

Joe Vitiello

Class of 1988 - Football, Basketball & Baseball



Joe Vitiello is perhaps the most decorated athlete in the annals of Stoneham High School sports. The 1988 Stoneham High graduate dominated the baseball diamond like no player before or since.

As a sophomore, Vitiello was named a starter in football and basketball, but it was in baseball that Vitiello quickly dominated. In the spring, he became the first sophomore ever to be named Middlesex League MVP and an All Star.

Behind Vitiello, the Spartans went on to become Middlesex League Champions, Division II North Champions and Eastern Massachusetts Champions, with Vitiello named as Outstanding Performer in the tournament.

The Boston Globe named the sophomore a Div. II All Star and the Boston Herald selected him as an All Scholastic. His junior year, Vitiello quarterbacked the football team until a knee injury sidelined him for the rest of the football and basketball seasons.

He was named as a ML All Star when the baseball team repeated as league and Division II North Champions. Joe was named a Boston Globe and Herald All Scholastic and was picked as the Div. II Player of the Year by the Globe.

In his senior year, Joe returned to basketball as a Co-Captain and led the team in scoring and rebounding and was selected as a league All Star. Vitiello captained the baseball team and added to his trophy case when he was named a league All Star, was voted Middlesex League MVP as well as the Boston Globe Div. II Player of the Year.

Again he was named a Boston Globe and Herald All Scholastic. Upon graduating, Vitiello was drafted by the New York Yankees, but opted to play at the University of Alabama.

A Crimson Tide All American, Vitiello became a first round pick of the Kansas City Royals, the seventh overall, after his junior year. Vitiello played the 2003 Major League Baseball season for the Montreal Expos.

He re-sides in San Diego, California in the off season with wife, Taylor, and children, Chandler, Courtney and Gavyn.