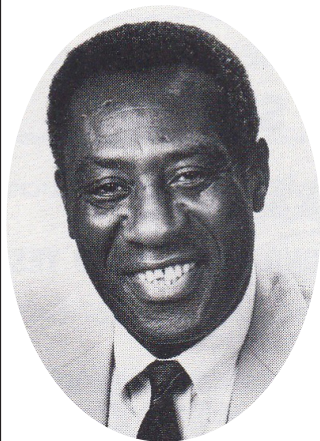


Leroy Vaughn



Leroy Vaughn may be better known today as the father of Mo Vaughn, Norwalk's rookie first baseman with the Boston Red Sox, but in fact, Leroy has football, baseball, and basketball credentials as a player and coach, which span a quarter century.

Leroy had a tryout in 1955–56 with the Baltimore Colts of the National Football League after four years on the Virginia Union University Eleven, in Richmond, Virginia, where he set a college passing percentage record for completions, which still stands today.

He left Baltimore in 1956 for a three-year stint in the U.S. Army Medics, serving in California and Europe. He found time to star with the Army team at Fort Ord and for two years before his honorable discharge, served as athletic director and coach of American Youth Association in Wurzburg, Germany.

Returning to the United States, Vaughn began his Norwalk sports career as assistant baseball coach of Benjamin Franklin Middle School, progressing to assistant football coach at Norwalk High School, coach of the Connecticut Women's championship basketball team in Stratford and Fairfield. Meanwhile, he was playing six years with Stamford Golden Bears, where he doubled as a coach. He also coached basketball and baseball for Roton Middle School before assuming the position of varsity football coach at Brien McMahon High School, a position he held from 1967 through 1973. During this same period he coached the JV basketball team.

Over the years he has held numerous scholastic, civic, religious, educational, and fraternal positions, and he has won many honors in both football and basketball, as a player as well as a coach.