



Dennis Tessicini Class of 1958

Dennis "Nemo" Tessicini, Class of 1958, made his mark as a football star at Milford High School during the mid 1950's. He also made an impact as a member of the varsity baseball team during his senior year.

A four-year letter winner as a running back, Dennis is considered by many to be among the top three runners in Milford High School history. A "fleet-footed, shifty, darting runner", he led Milford to a 7-1 record during his junior year, a year in which the team was ranked among the top fifteen in Massachusetts.

During his senior year, he exploded for 315 yards on 9 carries and 3 touchdowns against Walpole, cementing his reputation as "the best broken-field runner to grace Milford High School in years." A co-captain, he racked up numerous honors in 1957- Midland League All Star, Honorable Mention Italo-American All Scholastic Club, and the Boston Globe All Scholastic Class C Football Team.

Recognized as a speedy centerfielder who could chase down a fly ball better than anyone, Nemo made a significant contribution to the 1958 baseball team. His speed enabled him to be a dangerous base runner who could steal his way to home plate. He also had the ability to hit for power, leading the team to victory over Hudson with a grand slam. He was selected to the Midland League All Star Team in 1958.

A graduate of Curry College and Southern Oregon State University, Nemo continues to have an influence on young athletes. He has over 40 years of coaching experience in both baseball and softball. A recipient of the Oregon School Activities Assoc. Certificate of Excellence and the Mobil "5 Star Award" for dedicated service to the youth of America, he has published numerous articles in national coaching journals and produced two instructional coaching videos. His "Nemo's Speed Bat" was the recipient of the "#1 New Product of the Year" Award for coaching aids, and his training program has been featured in national magazines such as Collegiate Baseball and Prep Illustrated.



Samuel Tomaso Milford High School 1930-33

Samuel "Sammy" Tomaso was one of Milford High School's premier athletes of the early 1930's. Although he only stood 5'10" and 150 lbs., he was considered a powerful athlete who always seemed to deliver big hits or come through in pressure situations on both the gridiron and baseball diamond, where he excelled under the tutelage of the legendary Coach Hop Riopel.

Sammy played varsity football with fellow Hall of Famer Charlie Brucato in 1931 and 1932. A halfback and fullback, he was used primarily as a blocker and in faking situations. He was a capable runner, however, who once scored three touchdowns, each over 25 yards, in a bruising victory over Wellesley in the rain and mud. He helped the team to a 10-1 record in 1932, the lone loss coming

against Brockton, the only team to score against Milford that season.

Sammy's true love, and the sport at which he excelled, was baseball. He displayed a slick glove at third base, and was a solid hitter at the plate. During his three year varsity career, he hit for a .320 average. He batted .330 his junior year and was part of a team that went 26-1 and claimed the mythical state championship by defeating Eastern Mass. king Cambridge Latin. As captain of the 1930 and 1931 American Legion team, Sam hit .312 and .470 in back to back years. His greatest achievement came in the 1931 Legion State Championship series when he hit home runs in both games to lead Milford to the title.

Sam then went on to play one year for Bourne in the Cape Cod League before playing two seasons for the Milford AA in the highly competitive Blackstone Valley League. He followed that by playing for the Brooklyn Dodgers Class A farm team in Cape Breton, Canada, before finishing his career in 1946 with the BVL.