

Nick Garfield



Nick Garfield pitched the Senior Aces baseball team to two consecutive Senior Recreation Baseball League championships in 1943 and 1944 to culminate a baseball career that included high school, American Legion, and other local teams.

An infielder, Nick never contemplated pitching until Bill Nagy and all of the other Aces pitchers went into the service in 1943 so he was called upon. Not only did he fill in, he won 10 consecutive games and twice beat the Laurels for the titles. It was a one-hit 4–1 victory in 1943 and a 4–0 shutout in 1944. Nazzaro got the only hit in the first win and Garfield enhanced his 1944 win with two hits and three runs of his own.

Even today, Nick relishes the fact that he was never beaten by the Laurels during his tenure as a moundsman.

Garfield, who was to be forced into retirement with an illness in 1946, played junior high school basketball, but his interest was in baseball. He played with Pete Gagne, Tony DeBarardinis, Charlie Provenzano, and Leroy Mason, among others with the Braves in 1939, and played one year under Coach Eugene “Ike” Kern at Norwalk High in 1941.

He was one of Coach “Buck” Day’s stalwarts with the American Legion team in 1941 and in 1942 played for Lou Bottone before moving to the Aces. With the Aces, he played with Larry Anastasia, Ted Tedesco, Sal Trombetta, and Frank Gates. His catcher was Vic D’Amato.

Before his retirement, he played softball with the Hat Corporation, under coach Lou Bardani.

In 1947, the Senior Recreation League sponsored a benefit game for Garfield, who was still suffering from a lung infection. The Colonials played the Pastimes at Duffy Field.

Garfield is married to the former Teresa Esposito. They have two children and four grandchildren. He is retired as a supervisor of mail at the Norwalk post office.