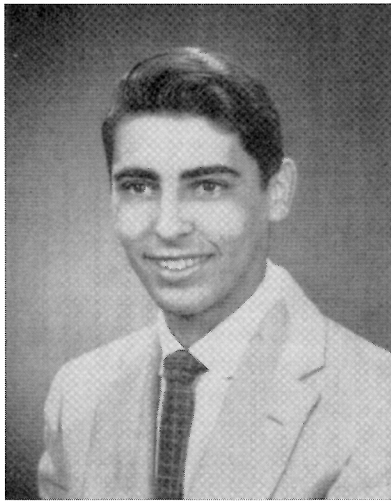




Raphael A. Lument
Class of 1954

Raphael "Lefty" Lument is considered to be the best left-handed pitcher to ever play at Milford High School. During his three years of varsity ball, he compiled a record of 20-3 and averaged over ten strikeouts per game.

Along with fellow Hall of Famer Bob Stoico, Lefty was instrumental in Milford High's outstanding success in the early 1950's. During his junior year, playing for Coach Charlie Brucato, he pitched MHS to the State Championship against Malden Catholic at Fenway Park. In his senior year, under Coach Charlie Espanet, the team lost in the state finals played at Braves Field.

Lefty continued his dominance with the Powers Post Junior Legion Team. His mound mastery lead Milford to appearances in the National Junior Legion Finals in both 1952 and 1953.

Lument went on to pitch at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst before signing a professional contract with the Washington Senators in the American League. He rose quickly through the ranks and became a member of the Senators' starting rotation.



Leo F. Oates
Class of 1942

Leo "Red" Oates was a three sport athlete at Milford High School. He played halfback in football, guard in basketball and catcher for the baseball team. He captained both the basketball and baseball teams his senior year.

During the 1940-41 basketball season, Red led Milford High School to the Bay State League title. This squad was also the only MHS team to ever compete in the Tech Tournament at Boston Garden. He was chosen as a guard on the All Tech Tourney Team.

On the baseball diamond, Oates was a standout for three varsity campaigns. A "clean-up hitter of remarkable power, a great handler of pitchers and a throwing marvel", Red was selected to the Boston Herald's 1941 All Scholastic Baseball Team. He also excelled as a member of the Junior Legion baseball team from 1937-41.

Upon graduation from MHS, Red signed with the Boston Red Sox. He played one season in the Piedmont League before joining the US Marine Corps, where he took part in the invasion of Iwo Jima. Upon his return from duty, he continued his baseball career in the Piedmont, Northern and New England leagues while earning his degree from Springfield College.

While serving in the civilian positions with the Army as Director of Athletics and then Director of Special Services at Fort Meade, MD, Oates became a basketball referee, first in the American Basketball Assoc. and then in the NBA. He was considered one of the finest officials on the circuit during his fourteen year stint. His career was highlighted by his ejection of Wilt Chamberlain from a game in 1963, the only time in Chamberlain's career that he ever left a game, never having fouled out of a game.