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2024 FALMOUTH COMMODORES MLB DRAFTEES

by Noah Nussbaum, 2025 Beat Reporter Intern Falmouth's 2024 draft class was headlined by two of the best players on the board – Travis Bazzana and Charlie Condon. Bazzana was drafted No. 1 overall by the Cleveland Guardians. In three years at Oregon State, his numbers jumped off the charts. Starting over 60 games each season, the Australian native finished with a .360 average, 45 home runs and 165 RBIs. He also posted a whopping .660 slugging and .497 on base percentage. The second baseman heightened his skills with the Commodores in 2023, hitting .371 and finishing with the same amount

of strikeouts as walks (18). Condon was just as impressive with Georgia, leading to his selection at No. 3 overall to the Colorado Rockies. With the Bulldogs, Condon developed into one of the best power hitters in the country. In his redshirt sophomore season last year, he hit .433 while blasting 37 home runs, finishing with a 1.009 slugging percentage. The Marietta, Georgia, native played just 11 games with Falmouth in 2023, but still drove in 10 runs and produced 12 hits.

At the 2024 MLB Draft, Falmouth was well represented. Of the 615 players drafted, 24 were Falmouth Commodores. with 5 in the first round. 197, or 32%, of all the draftees were from the CCBL.

> TRAVIS BAZZANA – 2B Cleveland Guardians

Round 1, Pick 1, Ranked 1 Commodores Season(s): 2023 CHARLIE CONDON – OF Colorado Rockies Round 1, Pick 3, Ranked 2 Commodores Season(s): 2023

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IN MEMORIAM **IEFF TRUNDY** 1950-2024

Legendary Falmouth Commodores manager Jeff Trundy succumbed to a chronic illness at his home in Connecticut in December 2024. He was at the helm of the Commodores for 26 years and recently honored with his induction into the Cape Cod Baseball League Hall of Fame and voted Coach of the Year. Jeff mentored more than 1000 players during his tenure with the team, many of them going on to play in MLB. Jeff had baseball running in his veins. He will be missed by the Commodores, the Cape Cod Baseball League, and all of tthe players and people he came in contact with over the years.



Saltalamacchia, is no exception.

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Falmouth's hitting largely kept it in games. As a team, it finished third in hits (325) and RBIs (181) among the Cape's 10 teams, while maintaining the fourth-best average (.254) in the league.

Shortstop Jackson Willits (Oklahoma) was a reliable leadoff hitter, earning him a spot on the West Division's All-Star team. Willits built off a strong freshman season with the Sooners – where he belted 10 home runs and hit .274 – by putting up a .297 batting average and .407 on base percentage while leading Falmouth in walks (18).

Dylan Carey (Nebraska) and Jayson Jones (Oklahoma State) also provided consistency lower down in the lineup. Carey, an infielder, batted .304 with 28 hits while Jones finished second on the Commodores with 17 RBIs and first with eight doubles, earning himself the starting rightfield spot in the All-Star Game.

While the trio could be relied on to get on base, no one stood out more in the power department than Oregon State's Trent Caraway. In limited opportunities for the Beavers as a freshman, Caraway hit .339.



He continued his success on the Cape, blasting four home runs while leading the Comodores with a .449 slugging percentage and 21 RBIs. With that slashline, he was an easy All-Star selection and Home Run Derby participant.

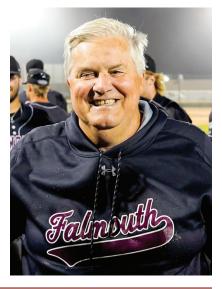
As Falmouth found success at the plate, its pitching struggled to get going. It finished ninth in the league with a 5.20 ERA and allowed the second-most runs (231). But

the 'Dores still had some standouts on the mound.

Arkansas' Gage Wood pitched just six games for the Commodores but was lights out. He posted a 1.42 ERA and led the team with 29 strikeouts to go with just eight walks. Wood was accompanied by Jack Seppings (Brown), who had a similarly impressive 2.51 ERA and 20 strikeouts before signing with the Milwaukee Brewers in July.

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COMMODORES WELCOME **JARROD SALTALAMACCHIA**

by Whitman Clark, 2025 Communications Intern

It will be a while before anyone on the Cape finds another coach Trundy. In his 26 years as the Commodores' skipper, he likely forgot more

baseball than most of us could ever remember. But the great thing about this league is that elite level baseball minds have a way of finding their way home, and your new head coach, Jarrod

Falmouth's next manager brings more than a varsity letter from the MLB and the longest name in Red Sox history, in fact, he comes with 12 years of experience in the Major Leagues. The former 2003 draft pick saw early success. winning the 2005 minor leaguer of the year award. By 2007, Salty was playing with the Texas Rangers. By the time he settled in with the Boston Red Sox, he had established himself as an everyday

veteran catcher, becoming a key piece of Boston's run of dominance in the early 2000's.

