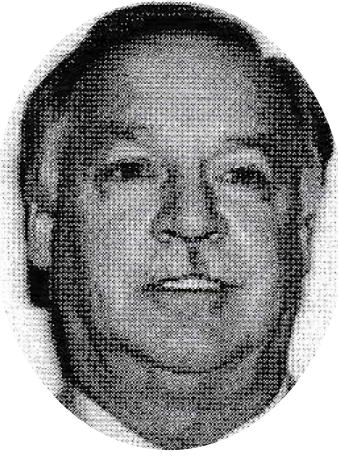


## Otto Makowsky



"V"ersatility" could be **Otto Makowsky's** middle name. In actuality, Otto is the middle name of Frederick "Otto" Makowsky and he was known as "Otto" ever since he was a kid and throughout an athletic career that was marked by his multi talents and versatility.

Born in Norwalk and raised in Rowayton, Makowsky attended Rowayton Elementary School, Benjamin Franklin Junior High, and Norwalk High School. It was at Ben Franklin in 1950 and '51 that his sports career began to take shape as Makowsky played outfield for the baseball team and guard for the basketball team for coach Merritt Lewis in both sports.

He would go on to become a three-sport athlete at Norwalk High School, playing JV basketball in 1953 before joining the varsity in '54, starting in both singles and doubles for the NHS tennis team in '53, and playing infield and outfield for the 1954 Green and White baseball team.

Makowsky continued his baseball career at the University of Connecticut where he converted to a pitcher in 1957, and also picked up the sport of squash and made the UConn team in 1958.

He also played summer baseball for a number of local teams in town, including the neighborhood Rowayton team from 1952-'54, where his teammates included his brother Roy and the Fay Brothers. After they helped Rowayton win the County League championship, Otto went to play for Norwalk Hat Corp. from 1954-'57, also helping them win a title in the Danbury Hat League and capturing the league MVP award in 1957. The team was coached by Jim Bellantoni while other team members included Jack Redway, Earl Stabell, and Ralph DiMeglio, all four former Norwalk Old Timers honorees.

Makowsky also played shortstop for the Norwalk American Legion team in 1953, while from 1961-'67 he pitched and played infield for the Norwalk Laurels, which also won a championship. Once again showing his versatility, Makowsky also played basketball for the Ferris Hill Club, Clover Farms, The Aristocrats, the Westport Advertisers, and Freddie's Bears. He also logged six years in the Inter-City Touch Football League with the Rowayton Bears and his brother Roy and former Old Timers award winners Frank Fay, Bob Dowling, and Bob Colbert.

But for all the different sports he competed in and teams he played for, Makowsky says his greatest feat in sports was the day he recorded an unassisted triple play in a slow-pitch softball game while playing center field in Darien.

While in Rowayton, Makowsky was active in the community and served as treasurer of the Rowayton Power Squadron in 1970.

Makowsky, who will be 67 later this month, moved to Rhode Island in 1972, but now lives in upstate North Stonington with his wife, the former Judy Moore, and they have six children and nine grandchildren with a tenth on the way.