



1978 State Finalist Volleyball Team

Front Row: Sharon Andres, Laurie Vayo, Renee Graves; Back Row: AnnMarie Cacciola, Donna Chrul, Lisa Zacchilli, Sue Mastroianni, Coach Linda Casasanta, Marcia Murphy, Marie Balmelli, Sandy Tosches, Ann Doyle, and Lee Dunbar

The 1978 Girls Volleyball Team, coached by Massachusetts Volleyball Coaches' Hall of Fame Coach Linda (Casasanta) Zacchilli, completed the first undefeated season in MHS Girls' Volleyball history with a record of 17-0. One of only three undefeated teams in the program's history, the girls also won the Midland League and Central District Championships, and finished as Massachusetts State Runners-up.

Highlights of the season were a 45 single-game winning streak, a victory over Algonquin Regional High School for the District Championship, and the team's outstanding performance at the state level. Victories against powerhouses Waltham, Boston Latin and Brockton advanced the team to the State Finals and were instrumental in establishing the Milford volleyball program as one of the premier programs in Massachusetts. Their memorable season ended with a heartbreaking loss to a strong defensive Brookline High School team in the State Championship match.

What made this team so special was the fact that the nine seniors on the team were pioneer freshmen on Milford's very first volleyball team. During their four year careers, they compiled a record of 54-8, captured two Midland League Championships, two Central District Championships and, finally, State Runner-up. This group of girls laid the foundation for the future of the program and set the benchmark by which all future teams would be measured. Whenever the debate takes place over which team was the strongest volleyball team to ever represent Milford High School, it always comes back to the '78 team. Never to be forgotten- true champions forever!