

## Ron McKinnion



When it's said and done Ronnie McKinnon was perhaps one of the best all-around athletes to ever play at Stoneham High School.

As Captain of the football team in a 6-0 win over Belmont Ronnie threw the winning touchdown pass, kicked an eighty yard punt and recovered a fumble.

After being named to the Boston Globe's Interscholastic All Star Hockey Team, First Squad it was written, "Ronnie McKinnon seldom takes to the attack. He is the league's most dependable defenseman. They don't get around Ronnie and he's rugged enough to make sure they don't get through him. When he does make one of his infrequent dashes up the ice, it is generally to good effect."

Ronnie was a Greater Boston League All Star, First Team selection as a member of the first ever Stoneham Spartan, G.B.L. Championship Hockey Team, playing for legendary Coach and Hall of Famer Howard "Doc" Gordon.

In baseball Ronnie was described as an all-star caliber pitcher and power hitter.

The Stoneham newspaper read, "There's little need of relating the exploits Ron McKinnon had on the gridiron, hockey rink, and baseball diamond in the last three years, so well are they known. Look back over those years and you will find he excelled in each sport; his forward passing and line plunging in football, his superb defensive work in hockey which played a major role in winning the hockey title and his ever present and usual potent bat in baseball. To top it all, he's what we call a Gentleman Athlete."

The Class of 1936 voted Ron McKinnon "Most Athletic."

Ron McKinnon went on to Northeastern University starring in both football and hockey where he was named Captain as a sophomore defenseman the first time ever for such an honor.

Ron was the son of Stoneham Police Sergeant Dennis "Dinny" McKinnon and served his country in China with the U.S. Marine Corp. Ron worked in management for Eastern Airlines.

Ron McKinnon married SHS Cheerleader Barbara Fisher and they raised sons Ron, Dick and Bob as lifelong Stoneham residents.