Howard Truesdale



In the Class of 1936 Yearbook it was written, "The glory of our athletic teams was widely known." Howard Truesdale certainly contributed to support such a statement.

Howie Truesdale was the starting goalie for the first ever Stoneham High School Hockey Team to become Greater Boston League Champions. Howie was named a First Team Greater Boston League All Star. In being named to the 1936 Boston Globe Interscholastic All Star Hockey Team-First Squad, it was written "no record of stops has been kept but the best average appears to be boasted by Stoneham's Howard Truesdale." Another caption in the Boston paper read, "Much of Stoneham's surprising success in the Greater Boston Hockey League can be traced to the sparkling defense work of Truesdale in the nets."

Howie Truesdale captained the second place 14-5 Spartan baseball team where Howie was the catcher and a tremendous hitter batting from both sides of the plate. In a win against Reading the Boston Post wrote, "Truesdale continued his extra heavy work with the willow, driving out a single, a double and a triple, the latter his fifth in six games. All three hits figured in the run making." Howard Truesdale was named to the Boston Post's First Team All-Scholastic Nine as Catcher.

In an article in the Stoneham Independent it was captioned "Howie Truesdale due to sign with Boston Bees (pre-Red Sox) in a few days." It further read "Howard Truesdale, Captain of last year's Stoneham High team and one of the greatest hitters ever to perform at S.H.S is a natural hitter, able to mace the ball from either side of the plate."

While playing in the Bee's farm system, Howie returned home to help support his mother after his father, a Boston Police Officer passed away suddenly. Howie served during World War II in the Army Air Corp.

After the war Howie as an arborist started "H. Truesdale Tree Surgeon" a business he owned and operated until retirement. Howie and his wife Eleanor raised three daughters Jane (retired police chief), Priscilla and Cynthia.