



Stanley "Jones" Nalewajko **Class of 1945 - Contributor**

Stanley "Stan Jones" Nalewajko was as well known as the athletes he covered in his career as a reporter for the Milford Daily News. For 22 years, Jones was the primary source for news of Milford High and St. Mary's teams and their opponents. From 1944, as a junior at Milford High School, to 1966, Stan served as the Daily News Sports Editor and covered Football, Cross Country, Basketball, Baseball, Softball, Tennis and Golf at the two schools. During this period, he also served as Official Scorer at home basketball and baseball games for both schools.

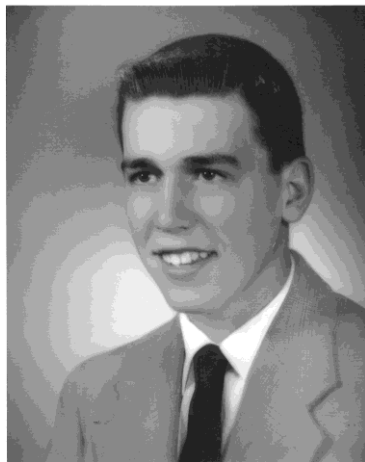
If a parent wanted details and facts of his or her son's game (girl sports had not yet arrived on the scene), it was a good bet that parent read a Stanley Jones account of the day's events. Writing three columns a week in addition to his continual game coverage was challenging, but Stan never missed a beat, focusing on the positives of every high school athlete he met. His eloquent style and devotion to task benefited many student-athletes in their collegiate pursuits. There

is no doubt that countless athletes at Milford High and St. Mary's developed strong self-esteem because of Jones' writing.

Coaches, especially the late Charlie Brucato and Charlie Espanet, not only respected Jones for his accurate and objective reporting, but also developed a sense of trust that led to Stan "getting the jump" on breaking stories. Jones' coverage of the 1952 and 1953 American Legion State Champion baseball teams that played on a national stage in Denver and Miami was memorable on many fronts. His reports and insightful analyses were printed in the Miami Herald and The Rocky Mountain News. He was contacted by the Sporting News and wrote for that national publication while the teams were competing in the tournament.

In 1966, Jones became Assistant City Editor at the Woonsocket Call where he won three Associated Press writing awards in consecutive years. His article about overcrowded conditions at Woonsocket High School was judged "best written news story in New England for newspapers with circulations under 40,000". Stan never shortchanged the community he loved and cherished. He was quick to roll up his sleeves and contribute much time and energy to many organizations. In addition to volunteering for the American Heart Assoc. and The Cancer Society, Stan has served as President of both the Greater Milford Heartline Chapter and the Milford area chapter of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. He has also been a volunteer and a Corporator of Milford Regional Hospital.

Robert R. St. John **Class of 1957**



"Move over, Bob Stoico and Lefty Lument. Here comes Bobby St. John into Milford High's baseball Hall of Fame." So wrote Stanley Jones in the Milford Daily News in reporting the results of the 1957 Milford High School Baseball Team's opening game, 13-0 victory over Clinton. The fire-balling right handed St. John had walked only one and struck out 14 in the seven inning contest, not allowing one ball to be hit out of the infield.

Bobby St. John had burst upon the MHS baseball scene as a sophomore in 1955, pitching a two hit shutout in his first start. Over 60 innings that year, he posted a record of 7-0, striking out 76 batters, hurling four shutouts and allowing only 2 earned runs. After a mediocre (4-4) junior year, St. John's senior campaign was one for the record books. He led Milford High to an undefeated 12-0 regular season, winning the Midland League Championship and the Town Series in the process. Bobby also pitched and won the first two games in the Class B State Playoffs, striking out a total of 39 batters in the two victories, before Milford was eliminated in the semi-final round.

St. John's final statistics for the 1957 season will probably never be matched: 10 wins, 0 losses; 8 shutouts; 2 no-hitters; and a total of 8 walks, 30 hits and an astounding 187 strikeouts in 92 innings! He was named to the first team Midland League, Central Massachusetts and Boston Globe Class B All Star Teams and was also named a member of the Boston Globe All Scholastic Team. He also pitched two no-hitters for the Powers Post # 59 American Legion team, giving him 4 no-hitters in a twelve month span between July 1956 and July 1957.