

## *Guido Bossone*



**G**uido Bossone was a prolific Norwalk athlete who excelled at just about everything he touched.

He started his athletic career as a youngster during the 1940s when he won local and state championships in swimming. He won the 100 yard Men's Freestyle, the individual medley, and even a diving title.

Swimming wasn't to be his top sport, however, as he moved into basketball, baseball, softball, hockey, soccer, track, touch football, coaching, and for the past 38 years, officiating.

He was probably the last dropkicker in Norwalk, when he kicked extra points for Norwalk High in 1949, 1950, and 1951.

Bossone played infield and caught in baseball and he could hit. Earlier he played baseball for DeMolay under Coach Benny Whone and Cobble Hill under Al Myslinski. After his high school days, he played American Legion ball and helped the Hilltops win city titles in 1962, '63, and '64. In 1951 he had a tryout with the Boston Braves but never pursued it.

He played YMCA basketball with the Irish team, and with the Craftsmen before high school. In the 1950 period he helped the National Guard win the city title and later played intramural basketball at the University of Alabama.

Fast pitch softball followed with Cioffi's Bar & Grill, Jim Shields' Eagles, Terrace Eagles, and Pote Eagles. In 1957 he played for the Burndy Corporation state champs. With Jim Shields' Eagles he played behind Hall of Famer Jimmy Marucci and local greats John Buschbaum, Mimi Lawrence, and Westport's Hank Mills.

Slow pitch was next, with Chatham Oaks, Sonny's, Lawrence's Tigers, and Burndy.

Then he turned his attention to the Intercity Touch Football League. He played 10 years with Henry Eagan's Darien Sportsmen after a year or so each with New Canaan and Georgetown.

Guido has coached YMCA Biddy basketball (during the period when Calvin Murphy was playing) and coached Little League, Jr. Babe Ruth, and Sr. Babe Ruth. For the last 38 years he has been a basketball, baseball, and softball official, retiring two year ago.

Bossone is married to the former Barbara Anne Lowndes. They live at 46 Hyatt Avenue, Norwalk.