

## *Ernie Imri*



**E**rne Imri has been one of the most prolific sportsmen and athletes in Norwalk over a period of more than 30 years.

As an athlete, he played baseball, football, basketball, soccer, and softball, starting with his high school career under coach Eugene 'Ike' Kern. Later, he was a coach, manager, and organizer.

In high school, he played soccer, quarterbacked a mediocre football team, made All-County catcher on the baseball team, and played on a 0-12 basketball team in 1941-'42. But things were to get better. He played baseball with American Legion, Sirois, Strawberry Hill, Pastimes, and Wilton, where he batted .417 one year and averaged .381.

Imri played basketball in the City Recreation League, which replaced the old Kiwanis League, playing with such teams as Yankee Metal, YPHA, Sterling's, and Nash. He helped coach YPHA and Nash in the late 1940s. His football services were limited to the Laurels, early in the 1940s, where he played for coach Joe Marino.

Ernie played softball for Nash before moving to Pote's Builders as business manager in 1958 and 1959.

He coached Rowayton Little League, Calvin Murphy basketball, Pony League, and Junior Babe Ruth League baseball, and was assistant coach of the Norwalk Ramblers in the Pop Warner League. Earlier, he helped organize the Norwalk Athletic Association as well as the Norwalk Old Timers.

Imri is personnel manager of Nash Engineering, where he has worked since 1944. He and his wife, the former Elsie Testa, have two children and two grandchildren. They live on Arnold Lane, Rowayton.