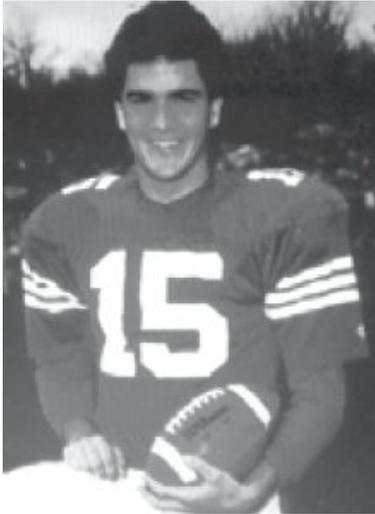


Kevin Yianacopolus

1986 - Baseball, Football & Basketball



The combination of athletic skills and competitiveness that Kevin Yianacopolus “Yiana” brought to every game he played defined his Spartan career.

As a sophomore, Kevin got his first start at quarterback for the SHS football team. He made the most of an unexpected opportunity when he debuted versus Woburn and scored two touchdowns. Already an established regular in the defensive backfield, Kevin also picked off two Tanner passes. For the next two seasons, Kevin was an outstanding two-way performer directing the Spartan offense under center, while anchoring the secondary from his safety position on the defensive side. The captain of the 1985 SHS football team, Yiana enjoyed a season highlighted by various individual honors including Boston Herald All-Scholastic and Middlesex League All-Star selection as a defensive back and a recipient of the Marty Jordan, Rudy Romboli, and Coaches Award for the second consecutive year.

His accolades extended to the baseball diamond as a left-handed pitcher capable of mixing up his pitches to keep hitters off balance. In the spring of 1986, Stoneham, under Coach Bill Seabury, returned to baseball prominence. The senior captain got off to a dominant start on the mound. With a 3-0 record fresh from an overpowering 19-strikeout performance versus Wakefield, Kevin suffered a broken toe and was out of the lineup for several games down the stretch of the regular season. He returned, and in two of the most memorable games in the storied annals of Stoneham baseball, Yiana delivered. The Spartans found themselves trailing 7-6 in the sixth inning of the second round state tournament match-up with North Andover. Yiana came out of the bullpen to hurl the final three innings, striking out eight of nine batters allowing Stoneham a comeback for 9-7 victory. Later in the Division II North Sectional versus Swampscott, Kevin pitched a stellar 7 2/3 innings as a starter in a heart stopping 6-5 triumph that sent Stoneham to the Eastern Massachusetts Division II final versus Franklin.

Kevin attended Bridgton Academy prior to his acceptance at the University of Maine. Yiana continued to pitch in the Intercity League attracting the attention of several major league scouts and signed with the Seattle Mariners. Kevin currently is the Head Coach of SHS Baseball and an assistant with the Spartan football team.

Kevin resides in Stoneham with his wife Doreen and his four children.