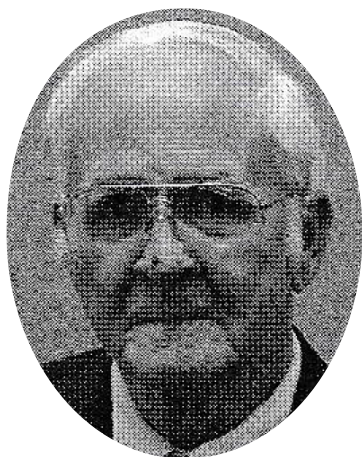


Joe Magyar



Joe Magyar made his mark on the Norwalk sports scene as an athlete, a coach, and later as an administrator.

His biggest impact, however, came on the basketball court where he was an outstanding player for several local teams, most notably the Norwalk High School basketball team from 1944-'46. In fact, Magyar, a center, was senior captain and the leading scorer for the Green and White while being named to the All-County team and earning All-State Honorable Mention.

Magyar took his talents to the University of Connecticut for two seasons from 1948-'50, and later played with the O'Brien Emeralds in the Norwalk YMCA League and with the SNET team in the Norwalk Industrial Basketball League. In between, from 1951-'55, he played basketball all over the country while serving in the U.S. Air Force.

While at Norwalk High, Magyar also played quarterback in football, catcher in baseball, and threw the shot put for the track and field team. He would go on to play all four sports at Wilbraham Prep from 1946-'48, and was named the team's Most Valuable Player in basketball. He later played softball with the Southern New England Telephone Company, where he worked for 30 years.

Magyar continued to impact local sports even after his own playing days were over. For 25 years, he was a coach in the Rowayton Little League and duties soon expanded into an administrative role by working with the Connecticut district commissioner during the all-star tournaments all the way to Williamsport and the World Series.

Born in Norwalk and growing up on Lexington Avenue, Magyar attended Columbus School and Benjamin Franklin Junior High before Norwalk High. He now lives in Clearwater, FL, but his roots are still firmly planed in South Norwalk where he is a lifetime member of the South Norwalk Boat Club, twice serving as the club's commodore.

Magyar, who will be 75 in December, and his wife Dorothy have six children and eight grandchildren.