

Jay Callahan



Jay Callahan made a name for himself as one of the leading pitchers in the Norwalk–Stamford area during the years following World War II. An outstanding high school athlete, he amassed records in football, baseball, and hockey. For three years he was a mainstay on the Norwalk High School baseball team.

Callahan also played center on the football team and defenseman on the high school hockey sextet.

After graduation, Callahan spent two years in the Marine Corps, where he continued his sports activities.

During the period from 1947 through 1948, Jay pitched for some of the top teams in the local area. He played for the Connecticut Potato Chips under Mickey Connolly's coaching and then joined the Norwalk Knights of Columbus and later the Laurels.

Tommy Pantas enticed him to join his St. John's team, in Noroton, and he later played with the Wilton Farmers, under Phil Matregrano.

Callahan played hockey with the Rowayton Firemen, and played his football with the Spring Hill Tigers.

In 1948, Callahan was the leading pitcher in the Norwalk Twilight League.

Retiring from active participation, he returned to the sports scene to coach in the Norwalk Babe Ruth League for two years, and served as assistant coach of the Norwalk Ramblers Pop Warner football team in 1970 and 1971.

Callahan has been a member of the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local #222–173 for the past 38 years. He resides at 17 Muriel Street in Norwalk.