

Ralph L Duplin



1925 - Football, Basketball, Baseball

At the height of the Roaring Twenties, the Duplin brothers, Ralph (Class of '25) and Victor (Class of '23), paved the way for success for Stoneham High for a variety of sports.

Ralph starred in cross-country, football, hockey and baseball, accumulating ten varsity letters in all. In his junior and senior football seasons combined, Stoneham outscored its opponents 300 to 98. In baseball, the second baseman and centerfielder helped lead the team to Middlesex League championships in 1922 and 1923.

During Ralph's junior and senior years, the Spartans outscored opponents 242 to 129. A prolific scorer in hockey, Ralph helped his team outscore opponents 172 to 72 over a four-year career. This led to a professional hockey offer (a rarity for Americans at the time), which he declined in order to take a full scholarship to play football and baseball at Georgetown.

His continued success led to induction into the Georgetown Athletic Hall of Fame.

Victor J. Duplin, Jr.

1923 - X-Country, Hockey, Baseball, Outdoor Track

Like Ralph, Victor Duplin was also a multi-sport athlete at Stoneham High with a resume of cross-country, hockey, baseball and track and field. As captain of the cross-country team, the speedster won several meets and averaged a pace of under six minute miles, quite a pace for the day. In a dual meet at Arlington, he dominated by winning the 110 yard dash, the 440 yard run and the 220 yard dash. Victor was also captain of the hockey team playing forward and racking up numerous hat tricks. As the baseball team's ace pitcher, Victor featured a wicked curveball, helping lead the team to Middlesex League Championships in 1922 and 1923.

After graduation, Victor went on to become head hockey coach at M.I.T. and would later work for the U.S. Government on the Manhattan Project.