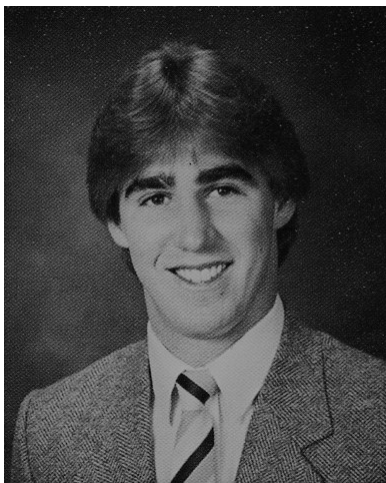




Kevin Tempesta
Class of 1986

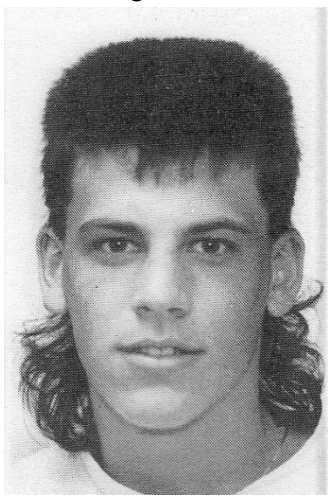
Kevin Tempesta is certainly in the conversation when talking about the most remarkable modern-day athletes Milford High has ever had. A four-year varsity starter in soccer and a two-year varsity starter in both basketball and baseball, Kevin played in 195 career varsity games, including 25 tournament games, among those three sports. Eight of the ten varsity teams that he played on reached the post-season, including Midland League Championship teams in soccer and baseball, a Central Mass Finalist team in soccer, and a Central Mass Championship team in baseball.

On the soccer pitch, Kevin led the team as a junior center halfback in 1984 to an undefeated regular season, a league Championship, and a 2nd place finish Central Mass. He led the league in scoring was a league and Central Mass All Star and was named to the All State and All New England teams, the first soccer player in MHS history to be so honored. He led the team to its fourth consecutive tournament berth as a senior captain, again garnering All State and All New England (Honorable Mention) recognition.

Tempesta started at forward and center for three seasons on the basketball court and averaged 18 points per game as a junior. During his senior campaign, he had back-to-back 24 point games, averaged 13 points per game, and was a Midland League All Star.

Kevin was equally adept on the baseball diamond, both as a pitcher and in the field. As a junior, he batted .340 and had a 7-2 record on the mound during the regular season. He was even better in the post-season, giving up only 4 hits, 1 walk, and 0 runs in 13 innings, and pitched four innings of scoreless relief to win the Div. 1 Central Mass Championship. As a senior co-captain, he led the team with 29 RBI's.

Tempesta finished his career at Fitchburg State, playing three years of soccer and two of baseball. He played midfield for the 1987 soccer team that went 12-4-1, and the 1988 team that finished at 14-2-1, capturing the Conference Championship and earning an NCAA bid.



Richard Betti
Class of 1991

Rick Betti, according to his Hall of Fame Coach Charlie Stand, "is one of the best athletes I've ever had. He can pitch, play the outfield, play first base, and he does them all well. There's no doubt he's the best pitcher I've ever had." He also was a consistent and dangerous hitter at the plate.

After leading his JV team to a 19-1 record as a sophomore, Betti didn't miss a beat when he moved up to the varsity. As a junior, the lefty compiled a record of 8-0 on the mound with a 0.51 Earned Run Average. He also hit .354 with 29 RBI's batting in the number three slot. The Midland Wachusett League Co-Player of the Year, he was a key contributor as the 1990 team went 24-0, won the Midland-Wachusett League, Central Mass Championship and Div. 1 State Championship. His pinch-hit RBI single in the top of the ninth inning secured the 2-0 victory in the State Finals.

As a senior, he was nearly unhittable, leading the team to a 21-4 record, repeat League and Central Mass Championships, and a return trip to the State Finals. Betti was the team MVP, posting a 10-2 pitching mark, a sub- 1.00 ERA, and averaged almost 2 strikeouts per inning. Once again hitting in the third spot, he had a .332 average and was among the leaders in extra base hits and RBI's.

Among Rick's highlights that year was pitching a no-hitter against Fitchburg, striking out 40 batters in his first three starts, and winning the showdown battle with Leominster's John Kelly, 3-2, to clinch the Central Mass Div. 1 Championship.