entered Dean Academy where he played both basketball and baseball. He signed a minor league contract with the Boston Braves and led their Class C Harlan Kentucky team with a .478 batting average. His baseball career came to an end during the Korean War, where he served in the Air Force from 1951-55. He later became a coach in the Milford Junior Baseball league, inspiring a new generation of ballplayers. Bobby died in a tragic accident in 1967, and the Junior League Field was renamed the Robert P. Votolato Field in his memory the following year.

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