



Lorraine M. (Wild) Brogioli **Class of 1987**

Lorraine (Wild) Brogioli was at the top of a group of elite female athletes that led Milford High School to athletic prominence during the mid-1980's. Her exploits, and the tenacity with which she competed, will be forever etched in the memories of those involved in MHS athletics during that era.

A two year varsity starter at outside hitter in volleyball, Lori's athleticism and competitive nature were evident. In her senior year, she helped lead the team to a record of 20-3, the Midland League Championship, and District Finalist. The team MVP and league All Star, she was also one of only a few Milford athletes over the years to be named a Boston Globe All Scholastic.

In basketball, Lori earned two varsity letters. She was voted Rookie of the Year as a Junior, and Best Defensive Player as a senior. Once again, her dedication, athleticism and quickness allowed her to excel.

It was on the track that Lori really stood alone. A four year letter winner, two time Daily news All Star, two year captain and three time MVP, Lori held numerous records that stood for many years. She competed in the 100, 220, triple jump, long jump and the 4 x 110 relay.

Lori graduated from the University of Rhode Island where she ran both indoor and outdoor track. A consistent scorer at the Division I level, she competed in the 800, 1000, mile and 4 x 800 relay. In her junior year, URI placed 2nd in the New England Indoor Championships, while her outdoor team was crowned Division I New England Champions.



J. Francis Cahill **Class of 1924**

J. Francis "Fitter" Cahill left a legacy as both an athlete and coach at Milford High School that few can match. As a "disciplined athlete with remarkable speed and cat-like instincts", he excelled on the basketball court and on the baseball diamond. He earned his nickname because of his versatility and his ability to "fit" anywhere he was needed.

An infielder and third baseman under Frank Berry and the legendary Hop Riopel, Cahill earned a baseball scholarship to Holy Cross. During his last two years at HC, the team lost a total of only five games, winning the inter-collegiate championship in 1929 with a record of 25-2. After graduation, continued to display his talents on the diamond in both the Blackstone Valley and the Cape League.

Fitter began his teaching and coaching career at Uxbridge High School, coaching football, basketball and baseball. He came to Milford High School in 1940, first serving as an assistant coach in football and baseball and varsity basketball coach. He then took over both the baseball and football positions in 1942 when Coach Charlie Brucato entered the Marine Corps. His 1941 basketball team was the first MHS team to win the Bay State League Championship and compete in the Tech Tournament. Two of his baseball teams also won Midland League titles. Possibly his greatest pride was the 1943 football team that was co-champs of the Midland League. After a two-year stint in the Navy, Fitter returned to Milford High where he later started and coached the Cross Country team.

As Stanley "Jones" Nalewajko wrote in the Milford Daily News upon Cahill's death, "His chargers will tell you that he was more than a coach. He was a friend, an advisor, a thoroughly involved man who took a paternal interest in his youngsters without intruding on the sacred grounds of home and parenthood. He exerted considerable influence on the lives of hundreds of young men during his distinguished career."