

William J. Cibere



William J. Cibere rates high on the list of outstanding Norwalk athletes and also had a brilliant career coaching in the scholastic ranks in this area.

A Norwalk native, he graduated from Norwalk High in 1933 in a class that produced many fine athletes including Bill Shrader, Abner Stern, Bill Ostrander, Ed Bonello, Dom Russo, Ken Phillips, Al Crosly, Red Fortin, and Fred LaMalfa.

Bill was on the NHS track team that took the County and State championships in 1933. He ran the quarter mile on the relay team. In addition to track, he was on the NHS football and basketball squads.

He went to Wyoming Seminary in Kingston, PA, for two years on an athletic scholarship and won a gold medal in the 44-yard run in the Penn Relays. He also competed on the wrestling team at Wyoming Seminary.

At Franklin and Marshall College he was one of the top performers in football and track. He gained his Masters degree at NYU.

After graduation Bill taught at Cedar Knoll School in Hawthorne, NY, then went on to St. Luke's School in New Canaan to become athletic director and coached three sports — football, basketball, and hockey — for 27 years.

Then he taught and coached at Rippowam High for 12 years and is in the Student Adjustment Service at Westhill High in Stamford.

Bill is married to Gertrude Haugh, a retired dental hygienist. They have two sons: William Jr. in Scituate, MA, and Andrew, who is in Boulder City, CO. Each son has a boy and a girl, giving Bill and his wife four grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Cibere live at 13 Bayview Avenue where Bill is vice president of the Golden Hill Neighborhood Improvement Association.