

Drew Czulewicz



Drew Czulewicz, as he was known growing up, was one of the best all-around athletes in Norwalk back in the mid-1960s, even if he had to prove it about 10 miles away from his hometown.

Dr. Andrew Czulewicz shined as a three-sport athlete at Fairfield Prep, where he was co-captain of the Jesuits' football, basketball and baseball teams.

In football, he was a first-team All-Metropolitan Bridgeport Interscholastic Athletic Conference (MBIAC) selection as a senior in 1965 while playing offensive tackle and middle

linebacker for the league champion Jesuits and legendary coach Earl Lavery. Czulewicz was also selected to play for the West team in the annual statewide Nutmeg Bowl all-star game, where one of his assistant coaches was the late Jerry McDougall, the head coach at Central Catholic in Norwalk at the time.

Czulewicz was also a first-team All-MBIAC catcher in baseball as a senior, helping Prep win another league title. He was a second-team pick as a junior and received All-MBIAC Honorable Mention as a sophomore. In basketball, he was a starting forward for the Jesuits, although his senior year was curtailed by an injury.

A 1966 graduate, he was selected as a Scholar Athlete his senior year.

The Norwalk native went on to play college football at Harvard and was an offensive guard on the 1968 team that shared the Ivy League championship with rival Yale. In fact, Czulewicz, a backup his junior year, was part of the famous 29-29 tie between the two undefeated teams in the memorable season finale.

Then as a senior in 1969, Czulewicz started every game and was named the Harvard offensive MVP in the Crimson's game against Princeton.

But not all of Czulewicz's athletic accomplishments took place outside of Norwalk. From 1957-62 he played in the Norwalk Bidy Basketball League with Jackson Sunoco and then C.R. Gibson, winning league titles in the 1957-58 and 1960-61 seasons. One of his teammates was his brother Stan Czulewicz, a 2011 Norwalk Old Timers honoree.

Drew Czulewicz also made the '60-61 Bidy League all-star team which won the New England Regional championship. The following year, in his final season, Czulewicz not only made the all-star team again but was named a co-captain along with future NBA star Calvin Murphy. Norwalk finished runner-up in the New England tournament, losing to Bridgeport in double overtime in the finals. Czulewicz was the game's high scorer.

That same season, Czulewicz was also co-captain of the St. Mary's team which won the Parochial League championship, while in 1962-63 he helped Norwalk AA capture the Bob Cousy League crown.

Czulewicz also played Little League baseball in Norwalk from 1957-60 with the Rotary Club in the National LL. The president of the league at the time was Benjamin Whone, for whom the league was later named after. And Czulewicz's all-star coach in 1959 and '60 was George Buschbaum, who coached Norwalk to the 1952 Little League World Series championship in Williamsport.

The next two seasons, 1961 and '62, Czulewicz played in the Norwalk Babe Ruth League with the Home Oil team before entering Fairfield Prep that fall.

Czulewicz now makes his home in Jenkintown, Pa., right outside of Philadelphia, and he and his wife, Dr. Ann Lovitt, are parents of two daughters, Maya and Anna.