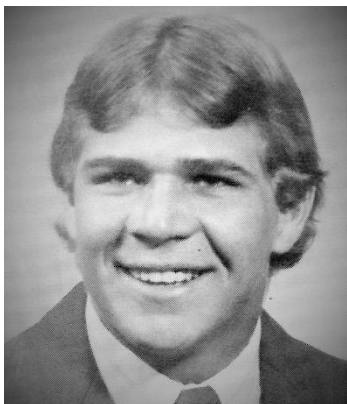




Patrick Cornelius **Class of 1976**

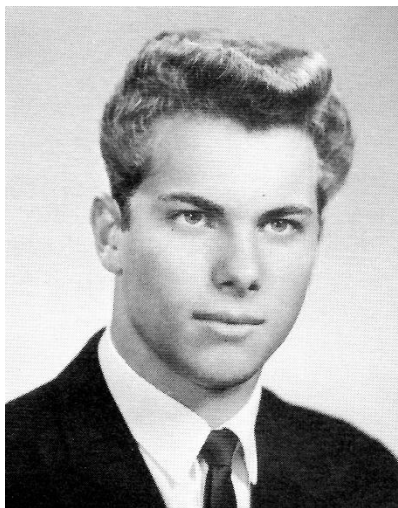
Pat Cornelius has long been considered the best high school lineman to ever graduate from Milford High School. At 6'3" and 230 lbs, he was also a presence on the basketball court and on the track as a sophomore and junior before concentrating on football during his senior year.

Cornelius earned a starting position on the basketball court as a sophomore. A Midland League All Star as a junior, he was a ferocious rebounder who could score from the perimeter as well as driving to the hoop. He averaged 17 points and 9 rebounds a game for his career, with a career best 29 points versus St. Mary's.

Pat threw the javelin and shot put for Coach Dick Pultz's Midland League Championship squads, and his numbers were significant. He heaved the shot over 49 feet, finishing third in the District Meet and also had a top throw of 175 in the javelin.

Cornelius, however, thrived in football, where his natural aggressiveness allowed him to play with reckless abandon both on offense and defense. As an underclassman, he was the starting center on teams that went 8-1 and 8-2, just missing Super Bowl bids. As a senior captain, however, with NFL Hall of Famer Howie Long as his sidekick at defensive tackle, and a talented group of athletes, Milford rolled to a 10-1 record that included a 42-14 triumph over Pittsfield in the school's first Super Bowl.

A consensus All Star and Parade Magazine All-American, Pat was chosen to play in the Harry Agganis All-Star Game and was recruited by all the major Division I colleges. He chose the University of Maryland where he played on special teams as a freshman on a Cotton Bowl team. After off-field problems caused him to be dismissed from the team, he started at defensive tackle and long-snapper on Utah State teams that went 8-3 and 8-2-1 during his time there. Pat also played in both the CFL and USFL before his career came to a close. He would later spend time at Milford High as both an assistant football coach and varsity indoor track coach.



Joseph Lasorsa **Class of 1965**

Joe Lasorsa was like the Energizer Bunny when he played baseball at MHS- he kept pitching, and pitching, and pitching. The 5'9" excelled during a three-year varsity career, compiling a record of 25-5.

Lasorsa was a power pitcher, but lacked pin-point control. During his senior season, he struck out 161 batters, but walked 59. He pitched a no-hitter and defeated Auburn, a game in which he struck out 16, walked 11 and had four hit batsmen! During an era when the starting pitcher was expected to go the distance, he threw 1,670 pitches while running his record to 11-2. When Milford, which won two Midland League Championships during his three seasons on the mound, entered tournament play in 1965, his senior year, Joe pitched in all six games. He started three and relieved in the others. He beat St. Peter's and Pittsfield, but lost to Somerville in the State Finals, while taking the mound with a back injury.

Joe also hurled for three seasons for the Milford legion, helping the team to a State Championship in 1966. Veteran baseball fans in both Milford and Northboro no doubt remember Lasorsa's classic duels with Ken Reynolds, a lefty who later pitched for ten years in the majors. Joe only had one win in five outings against his nemesis, but the games were always 1-0 or 2-1 results. The most memorable was a 14 inning affair at Fino Field that was called at 1:00 AM due to a curfew. Reynolds had 28 strikeouts, while Lasorsa had 18- both going the distance! Joe was also a star pitcher for the Milford Town Team and for Orleans in the Cape Cod League

Lasorsa went on to have a stellar collegiate career, first at Rollins College and then at Boston University, where he was named to the District I All Star Team and was voted the Most Valuable Player in the Greater Boston League. In 1969, Joe was signed by the Oakland Athletics and pitched for the Burlington Bees of the Midwest League before tendinitis ended his career.