

# Dana L. Corey

Title: Student-Athlete; Baseball & Football

Year: 1969



Dana Corey was born on July 20, 1951, the son of Helen and Shirley "Slip" Corey who is also a 2016 Hall of Fame Inductee. Athletics have had a profound impact on the Corey family. In fact, Dana was named in honor of his father's high school coach, Dana Daugherty.

Corey participated and excelled in football, basketball and baseball at Brewer High School up until his graduation in 1969. He played for Coach Ken Perrone in both football and baseball and was considered by him as "one of the two best overall athletes he has ever coached". He was a captain, a quarterback, kicker and a defensive back on the 1968 undefeated state championship football team. He led the state in extra points kicked with 29 as well as nine interceptions. He even kicked Brewer High School's longest field goal of 40 yards. This record lasted 48 years and was not broken until the fall of 2016. He was selected to the 1968 All-State Team for his outstanding accomplishments.

Corey's athleticism on the baseball field was equally as impressive as on the football field. In baseball, he started for three years with an overall accumulated team record of 48-12. Team captain his senior year, he was primarily a pitcher and an outfielder, but would play wherever he was needed. Corey was 10 and 1 as a pitcher his senior year and he was selected once again as an All-State player leading his team to a very impressive 23 and 2 record. This record broke a previous record of most wins by a Brewer High School baseball team that was originally set in 1938, which just happened to be the team on which his father Slip Corey played!

Dana Corey was well thought of and respected by both his teammates and his coaches. They looked up to him as a quiet leader who led by example. He has always been humble about his abilities and always credited his teammates and coaches for his accomplishments. He worked hard, was driven to succeed, put his teammates ahead of himself, always focused on the task at hand and thrived on competition.

Although Corey was recruited to play both football and baseball at the University of Maine, after his sophomore year playing defensive back on the football team, he focused solely on baseball. Because freshmen were not allowed to play on the varsity baseball team at that time, Corey started in center field as a sophomore. He hit five home runs tying the University of Maine record and had 29 runs batted in. He had a batting average of .359 which was the best on his team and fourth overall in the Yankee Conference. His accomplishments allowed him to be picked to play in the prestigious Cape Cod League where he was approached by five National League teams and three American League teams including the Boston Red Sox and the New York Yankees. He was ultimately drafted by the Chicago Cubs as their second pick and the 40th pick overall in the 1972 January draft.

Upon retiring from his professional baseball career, Corey came back to Brewer and has coached both boys' and girls' sports teams at the middle school and at the high school. While coaching at Brewer High School, he has been involved with many successful teams that have participated at the regional and state levels. He is presently the head baseball coach and the defensive coordinator for the football team. Corey's players and fellow coaches recognize his hard work, dedication and his focus on the fundamentals that have allowed his players and teams to improve. Corey was named the Pine Tree Conference/Class B North Assistant Coach of the Year in 2016. At a recent football practice, Butch Arthers, who is a legendary football coach in Maine with numerous years of experience and is presently an assistant football coach with Dana, said that he has never seen a coach put so much time and effort into preparation as Coach Corey does in preparing for each game. He works for hours breaking down film and simplifying assignments, so the team will have the best understanding of what needs to be done in order to be successful. Corey doesn't speak often but when he does people pay attention to what he has to say. He has contributed greatly for many years to the successes of the varsity football and baseball programs here at Brewer High School.

Dana Corey's sons Troy and Jack and daughter Tami are all graduates and former athletes at Brewer High School.

In the spring of 2018, as head coach, Dana Corey led the [Brewer High School Baseball team to its first ever State Championship](#) with a thrilling come-from-behind victory of Wells High School at Mansfield Stadium by a score of 3-2. Below, Dana Corey (right) is pictured with Harry "Skip" Estes after each team earned State Championship victories in baseball & softball on June 16, 2018.

