



1980 Girls Volleyball Team

The 1980 Girls Volleyball Team was one of the most successful teams in the history of MHS volleyball. Led by captains Sharon Andres, Pam DiDomenico and Linda Vasile, the team returned to the state-level prominence it had first attained in 1978. Members of the team included seniors Lori-Ann DePaolo and Mary Carroll; juniors Keri Collette, Paula Lemieux and Eloise DeSantis; and sophomores Michele Barys, Kelly Boldy, Lisa Evangelista and Lisa Shaner.

Coached by Hall of Fame Coach Linda Zacchilli, who was assisted by Donna Arcudi, the squad compiled an 18-0 record during the regular season while winning the Midland League Championship. In the Central Sectional Tournament, Milford swept its four opponents 8-0 in Pool Play before dispatching Algonquin, 2-0, in the semi-finals and topping Chelmsford (16-14, 16-14) to secure the championship.

At the state tournament level, Milford once again dominated (6-0) the first round of Pool Play. At this point, the MIAA allowed Amherst to enter the tournament as the first mixed-gender team to compete in a state tournament. Milford finished this round of Pool Play with a record of 6-2, earning the right to face Brockton, a team they split with during the prelims, for the State Championship. Brockton came away with a hard-fought 15-12, 15-12 straight set win for the Championship, handing Milford its only loss on the year.

Three members of the 20-1 team- Sharon Andres, Eloise DeSantis and Keri Collette- were named to the All-District, All-State and Boston Globe All Scholastic teams. Two members of the team- Eloise DeSantis and Michele Barys- were named to the 17 & Under Massachusetts Elite team that competed at the USVBA Nationals in Nebraska. An indication of the talent on this team is that seven members of the squad went on to compete at the college level (two at Div. 3, three at Div. 2 and two at Div. 1 schools).