

Billy Dunn



There are few athletes at Stoneham High who combined multi-sport excellence at such high level as Billy Dunn. The 1975 graduate excelled on the baseball and football fields, experiencing a championship on the baseball diamond in 1975, and earning him first team all-Middlesex league all-star honors in both sports. Dunn led the Spartan defense in interceptions during his senior season as a defensive back. Billy was awarded the Martin Jordan award as the most valuable player in the Thanksgiving game against Reading in 1974.

However, it was on the baseball field where he really excelled while patrolling the outfield and swiping bases at a record setting pace. He was named all-Middlesex League in baseball as a center fielder. He also received Stoneham's team defensive player of the year award. He was instrumental in helping the SHS baseball team win the league's championship, winning seventeen games in a row and securing the number one ranking in the Division 1 EMASS Tournament in 1975. Dunn hit .362 and stole thirty bases during his senior year. He once stole five bases in a single game against Winchester, and then in a must win game, stole home to secure a win against Burlington. As the Spartan's leadoff hitter, his tremendous speed and quickness often allowed him to turn a routine grounder into an infield single. He also displayed a consistent ability to hit for power and would typically end up with extra bases setting the table for his teammates.

Dunn moved on to Salem State where he was a four-year starter and leadoff hitter. He led the Vikings in hitting his senior year, as the team's captain, posting a .380 batting average with twenty-five stolen bases. He helped Salem State to two ECAC tournament appearances.

Billy continued his baseball career playing in the Inter City League for twenty years. Dunn consistently hit over .300 and averaged better than twenty stolen bases in each of his seasons. He was inducted into the Inter City League Hall of Fame as a player in 2016.

Billy is a pancreatic cancer survivor. He has worked for the United States Post Office for over thirty-five years as a Postmaster. He resides in Stoneham with his wife Denise and two daughters, Kelsey and Holly.