Susan McCarthy



Susan Michaud attended Stoneham High School at a time when women's sports were just starting to bloom, Pre Title IX. Susan took full advantage of this situation. She played Field Hockey, Cheerleading and Gymnastics (as both a club then varsity sport) in the fall season. During the winter season, Susan transitioned to Girls Basketball and Cheerleading and during the spring season; Softball was Susan's sport of choice. She kept that schedule throughout her high school career. In that era, there were not any MIAA rules regarding playing more than one sport per season.

Susan was a strong competitor who loved playing sports and excelled at all that she played. According to a fellow teammate, "Susan was a smart strategic player on the field, and at all times, a team leader." During a 1966 softball game against archrival Reading, Michaud hit a long triple in the fourth inning to drive in two runs and scored on a fielder's choice. She then proceeded to hit two more singles. Stoneham handily triumphed with this great team effort. Not bad for a sophomore.

Although Susan had a rigorous sports schedule, she was a perfectionist at every sport she attempted. Susan set a record for participating on more sports teams during her high school career than any other previous graduate. As an example, during the fall season, Susan played Varsity Field Hockey, Cheerleader, and Gymnastics; therefore, she was awarded three Varsity Letters for one season. She was also awarded a Booster Club sweater for Field Hockey and Cheerleading in her sophomore year. At graduation Susan, was awarded an Excellence in Athletic Ability award. By the end her senior year, Susan set a SHS record for the most total athletic points for a female athlete.

The greatest influence and supporters on Susan's athletic career were her parents, Gladys and Edward Michaud. They rarely missed any of her games.

Susan attended UNH majoring in mathematics. She later taught middle school and high school math, and ended her career as a math specialist for grades six through twelve in Gotham, Maine. She has three athletic children, Kelly, Elaine, and Paul.