



During his athletic career at SHS, Mike McGinn overcame considerable adversity. Despite a number of injuries that effectively curtailed his football career after attaining a starting backfield position for Coach Bob Margarita as a sophomore in 1971; McGinn was not to be denied his Hall of Fame destiny.

The three knee operations that McGinn underwent over a two-year period left one to speculate what a healthy Mike McGinn would have meant to the Stoneham football team.

On the ice no such speculation is necessary. McGinn was one of the best all-around defenseman to ever don the Blue and White sweater. As a sophomore, he stepped on the ice and directly in as a regular on Coach Dick Burns 1971-72 club. It did not take long for the veteran coach to trust the smooth skating blueliner in all manpower situations.

Paired with Tom O'Toole as a junior, the tenacious tandem favorably matched up against the forever-formidable Middlesex League. Mike was routinely referred to as a "standout" by informed hockey observers. He was considered the "best rushing defenseman" in the league for his effortless combination of skating and puck handling.

McGinn's final year of 1973-74 was a banner one for both the SHS captain and his team. In the inaugural season of the Stoneham Arena, the Spartans were truly right at home. A 12-1-5 record had earned Stoneham a Middlesex League co-championship with archrival Melrose. The Spartans entered the tournament as the fourth overall seed only to suffer an early upset versus Charlestown.

Mike attained league all-star recognition. His stalwart defensive ability supplemented by nearly a point a game on the offensive end with a 1 goal/13 assist/14 point scoring line was immeasurable. Although no actual award existed, McGinn was the consensus choice as the league's best all-around defenseman with the prowess he exhibited in all three zones.

After SHS, Mike's hockey career was far from finished. He went on to UMass Lowell and became one of the cornerstone players that established the foundation for the then Chiefs' program and their iconic coach Bill Riley.

Mike is retired from Budweiser and lives with his wife Jane Cody McGinn '74 in Laconia, NH.