

Sharon Russell

Class of 1975 - Field Hockey, Basketball & Tennis



Sharon Russell played three sports at Stoneham High School, and the 1975 graduate was a success in all of them, collecting eight varsity letters in the then three-year school. She was named Outstanding Girl Athlete her senior year.

As captain of the basketball team, she led the Spartans in scoring with 23 points (vs. Concord-Carlisle), 20 points (vs. Wakefield) and 18 points (vs. Woburn) during her senior season.

Professional tennis began to bloom in the United States in the 1970's, but Russell was already dominating the tennis courts as no Stoneham High player had before. She captained her team and played #1 singles sophomore through senior years and was named MVP all three seasons. In 1974 Russell led the team to the state semi-finals for the first time in Stoneham High history.

Upon graduating, Russell took her extraordinary tennis skills to Salem State College where her dominance continued. With the Lady Vikings, Russell played #1 singles from 1977 through 1979 and was voted Most Outstanding Player in 1979. Her efforts were rewarded with a berth on the Mass. State College All-Conference team for the 1978 season. That year she went 10-1 to win the Mass. State College singles title. Her overall record at Salem State was 39-5 for the three year period.

In 1978 Russell was ranked #2 in mixed doubles in New England with fellow Stoneham High alum Rich Richmond. From 1973 to 1982, Russell competed in and won several New England Lawn Tennis (now known as United States Tennis Association) tournaments with Richmond, including a NELTA championship in Chicago.

In 1980, Russell was playing #1 singles tennis at the 5.0 level at a USTA National Championship, playing for the Northeast Tennis Center in Middleton.

Athletic genes run in the family as do Hall of Fame credentials. Sharon follows her late father Jack, a 2003 inductee, into the SHS Hall of Fame. She currently works for New Horizons Electronics in Danvers and resides in Framingham.