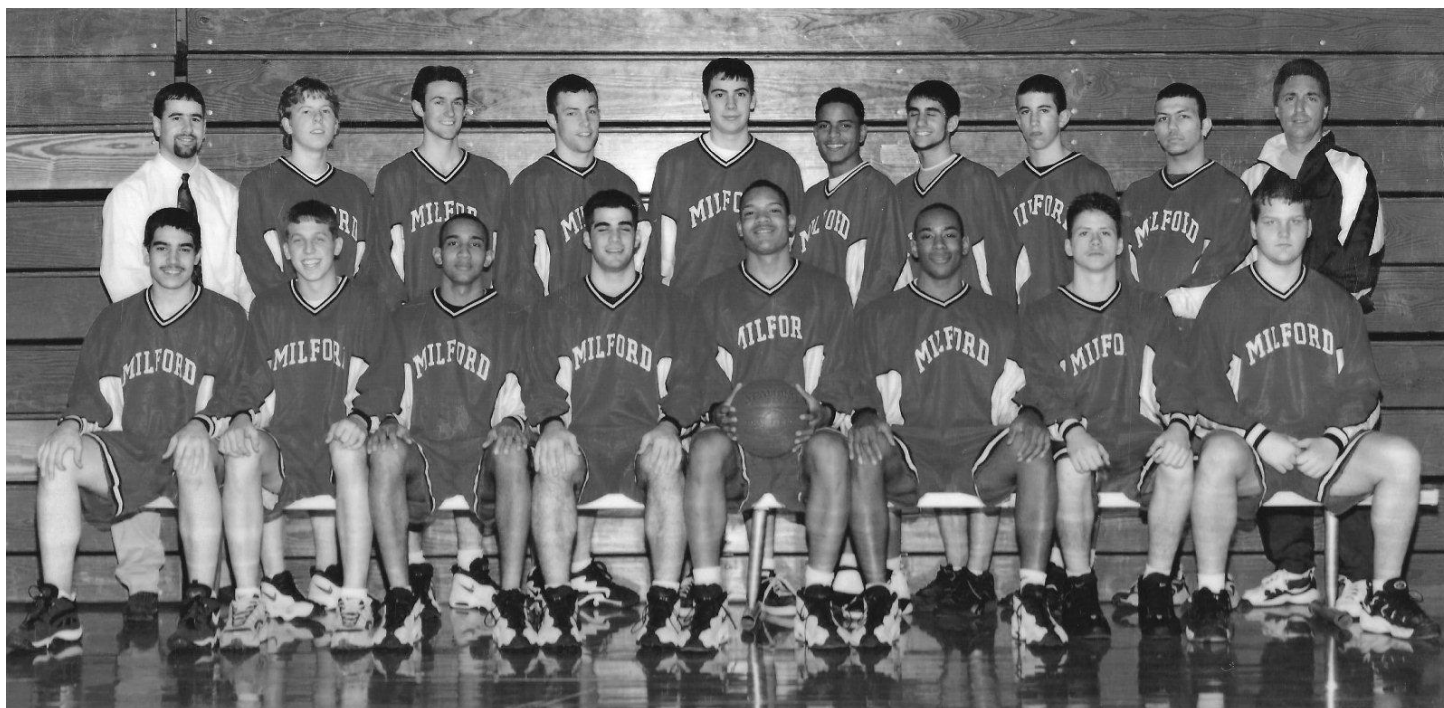




**1998 Boys Basketball Team
Midland-Wachusett League Division A Champs
Central Massachusetts Division I Champs
Division I State Finalist**

Back Row: Coach Jeremy Kearnan, Kevin Hava, Mike Laramie, John Webster, Scott Savage, Norman Marciano, Joe Colelli, Andy Dolliver, Eli LeBrun, Head Coach Steve Manguso

Front Row: Brian Fonseca, Trevor Walker, Steve King, Capt. Brian Macchi, Capt. Maurice Briscoe, Capt. Craig Brown, Matt Himmighoeffer, Pat Kelly **Missing From Photo:** Coach Mike Webber

Milford Boys Basketball Coach Steve Manguso sums up the significance of his 1998 team's run to the Division I State Championship game in one simple sentence- "I'm not sure that will ever happen again."

The '98 team is the first and, to date, the only Milford boys basketball team to win the Central Massachusetts Division I title. Oddly enough, the squad did not feature a single senior who went on to play college basketball. The team had plenty of athletes, with Tri-captain Brian Macchi headed to college on a baseball scholarship, and fellow Tri-captains Craig Brown and Maurice Briscoe talented football prospects.

The group of Macchi, Brown and Briscoe, along with senior Steve King provided a solid force in the frontcourt with rebounding, put-backs and, in the case of Brown and Briscoe, the occasional crowd-pleasing slam-dunk. This was a team that had it all. They could defend, they could rebound, they were smart and tough, both physically and mentally. Senior sharp-shooter Mike Laramie, junior point guard Joe Colelli and sophomore swingman Trevor Walker rounded out the core of the team and provided the needed offense.

In the District Semi-finals, Milford upset 21-0 St. John's. Colelli directed an inspired offense, with Laramie, Walker, Macchi and King delivering key spurts of offense, while Brown and Briscoe provided the toughness off the boards. After defeating a very talented Holy Name squad in the finals, Milford showed its toughness and togetherness by coming from 11 points down in the second half to defeat Western Mass Champion Springfield Cathedral in the State Semi-finals. The Hawks ultimately fell to Attleboro, a team that had beaten them by 27 points earlier in the season, losing by 5 in the title game.