

## *Roger Devine*



It didn't matter if it was on the ice, the diamond, or the gridiron, or whether it was in the state of Connecticut or Massachusetts, **Roger Devine** always had a way of making his presence known.

Born in Norwalk and raised in the Strawberry Hill section of town, Devine was a key member of the 1942 Norwalk High School ice hockey team, skating on the wing for coach Paul James. During that season, Devine scored two goals in the last two and a half minutes of a game to give the Green & White a tie against Greenwich, a feat he still calls one of the greatest of his athletic career.

But it was after graduating from BMHS that Devine really reached his peak as a three-sport athlete. He attended Cramwell Prep in Lenox, MA, from 1945-'47 where he also played hockey. His coach was Bill Flynn, who would later become the athletic director at Boston

College.

While at Cramwell Prep, Devine also played center field for the baseball team and halfback on the football team.

Devine continued his football career upon returning to Norwalk, running the ball for the Spring Hill Tigers during the 1948 and '49 seasons, and for the Pastimes Club in 1950 and '51. He also played wing for the Norwalk Cubs hockey team from 1948-'51.

Following a stint in the U.S. Army from 1951-'53, Devine resumed his athletic participation, but this time on an administrative end. He was actively involved with the Norwalk Ski Club from 1954-'61, serving as both president and treasurer of the local organization.

Devine, who turned 71 in July, still remains active on the golf course, a sport he's been playing for over four decades. In fact, one of his most memorable moments in sports was a round of golf he played at Shorehaven in 1959 with a foursome that included his brother 'Moe,' John Diani, and Jerry Courville, Sr. On the par-5 first hole, 'Moe' Devine shot a birdie four, Diani and Courville each fired an eagle three, and Roger Devine carded an eagle two.

It was also during that same round that Courville shot a course-record 64, a mark he would later break when he shot a 63.

The president of Devine Bros., Inc., is married to the former Sonia Silva and they have three children and two grandchildren.