After retiring from the Major Leagues to spend more time with his family, Saltalamacchia was hired to coach The King's Academy baseball team in West Palm Beach, FL. For the past three years, he has also served as Assistant Coach of the Bourne Braves. The Braves have won the League championship in both 2022 and 2023.

Joining Salty as a part of his elite, handpicked team is his assistant coach, Beau McMillan. McMillan is no stranger to coaching elite baseball, as he is already a national champion at the division II level. With a man at the helm and a plethora of experience behind him, the new face of Falmouth baseball is ready to roll, saying, "I couldn't be more excited. The Cape Cod League holds a special place in my heart, and I can't wait to start working with the best collegiate players the nation has to offer."

2024 SEASON RECAP written by Noah Nussbaun, 2025 beat reporter intern

The Falmouth's 2024 season was headlined by manager Jeff Trundy's final year at the helm. As one of the longest tenured managers in Cape Cod League history, Trundy racked up four Manager of the Year awards and

was inducted into the League's 2024 Hall of Fame. The 2024 campaign began on a slide. The 'Dores started 1-8, including a 10-0 loss to Hyannis in their season opener and five one or two-run losses in the stretch. From there, Falmouth started to pick it up. Over their next 14 games, the Commodores went 7-7. They avenged their original loss to Hyannis – the best team in the West Division – by defeating the Harbor Hawks 8-3 at Guv Fuller Field on July 2.

Falmouth kept improving through the end of the month. On a 5-3-1 stretch, it notched two signature wins. The Commodores downed Chatham 9-2 on July 23, the second-best team in the East Division. Six days later on July 29, it closed out a 4-2 victory over the best squad in the league, Yarmouth-Dennis, when Georgia Tech's Riley Stanford shut the door on the Red Sox. However, the Commodores ended the campaign on a 3-5 skid, leading to

its last-place finish in the West.

Despite the result, Falmouth still had much to hang its hat on in 2024. While they struggled on the road – going 4-15 and not snagging their first away win for 27 days - the Commodores defended their home well, ending the year 12-8 at the Guv.

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FALMOUTH HOSTED 2024 ALL-STAR GAME -FIRST IN 21 YEARS

On Saturday, July 27, 2024, the Cape Cod Baseball League and Falmouth Commodores welcomed over 6,000 fans and MLB Scouts to Guv Fuller Field for the annual All-Star Game. It had been 21 years, and it was great to finally bring the excitement of the All-Star game back to the Commodores' hometown!

The best players from the League were selected to play as the East and West Divisions competed. Playing on behalf of the Falmouth Commodores were Karson Bowen (Catcher, TCU) and Javson Jones (Outfield, Arkansas). On Reserves from Falmouth were Jaxon Willits (Third Base, Oklahoma), Trent Caraway (Utility, Oregon State), and Parker Coil (Pitcher, Arkansas). After an exciting game, the West division prevailed with a final score of 9-8.

The day began with a line for autographs that filled the Falmouth Recreation Center gymnasium. Preceding the game was a Home Run Derby, where the Commodores' Trent Caraway led the West division with 3 homers. Commodores' Coach Jeff Trundy was honored by the Cape League, along with nine other managers, with an honorary bat for more than 30 years of service to the League.

FALMOUTH COMMODORES IN THE 2024 DRAFT.

BEN HESS – RHP New York Yankees Round 1, Pick 26, Ranked 44 Commodores Season(s): 2022

WALKER JANEK – C Houston Astros Round 1, Pick 28, Ranked 24 Commodores Season(s): 2023

KYLE DEBARGE – SS Minnesota Twins Round 1C, Pick 33, Ranked 67 Commodores Season(s): 2023

JACOB COZART – C Cleveland Guardians Round 2, Pick 48, Ranked 42 Commodores Season(s): 2022

KEVIN BAZZELL – C Washington Nationals Round 3, Pick 79, Ranked 55 Commodores Season(s): 2023

JOSH HARTLE – LHP Pittsburgh Pirates Round 3, Pick 83, Ranked 70 Commodores Season(s): 2022

JOHN SPIKERMAN – OF Philadelphia Phillies Round 3, Pick 100, Ranked 126 Commodores Season(s): 2023

PEYTON STOVALL – 2B Cincinnati Reds Round 4, Pick 117, Ranked 77 Commodores Season(s): 2022

