

Ed Cerulli



Ed Cerulli spent many years as a coach, official, and sports administrator after a career as a top-ranked baseball star.

Cerulli, who retired in June from his duties as administrator at Norwalk High School, served as basketball coach during the 1967-'71 period, after coaching the Jayvees to a 20-0 season the previous year. He won a division title and took the team to the state tournament twice. He also coached varsity golf, including Jack Anrico and Jeff Burey, who have made a career as PGA pros.

Ed worked with playground youngsters and helped develop bowlers directing Junior Bowling at Broad River, spent several years as a basketball official in FCIAC before coaching, and later spent 15 years as basketball chairman of FCIAC.

As a member of the Oak Hills Commission, including a term as chairman, he was instrumental in the early development and improvement of Oak Hills. A nine handicap golfer, he won the "A" Flight Championship at Oak Hills twice and scored two holes in one.

Cerulli was an outstanding pitcher who played high school, American Legion, and college baseball at Fairfield University before turning to Norwalk, Stamford, and Danbury Twilight action. He started with Gervasio's Plumbers and Knights of Columbus, both champions in Stamford, and followed with Hat Corporation and the Yankee Clippers in Norwalk. Each of these teams also won championships.

He pitched the Fort Knox Tankers to the championship of Second Army, and had tryouts with several major league teams. Cerulli played high school, college, and military basketball as a guard, played with Norm Sculley's Vanderbilt basketball team in the mid '50s and, while still in high school, played soccer for Tommy Scarso.

During his career he pitched several no-hitters and led his team in batting when he switched to the outfield.

Always eager to help with youngsters, he acted as assistant coach in the International League and Babe Ruth League for 10 years from 1970 to 1980, and finished his active career playing outfield for the Fairfield County softball team.

To round out his athletic prowess, Cerulli carries a 197 average in the Broad River Classic Doubles Bowling League and has posted 690 triple and 280 single highs.

Ed and his wife, the former Judith Babinski, live with their five children at 56 William Street in Norwalk.