

Arthur J. Kenney
Class of 1934



Arthur J. Kenney, Class of 1934, was an outstanding left-handed pitcher who teamed with Hank Comolli to form one of the best batteries of all time at Milford High School. The fact that both players made it to the major leagues is testament to their talents.

The 1934 Oak, Lily and Ivy stated: "It is indeed one of the pleasant phases of our school-day career to remember Art. He is known to the athletic world as one of the greatest high school pitchers, but to us as a gentleman and scholar unaffected by the praises which he so conscientiously merited." These words proved to be very prophetic also, as Art's career unfolded.

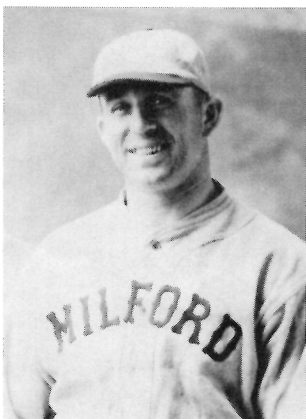
Art was the backbone of the pitching squads for both Milford High and the American Legion teams of 1932-34. Although he had many memorable moments, Art's best game, by his own admission, was against Cambridge as a sophomore in 1932. The *Milford Daily News* said "Young Arthur Kenney was a hero today, as Milford's baseball world and some of the horsehide world outside of this town still talked of the marvelous pitching exhibition contributed by this sophomore southpaw.." Art struck out 19 that day, for a Milford team that was proclaimed the mythical state champions.

Art recorded 20 wins at Milford High, 15 with the Legion, and 16 at Holy Cross. Upon graduation from college, Art played for the Boston Braves under Manager Casey Stengel for one season and then spent two years in the minor leagues. Kenney joined the Air Force and served as a captain for four years during World War II.

Upon his return to civilian life, Art pursued a Masters Degree in Educational Administration. After a two short stints as a principal in New Hampshire, Kenney became Principal of North Reading, MA High School, from which he retired in 1981. During his last year, the athletic complex at North Reading High School was named in his honor.

Kenney is married to Lorraine (Ledoux) Kenney and is the father of Dr. David Kenney. He still resides in North Reading and summers in Littleton, NH.

Albert "Hop" Riopel
Coach
1924-1933



Albert "Hop" Riopel's success as both Varsity Football and Baseball coach at Milford High School, and later as Varsity Baseball and Assistant Football Coach at Holy Cross College, is legendary. He became the standard by which all future Milford High School athletic coaches were judged. The September 23, 1933 edition of the *Milford Daily News* described Riopel as "...Milford's...most successful scholastic coach, a mentor who established the winning psychology as a definite part of Milford High School's athletic system."

Riopel came to Milford High fresh from an astounding career at Holy Cross, where he earned eleven varsity letters in football, basketball, and baseball. As a fullback, there wasn't much Hop couldn't do in the backfield. And, on the baseball diamond, he was as adept chasing a fly ball as he was with the bat.

Hop put his skills and knowledge to good use in Milford. Each year, his baseball squads seemed to get a little better until they became known throughout the state. His 1931, '32 and '33 squads were among the best the school has ever produced. His 1932 squad compiled a record of 22-2 and was proclaimed the mythical state champions and boasted no fewer than five future professional baseball prospects. Riopel's teams also had their share of success on the gridiron. The 1931 and '32 football teams won 19 out of 21 games.