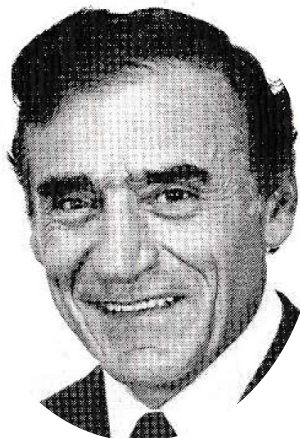


Navio Ottavi



Navio "Nav" Ottavi was born in Simsbury, but moved with his family to New Britain where he went to high school and starred in several sports. Then to Central Connecticut State College, graduating in 1942 and becoming a teacher at Darien High for a brief time before serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II and seeing considerable action on a destroyer in the Pacific. Navio wed Mary Ellen Meyer of Wilton, also a school teacher, in San Diego after the war ended and later resumed his duties in the Business department of Darien.

At New Britain High Navio played football, basketball, and baseball. At Central Connecticut he played the same three sports. He captained the football teams in his senior year at New Britain High and Central Connecticut. In his junior year at New Britain High, as an All-State halfback, he played in the Orange Bowl in a

Christmas Day post-season game and won a special award as the high scorer.

He played on the following New Britain teams: Fafnirs, Cremos, Berlin Mohawks, Wilton Farmers, also competing in softball and bowling with the Wilton AC. In this area, besides Wilton teams, he played with the Laurel AC and Springwoods. All told, Navio has played, coached, or officiated in the following sports: football, basketball, baseball, hockey, skiing, golf, bowling, track, and tennis.

Navio won athletic honors as a senior in high school and college by being selected for the All-State football team and then an All-Eastern back in the collegiate ranks.

As a member of his high school track team he competed in the 100-yard dash, was anchor man on the middle relay team, pole vault, high jump, and broad jump.

For a decade he was associated with the Wilton Little League as a manager winning the championship eight times, and also managed the loop's All-Star teams during this time. Besides Little League baseball, Navio managed teams in the Babe Ruth League and the Wilton American Legion nine.

Ottavi also is a fine golfer, presently carrying a seven handicap. He has played in the New England Public Golf, Shoreline, and Smith-Richardson tourneys and won championships in each. He is still an active bowler and participates in three leagues. He generally carries a 185 to 190 average. He has held the high average for several years in the Wilton AC League, had high average two years ago in the Holy Name League, and also copped this honor many times in the Westport Recreation League.

He is in his 40th year on the Darien High teaching staff.

Mr. and Mrs. Ottavi had seven children: Mary Ellen, William (deceased), Christopher, Timothy, Patrici and Kathleen (twins), and Frederick. They live at 40 Horseshoe Road, Wilton.