



Front Row Sitting: Lenny Oliveri, Spag Speroni, Bobby Atkinson, Joe Brenna, Bento Curral, Elmer Mograss, Co-Capt. Tony Ferrante, Co-Capt. Dick Rizoli, Mike Morgan John DiGregorio, Bobby Marseglia. *Second Row Kneeling:* John Sannicandro,

Jack DiVittorio, Ronny Martin, George Pyne, Jo Moro, Tom Glennon, John Balanca, Henry Consigl *Standing:* Asst. Coach Charlie Espanet, Aldo Cecch Mitchell Lynch, Walter Niro, Dennis Tessicini, Loui Volpe, Anthony Lument, and Coach John Calagione

1956 Football Team

As soon as the 1955 football season had ended, Milford Daily News Sports Editor, Stanley Jones, wrote "Milford High School looms as a serious contender for the Midland League Championship next Fall." It was also written that Head Coach John Calagione admitted that "prospects for next season are as bright now as at any time since I stepped to the helm in 1953."

Coach Calagione based his optimism on the fact that the team would be filled with a lot of experienced regulars returning for the next year. Co-captains Dick Rizoli and Tony Ferrante led a strong group of athletes, among them Charlie DiAntonio, Bento doCurral, Dennis Tessicini, Bob Marseglia, Lenny Olivieri, George Pyne, John DiGregorio, Don Milani and several others who figured to play a significant role with the team. Jones and Calagione were not to be disappointed in their optimism for the team. The team had a memorable season, finishing at 7-1, the lone loss coming in a hard-fought game by a score of 19-13 to undefeated Marlboro, a game that ultimately determined the Midland League Championship.

Highlights of the season included beating Clinton for the first time in thirteen years, 12-0, in the second game of the season; beating Bartlett High of Webster, a team that had won 12 straight games, by a score of 28-6; and fielding a defensive team that allowed only 33 total points in eight games, while earning three shut-outs. No other team in the Midland League came close to that effort. Co-captain Tony Ferrante was also named to the Midland League All Star Team.

It was written in the Milford Daily News that finishing second in the League to a team that beat them by only six points "made it a season with the best won-lost record in the post-war era, and possibly the best in local history" to that point. The team was also ranked as the 4th in all of Central Massachusetts by the Worcester Telegram & Gazette.