

Micheal Veno

1983 Hockey & Baseball



Michael Veno transferred from Malden Catholic to Stoneham High midway through his sophomore year. Because of MIAA rules, he could only practice with the hockey team that year. He quickly distinguished himself at SHS. During his junior year, he broke the single season scoring record. His 32 goals and 25 assists that year totaled 57 points. The Spartan first line of Veno, Bill Connell, and Richie Santoro shattered the record for points by a line with 157 as they scored 66 goals and had 91 assists, the most productive line in Stoneham's long hockey history.

Stoneham played in the State Tournament and Veno went wild in a 7 to 2 win over Bedford in the opening round, scoring three goals and assisting on three others. As a senior co-captain, Mike scored three goals and assisted on two to lead Stoneham to a 5-3 victory over defending champion Woburn. The victory left Stoneham alone in first place after four rounds of play. Their unbeaten streak came to an end as Watertown skated to a 4-1 victory. Mike scored the lone Stoneham goal. The Stoneham team bounced back against Lexington with a 4-1 victory, with two of the goals scored by Veno. In an easy 5-1 victory over Belmont, he scored one, assisted on two and showed remarkable passing ability.

Veno, the Middlesex League leading scorer, exploded for five goals against Wakefield. Then in a 4-1 win over Woburn, Mike started off the game with two goals. But title hopes were dimmed by a lightly regarded Belmont. Even so, Mike scored one of the Spartan goals in the 3-2 loss. Veno added three more goals to his total in a 8-2 win over Winchester.

The league leading scorer was named a Middlesex League All-Star and Globe and Herald All-Scholastic both years. His senior year Mike was voted most valuable SHS hockey player.

In addition, Veno was selected to play in the Super Series 1983 against a team of all-stars from Minnesota.

He also showed his athleticism on the ball field where he played shortstop for the Spartans his junior and senior years.

Veno then played for Salem State where he continued as a high scorer. He went on to play professional hockey in Europe after graduating from college.

Michael is a consultant for Cognizant Technology and resides in Newburyport with his wife Amy and three children Michael, Austin, and Isabella.