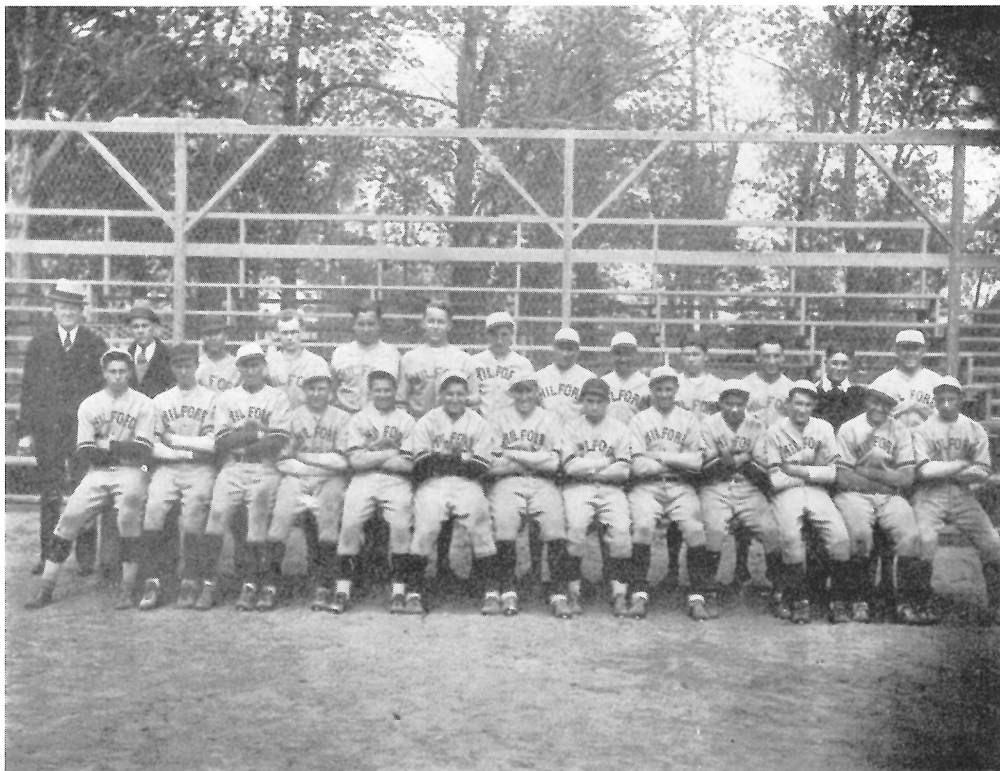




M. H. S. BASEBALL TEAM—1932.

BACK ROW: Principal Thomas Quirk, MGR Joe Naughton, Louis Milani, Clayton Adams, George Bilisbury, Ken Howard, Joe Cornacchia, Mario Bruno, Joe Blascio, Francis Fitzpatrick, Doc Lombardi, MGR John Arcudi, Coach Albert "Hop" Riopel
 FRONT ROW: Rudy Quattropani, Jim Dalrympal, Charlie Rae, Al Cook, Tate Bodio, Charlie Brucato, Capt. Rube Kurlansky, Bill Bellantonio, Bernie Marcus, Ernie Lutfy, Art Kenney, Hank Comolli, Sam Tomaso

1932 Baseball Team

The early 1930's has come to be considered the "beginning of the golden era" for athletics in Milford, and the 1932 Milford High School Baseball Team was the crown jewel of that era.

Guided by Coach Albert "Hop" Riopel, the Milford nine was a deep and talented team. Captain Rube Kurlansky, sophomore sensation Art Kenney and the steady Bill Bellantonio made up the pitching staff. While Kurlansky was also a feared hitter, batting .412 in twelve games, Kenney became the dominant member of the staff as the season progressed. Behind the plate was another outstanding sophomore, Hank Comolli, who not only was a defensive stalwart, but also led the team in slugging percentage.

The outfield of Tate Bodio in left, Bernie Marcus in center and Ernie Lutfy in right had all the tools. Besides leading the team with a .429 average, Bodio was the ideal lead off man who made things happen on the base path. Marcus, who batted a robust .425 while also leading the team in walks, covered a lot of ground defensively.

Charlie Rae (1B), Al Cook (2B), Sam Tomaso (3B) and Charlie Brucato (SS) turned in their share of defensive gems in the infield while providing plenty of clout to a team that had a .343 batting average over twenty three games. Doc Lombardi and Jim Dalrympal provided extra punch off the bench.

The Milford nine won eighteen straight games against the iron of Eastern Massachusetts, including two big games against a powerful Brockton squad, before dropping their lone contest of the season to Norwood, 3-2. The Team gained notoriety throughout the state and two additional contests were scheduled at the end of the regular season. Before a crowd of 6,500 fans that came from all over the state to Town Park, Milford, behind Art Kenney's 19 strikeouts, downed top-ranked Cambridge Latin and the famed "Muggsy" Kelley by a score of 8-0. The locals then proceeded to trounce the Boston Traveler All-Scholastic Team, 12-5, finishing the season at 22-1 and rightfully laying claim to the title of "Mythical State Champions".