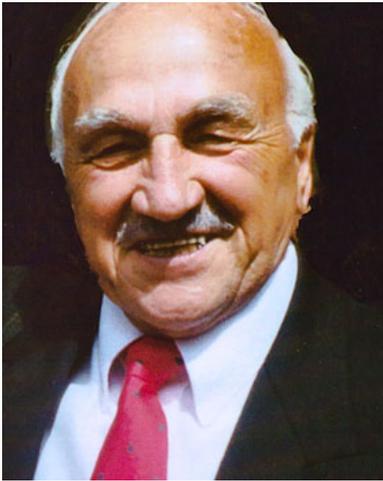


Silvio Cornachione

Sports



Sil Cornachione was born in Collinwood in 1927. In seventh grade Sil tried out for football and was told he was not big enough or strong enough to play. The next year he made the team, and became Captain – a position he held all the way up through his senior year at Collinwood. Sil and his teammates were Senate Champions each year under the direction of Coach Urban Vaccarello, Coach Van Orsdall, Coach Miller and Tom Corbet.

After graduating from Collinwood High School, Sil was approached by the Head Coach at John Carroll University and was awarded a football scholarship to go to college. And thus began, as Sil puts it, “The avenues of success to my wonderful years in the world of athletics and life.” Sil earned a B.S. in Education and an M.A. in Counseling and Administrative Education from John Carroll University in University Heights, Ohio. He

has also completed 135 hours toward a Ph.D. in Psychology.

While at John Carroll University, Sil was an Instructor/Coach in football, basketball and track. He coordinated student activities and city-wide events involving health, physical activities, athletics, and recreation in the communities of Chesterland, Gates Mills, Russell, Cleveland Heights and University Heights. Sil then moved to the Cleveland Heights/University Heights City Schools where he was the Director of Inservice and Staff Development Opportunities, where he insured continuous and professional growth as a teacher and a coach. Next for Sil was the University of Toledo, where he was the Offensive Coordinator of Football and the Director of the President's Fitness Council for both the University and the City of Toledo. During Sil's tenure, The University of Toledo Football Team had a record 37 wins, 1 tie, and 5 losses - plus 3 Tangerine Bowl Championships.

Professional football was Sil's next career move. He became the Assistant Personnel Director of the National Football League's Miami Dolphins. Sil traveled throughout the country visiting most of our nation's colleges and universities to evaluate college football players for the professional football draft, and negotiated contracts with players, agents, and other athlete representatives.

Sil's many accomplishments are in Educational Leadership. He was President of the N.E.O.T.A. Physical Education Association and President of the Geauga County Civic Association (Governing body of the community). He also excelled in sports leadership as the President of the Greater Cleveland Football Coaches' Association and the President of the Greater Cleveland Basketball Coaches' Association.

Sil has also enjoyed a career in local television with “Teaching and Recreation” (One hour program) as well as in local radio with “Pursuing a Career in Teaching and Athletics” and “Highlights of Education”. Sil has directed local broadcasting people, producing a series of educational tapes that promote an improved life style through fitness and wellness for the general public.