

Herbert Launiere



Herbert Launiere excelled as a baseball pitcher for many years in the 1930s and 1940s.

Although he was born in New York City in 1915, Herb grew up in Broad River and graduated from Norwalk High School. He pitched for the NHS team for three years serving as captain in 1934, and also played varsity basketball.

Herb played four years with the American Legion, many years with the Catholic Club in the Norwalk Twilight League, two years with the Lady of Solace, a semi-pro team from the Bronx. He was voted MVP of Norwalk Twilight League. He was offered a contract by the Brooklyn Dodgers farm system but declined the offer because of low pay and he felt he did not weigh enough.

Herb coached in the Junior Babe Ruth League and umpired in the Cap League. He worked for 34 years as a route salesman for Consolidated Laundries before retiring. He lives on Rainbow Road with his wife Mildred. They have one son, Herb, Jr., a daughter, Lynn Ann Buono, and four grandchildren.