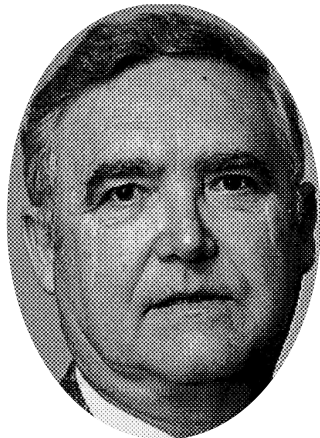


Alan Seymour



Alan Seymour made the position of shortstop an art form for 12 years in Norwalk from early 1945 until 1956. Additionally, he spent a few years in his career as a top flight forward on local hockey teams.

Seymour started his career on the ice with the Norwalk High hockey team, under Coach Walt Dudding, where he played for three years and served as captain in his senior year. At the same time, he was playing for the Norwalk Cubs with such outstanding local hockey greats as Leo Skidd, Gene Seymour, and Doug Morrison.

His baseball career began in high school under Coach Eugene "Ike" Kern in 1945 when he took over the shortstop position for a three-year stint. He was a line drive hitter who knew how to handle a bat in the middle of a rally, hitting for average. In 1947 he was the recipient of the Fathers Club Baseball Award.

For two years he played for Ralph Venezia's Spring Hill Tigers, and when the Tigers disbanded, joined the Knights of Columbus under Coach Joe D'Ambosi. In 1951 and 1952, Seymour enlisted in the U.S. Army where he played shortstop for the Battalion All-Stars of the 2nd Infantry Division in Germany.

Alan's greatness at shortstop emerged when he returned from the service in 1953. He joined the Laurels baseball team with Coach Phil Matregrano who, along with Ernie Imri, was instrumental in trying to keep local baseball alive, in an age of emerging television sports, along with the Callahan brothers, Bill O'Malley, Ted Tedesco, and others. In 1954, the team moved to Wilton.

Seymour's playing career ended in 1956 as shortstop in the Norwalk Recreation League, and in later years he coached Norwalk youth hockey, Pony League baseball, and church league basketball.

Alan and his wife of 44 years, the former Gloria Card, are parents to a very active sports family, including sons Mark, Luke, and Paul, who have been heavily involved in local Norwalk recreational softball and basketball, and Peter, who is active in soccer in Meriden. Daughter Carrie was named Woman's Division II Regional Coach of the Year, as head coach at Pace University.

Seymour retired as vice president of Connecticut National Bank (now Shawmut) after 36 years, and works part time managing the office for Wragg Brothers Well Drilling. The couple lives at 9 Adams Avenue.