A.J. CAUSEY - RHP Kansas City Royals Round 5, Pick 138, Ranked 242 Commodores Season(s): 2023

BRADEN DAVIS – LHP St. Louis Cardinals Round 5, Pick 142, Unranked Commodores Season(s): 2023

COREY COLLINS – 1B New York Mets Round 6, Pick 173, Ranked 170 Commodores Season(s): 2022

CARSON DORSEY – LHP Baltimore Orioles Round 7, Pick 219, Unranked Commodores Season(s): 2023

DUCE GOURSON – 2B Pittsburgh Pirates Round 9, Pick 264, Ranked 158 Commodores Season(s): 2023

EVERETT CATLETT – LHP Colorado Rockies Round 12, Pick 348, Unranked Commodores Season(s): 2021

TANNER SMITH – RHP San Diego Padres Round 15, Pick 450, Unranked Commodores Season(s): 2024

HAYDEN FRANK – LHP Chicago Cubs Round 15, Pick 452, Unranked Commodores Season(s): 2023

JACKSON NICKLAUS – SS Los Angeles Dodgers Round 17, Pick 520, Unranked Commodores Season(s): 2022

CHRISTIAN MARTIN – SS St. Louis Cardinals Round 18, Pick 531, Unranked Commodores Season(s): 2023, 2024

RYAN SLATER - RHP San Francisco Giants Round 18, Pick 538, Unranked Commodores Season(s): 2022

DOMINIC NIMAN – LHP Tampa Bay Rays Round 18, Pick 546, Unranked Commodores Season(s): 2023

COLBY SHELTON – SS Washington Nationals Round 20, Pick 590, Ranked 133 Commodores Season(s): 2023

KALEB CORBETT – RHP Tampa Bay Rays Round 20, Pick 606, Unranked Commodores Season(s): 2022

HOST A COMMODORES PLAYER THIS SUMMER!

by Whitman Clark, 2025 Communications Intern

It goes without saying the players are the face of the Cape Cod Baseball League, without guestion. But if you asked anyone here, they would all tell you the heart and soul of this league are the host families. For ten weeks out of the year, these families give players a home away from home and a family for the summer baseball season.

Pat Barksdale, a Cape Cod resident and Commodores board member is about to start her fifth summer as a host for the players, and doesn't plan on stopping anytime soon, "Absolutely, we recently added onto our house to be able to host more players," she said when asked if she planned to continue to host. However, the relationship goes well beyond the famed summer league. Barksdale says she keeps up with just about every player she's ever hosted, even receiving Christmas cards, and her personal favorite gift, a signed rookie card from one of her players, Joe Redfield, an outfielder with the Anaels.

It's clear how big of a difference the families make for the league, but it cannot be overstated how much they love to do it. Barksdale finished our conversation by saying, "These guys are chasing their dreams. If I can give them a leg up, by God I'm gonna give them a leg up." A perfect way to sum up a Commodore host family if I've ever seen one. Visit falmouthcommodores.com to learn more about being a host family to a Commodores' player.

The Falmouth Commodores can't wait to welcome kids to our Youth Development Clinics, running June 24-August 1!



Host a Falmouth Commodores Player this Summer!

Did you know you can host one of America's finest collegiate baseball players for the summer? Become a Host Family for a Falmouth Commodores player.



Help a baseball player from a college or university across the country achieve their dreams Create life-long bonds and special memories Follow a player through his baseball career Socialize with host families and volunteers Learn about the dedication and perseverance to play collegiate sports Approximately 70% of current and former Commodores are drafted by MLB.

For more information, email ing@falmouthcommodores.com or contact Pat Barksdale at 508-524-7920.

Our new Assistant Head Coach, Beau McMillian, and Assistant General Manager, Nick Carlson, have developed an exciting new curriculum that focuses on baseball fundamentals, including the importance of 'Baseball IQ', while growing the players' love for the game.

SCAN ME

The Rookie, Advanced, and Elite clinics (for kids ages 5-13), taught by some of America's top college players, will offer hands-on instruction covering hitting, base running, infield/outfield play, pitching, and catching. The intensity of drills will gradually increase with each age group. A small player-to-coach ratio will ensure highquality instruction.

New this summer! The Commodores will offer a Varsity clinic for high school baseball players, aged 14-18, who hope to continue playing in college. Players will go through a college-level practice, live at-bats and bullpens for pitchers. Using state-of-the-art Rapsodo PRO 2.0, players will receive individualized video analysis of their hitting and positional mechanics with recommended adjustments. Additionally, participants will learn how to create a player resume with key metrics and will receive a custom video reel to promote themselves to college coaches.

Spots are limited – register today! www.capecodleague.com/falmouth/community/clinics

