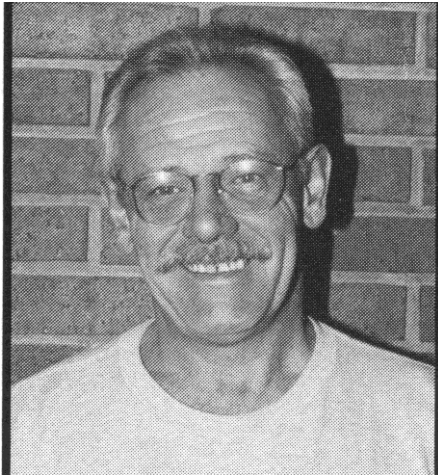




Charles J. Stand
Class of 1965 - Coach

Charles J. "Charlie" Stand had the passion to coach instilled in him by his father, Buster, and reinforced and nurtured by Coach Joe Stoico at Milford High School. After graduating from the University of Bridgeport, where he was a standout on the baseball diamond, he returned to his alma mater to coach and win more games than any Milford coach in history.

Charlie absolutely loved being a Physical Education teacher and working with kids, and that passion led him to become one of the most successful coaches in the history of Milford High School athletics.

A great teacher can be a successful coach in any sport, and Charlie was a great teacher and motivator. His knowledge of the game, his attention to detail, and the high expectations he had for his players were his trademarks.

Baseball was his love, but he also was the driving force in establishing the sport of soccer at MHS. He started the boys' soccer program in 1974, serving as its head coach for 15 years, and led the team to several winning seasons and tournament appearances. He also took over the fledgling girls' varsity soccer team in 1991 and quickly built that program into a tournament contender. He also coached the softball team from 2004-2006.

Charlie was the Varsity Baseball Coach from 1978 through 2003, compiling an overall record of 450 wins and 140 losses over 26 seasons. He also led the team to nine League Championships while qualifying for tournament play in every season but the first and winning four Central Mass Championships. His 1990 team won the State Championship, finishing with a 24-0 record, while the 1991 and 1997 teams were State Runners-up. His accomplishments led to his induction into the Massachusetts Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame in 2006.

It has been said that he made mediocre players good and good players great. Perhaps no greater compliment could be paid as that of an opposing coach who said it best: "I loved playing against him. You had to be at the top of your game. There was nothing soft about Charlie Stand. He told it like it was. He just made the game better."

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