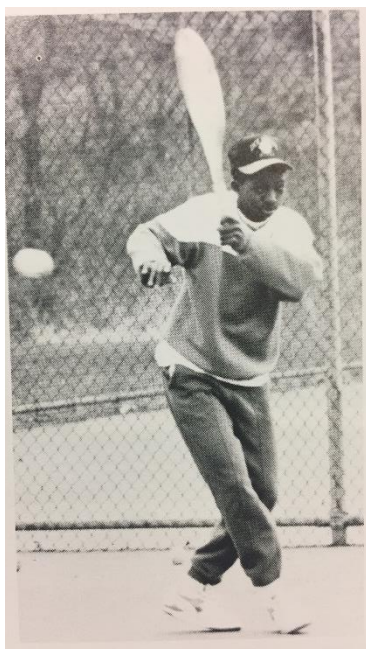




YVON A. EDOUMOU

CLASS OF 1994

During the early 1990s, Yvon Edoumou left his native Ivory Coast to live with his aunt and attend high school in Wayland. His arrival immediately changed the trajectory of Wayland tennis. Yvon anchored the team, playing at #1 singles for three seasons and leading Wayland High School to state championships in 1993 and 1994.



In his three seasons, Yvon compiled a 57-2 record, earning DCL all-Star recognition all three seasons, as well as being named Boston Globe All-Scholastic and earning All-State honors in 1993 and 1994.

Recounting Yvon's career, coach Shawn Powers recalled, "Yvon fit right in the day he walked in and was a big reason that team was so cohesive and he definitely led those two teams to state titles. His style of play was like that of a mature adult. He was a serve and volleyer who never seemed to get rattled."

Yvon went on to play tennis in college at Miami University (Ohio). After a wrist injury caused him to miss freshman year, Yvon played his last three seasons, culminating in a team conference championship in his senior season.

After college, Yvon returned to Africa and began working as a freelance reporter back in Ivory Coast, before joining the United Nations as a media and communication specialist. In 2008, Yvon earned a Master's Degree in International Affairs at Tufts University. Yvon is still working for the UN; he is currently the

media and communications department for the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

As an avid art lover, Yvon has also established a small enterprise specializing in arts, specifically paintings from the Congo.

When reflecting on his time at Wayland, Yvon recalled, "What I am most fond of is how strong was the team. I remember teammates Seth, Tyler, Pete, and Eric. During the three years, I remember how when we went to play, we knew that we could lose, but you would have to put up a good fight to beat us."

Yvon would like to thank all those who are here at his table tonight, especially his mother, Sue Tauer, for all the sacrifices she made in raising him, his sister, Karen, Ken Tauer for the golf lessons, and "our beloved Alice Tauer, who I am sure is looking down upon us."



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