



## JIMMY MURPHY'S COLUMN

**CHIP OFF OLD BLOCK**—One of the reasons why Raymond A. Tierney Jr., sterling tackle of the Erasmus Hall High football team, is playing such a bang-up game for coach Joe Monahan is that he comes of old athletic stock. Originally, the boy played various sandlot sports with the students of St. Francis of Assisi in Flatbush. He attended Brooklyn Prep, where he played junior varsity football and competed in basketball at Valatie School up-State before he transferred to Erasmus Hall, where he has been a bulwark on the line for two years.



Roy Tierney Jr.

of New York Prep, now Dwight School, Manhattan. He also ran for the Service Company of the 106th Regiment when it was the 23d Regiment.

Furthermore, he shone as a third baseman with Our Lady of Victory baseball nine in the Junior Eagle League, sponsored by this paper before World War I. He played a couple of games in the loop with the famous Uncas Club, which numbered among its players several who had trials in the big leagues.

They included Eddie Goebel, Waddy McPhee, Clint Blume and Eppie Barnes, and also numbered the Botling brothers, Charley Schlesinger, Bill Meyers, Joe Barash, etc.

**FINISHED IN FALL**—The writer ran the league the last year it functioned and had to postpone the championship game between the Uncas and the Bushwicks of the Bushwick High School Playground because most of the Uncas' players went to Plattsburgh, N. Y., as waiters at the Officers Training School. The game was played in the Fall just before school opened after the vacation period and the Bushwicks ended the Uncas' long reign as champion.

**PLAYED FOR ERASMUS, TOO**—Daddy Tierney had also played fullback with the Erasmus Hall midget football team, under Dick Elliffe, weighing 125 pounds soaking wet at the time. In addition he played handball at the Crescent A. C., now defunct, with fellows like Eddie Butler and Murray Vernon. He even played tennis for the New Mooners.

The parent still keeps his hands in sports during the Summer as commissioner of the Softball League at Rockaway Point, a post he has held for two years.

Mr. Tierney is one of the vice presidents of the Brooklyn Tuberculosis and Health Association, a member of the Holy Name Society of St. Vincent Ferrer's Church, where he is also an usher.

Ray Jr.'s mother, the former Marie R. Cradock, starred in basketball for St. Angela Hall and was a noted swimmer of the Long Shore Beach Club of Rockaway Point.

An uncle, the late Frank A. Tierney, was an All-Scholastic in both football and baseball at Brooklyn Prep before he added to his prestige as a backfield star with Colgate University. At Prep he excelled in both sports with fellows like Dutch Hehl, Walter O'Rourke, Artie Kelly and Andy Eschmann, the latter a shortstop, later going into professional baseball and getting a trial with the A's. Hehl got a shot with the Dodgers as a pitcher.

Another uncle, the late John E. Tierney, stroked the last crew that ever represented Fordham Prep and also made his mark with the Little Rams as a lineman in football and a catcher in baseball.

Young Ray's brother, Francis, 14, is making his bid for fame as a versatile athlete at St. Thomas Aquinas Parochial School in Flatlands. Their sisters, Marie and Patricia added their chapter to the family athletic history in basketball at St. Francis Xavier Academy.

The boy's grandfather, the late Police Inspector Frank A. Tierney, was one of the outstanding rowers with the Dauntless on the Harlem River and won numerous titles in Junior, Intermediate and Senior single sculls and four and eight-man barges.

### DAD GREAT ATHLETE

—The dad of the aspiring All-America, a prominent lawyer, established an enviable record in his own right in the scholastic and independent ranks. He was a stellar swimmer and quarter-miler with the track team