

## Greg Wright

### Class of 1966 - Football, Hockey & Track



Many of who Greg Wright apply his athletic skills for Stoneham High School would rank him as one of the best athletes the town has ever produced.

This includes his former football coach Bob Margarita who calls the 1966 SHS graduate “the best athlete I ever saw at Stoneham High.” On the football field Captain Wright did it all, running, passing and kicking for the Spartans as a virtual one-man team. He averaged 42 yards per punt in his senior year.

Greg was voted “Outstanding Back” his junior and senior years and was the winner of the Marty Jordan Award in the Thanksgiving game against Reading. He also was named “Most Popular Player” in a town contest.

His exploits earned him a berth as a Middlesex League All-Star.

On the ice, Greg, a three-year starter, starred for a strong Spartan team that finished 12-2-2 his senior year. He was named All-Scholastic by the Boston Globe, the Boston Herald and the Record American and was a Middlesex All-Star.

In spring track, Greg set a Stoneham High record in the javelin throw with a 182.2 foot toss, beating the previous mark by 11 feet.

For his all-around skill, Greg was given the Blanket Award as the outstanding senior athlete. After graduation Greg turned down a West Point scholarship offer to play Junior Hockey, a rare feat for Americans at this time.

Greg played with the Halifax Jr. Canadians and teams in Oklahoma and Dayton, Ohio. He also went to training camp with the Boston Bruins and then spent time in the service before hanging the skates up and moving to Vermont where he started a youth hockey program in Lyndonville, Vermont.

Greg now resides in West Burke, Vermont with his wife Deborah.