

James Haugh

1972 - Soccer, Hockey & Baseball



Jim Haugh was a three sport athlete at Stoneham High School lettering in soccer, hockey, and baseball.

As soccer was a new sport to Stoneham, Jim played center halfback his junior and senior seasons and was named Honorable Mention-Middlesex League All Star his senior year.

Jim scored a number of important goals as a junior member of the hockey team which finished second in the tough Middlesex League. As a senior member of the Stoneham High Hockey team, Jim finished the season with eleven goals and nine assists for twenty points.

Jim excelled in baseball evidenced by Boston Globe Sports Writer Bob Ryan's comments after his first varsity start against Lexington: "The only thing missing yesterday at Lexington High was the movie crew as Stoneham High junior Jim Haugh threw a two hitter in a 1-0 victory." Coach McGillicuddy said "I've had some outstanding pitchers, but this kid definitely has the best curve ball. It drops off the table. It's a pro curve for sure."

This was only a prelude to Jim Haugh's senior year. The May 27th Boston Globe schoolboy headlines read "Haugh gives Stoneham title; Stoneham senior right hander Jim Haugh has been the pitching mainstay of the club all season long, so it was appropriate that he should be the standout as Stoneham clinched its third Middlesex League baseball crown in the last four years. Haugh tossed a three hitter and struck out ten to lead Stoneham to the pennant—clinching 4-1 victory over Reading."

In the State playoffs against Peabody and former major leaguer John Tudor, Jim Haugh won his eleventh game without a loss, a Stoneham High baseball record for pitchers. Jim threw a five hitter, with six strikeouts in a come from behind 3-1 victory before a thousand fans.

Jim Haugh was one of only two pitchers named to the 1972 Boston Globe All Scholastic team which wrote: "Haugh had a 10-0 record in the Middlesex League. He's a 6'1", 190 pounder, who also plays hockey; had two strong tournament games against Peabody and Arlington before losing his first game of the season in the Class A final vs. Braintree. Jim Haugh's statistics: Record 11 Wins 1 Loss, 107 Strike Outs, ERA 1.84."

In July 1972, Jim participated in a tryout clinic sponsored by the Boston Red Sox.

Today Jim resides in Andover with his wife Patricia and daughters Kaitlin, Colleen and Kerry.