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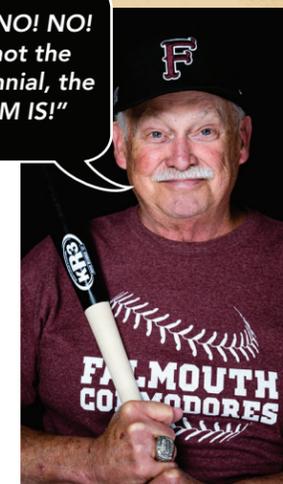


COMMODORES CONNECTION

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CENTENNIAL YEAR

"NO! NO! NO!
I'm not the
Centennial, the
TEAM IS!"



CHUCK STURTEVANT RETIRES AFTER 36 YEARS WITH THE CAPE COD BASEBALL LEAGUE

by Tommy Mumau

There are few people more synonymous with the Falmouth Commodores and the Cape Cod Baseball League (CCBL) than Chuck Sturtevant.

Sturtevant's illustrious 36-year career in the league came to a close at the end of the 2022 season when he announced his retirement from being president of the Commodores and the CCBL. Falmouth honored Sturtevant's career in a ceremony before its postseason game against the Bourne Braves on August 5, 2022, in which he

expressed his appreciation for those that have been a part of his tenure.

"It's been a great 36-year run," Sturtevant said during the ceremony. "I can't thank my wife and my family [enough] for all the support they gave me all these years. But I'd also like to thank all the board members from the league that are here [and the Commodores'] board. I know you all contribute hundreds of hours, year in and year out, to make this the best summer league in the country."

Sturtevant first got involved with the 'Dores in 1986, when he donated \$100 for

game baseballs and bats. He then became the president and general manager of the club in 1987. In 1989, he took on the role of treasurer for the team and was no longer the president, but he served as the general manager through the 2006 season.

Sturtevant then worked

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FREE EVENT



Falmouth Commodores Centennial
Celebration at Guv Fuller Field

July 15, 2023
3-5:30PM

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CAPE COD
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FALMOUTH COMMODORES AND CAPE COD BASEBALL LEAGUE (CCBL) IN THE 2022 MLB DRAFT

In 2022, a total of 614 players were drafted by MLB. Of these, 197 (32%) played in the Cape Cod Baseball League, 12 of whom were Commodores. Four of the 12 picks from the Commodores were in the first 10 rounds of the draft.

ANTHONY HALL OF
Yankees – 4, ranked 130

DOUGLAS HODO III OF
Orioles – 6, ranked 167

BRENNAN MILONE 3B
Athletics – 6, ranked 167

MICHAEL TURNER C
White Sox – 9, ranked 281

DREW SOMMERS LHP
Rays – 11, ranked 344

K.C. HUNT RHP
Pirates – 12, ranked 350

JACK JASIAK RHP
Pirates – 12, ranked 350

MASON PELIO RHP
Reds – 12, ranked 363

MICHAEL CURIALLE SS
Cardinals – 12, ranked 367

AIDAN MALDONADO RHP
Brewers – 14, ranked 432

IKE BUXTON RHP
Marlins – 15, ranked 442

ALEC SAYRE RF
Twins – 17, ranked 504

HISTORY OF COMMODORES



100 years of Cape Cod League Baseball & the Falmouth Commodores

In 1923 the Cape Cod Baseball League was officially formed with four teams. This included teams from Falmouth, Hyannis, Chatham and Osterville (not longer in existence). Subsequently over the years an additional seven teams were added to the league with the current total of ten teams. Actually there was an informal baseball league dating back to the 1880's. Originally Falmouth played at the Central Park Ground in Falmouth Heights overlooking Nantucket Sound. Long hit balls would occasionally bounce off houses across the street and would be ruled a double. Back in 1964 the team moved to its current location at Guv Fuller Field where it now plays 44 games in a season with 22 at Guv Fuller Field. Coming soon a detailed history of the Commodores to our website and the 2023 Program Book.

CHUCK... continued

as the treasurer of the Bourne Braves for two years, and as the general manager for the club from 2012-2015. He was named president of the CCBL before the 2016 season and held this position through the 2022 campaign. Sturtevant worked in various roles in the CCBL during his 36 years, including being its vice president and a member of the executive board, the finance committee and the Hall of Fame committee. He also began his second stint as Commodores' president after the end of the 2019 season.

Commodores' manager Jeff Trundy said he is proud to have worked with Sturtevant for over two decades and is grateful for the longtime executive's contributions to the organization and the league. "I've always really respected what he stood for," Trundy said. "He's put the kids first and foremost and I think that's what's really important. And that's always been his perspective, and always his vision was that he's going to do everything that he can do to help make this experience the best it possibly can be for the kids, regardless of the position that he held." Matt Antonelli was an infielder for the Commodores during the 2004 and 2005 seasons while Sturtevant was the general

manager, before being selected by the San Diego Padres in the first round of the 2006 MLB Draft. Antonelli echoed a similar sentiment to Trundy, saying that Sturtevant helped create a positive atmosphere among the team.

"[He was] someone that was always about the players," Antonelli said. "He really wanted us to succeed as individuals. And, Cape Cod is an interesting league because you're not there actually very long and you're kind of pulling all of these players from all these different college programs together. And, he really did make us kind of feel like a family."

As the general manager in Falmouth, Sturtevant helped recruit several future MLB players, including Darin Erstad, the No. 1 overall pick in the 1995 MLB draft; Tino Martinez four-time World Series champion; Kevin Cash, Tampa Bay Rays manager and many others. Sturtevant said helping many players fulfill their dreams of reaching the major leagues is one of his favorite parts of being involved with the league.

"I've been very fortunate, really, over the years to have some great players," Sturtevant said. "When great kids make it, I'm happy. It makes a difference to me."

Sturtevant's passion for baseball has also been passed on to his family, who has

become involved with the CCBL over the years. Sturtevant said his wife, Rose, and his daughter used to sell advertisements for the team's program and help run the concession stand at Guv Fuller Field. His grandson, Cullen, has also been his intern for the past four years. Sturtevant said he is grateful that he was able to share his experience in the league with his family.

Despite taking a step back from the league in retirement, Sturtevant's impact on the CCBL will last forever. Eric Zmuda, the CCBL commissioner, said he enjoyed running the league alongside Sturtevant and he is grateful for his contributions that have helped make it one of the best in the country.

"Working with Chuck has always been a joy," Zmuda said. "Certainly, to see his love of the game and of the Cape League has been a pleasure to be a part of with him and to just work with him and keep this league a strong one, for now, and for the future."

Abridged version

SAVE THE DATE

CAPE COD BASEBALL LEAGUE
HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY

SUN, NOV 19 2023, 9AM

Wequassett Resort and Golf Club, Harwich, Mass.

FALMOUTH COMMODORES 2022 SEASON RECAP

by Tommy Mumau

The 2022 Falmouth Commodores were a memorable group that brought the club back to the Cape Cod Baseball League (CCBL) Playoffs for the first time in three years.

Falmouth recorded a 19-21-4 record during the regular season, finishing fourth in the West Division. This provided the Commodores with their first trip to the postseason since 2019, as the league returned to its traditional playoff format, in which the top-four teams in each division qualify.

It was a great summer for baseball in Falmouth, as the club didn't have a single rainout during the season. The 'Dores were the only team in the league that didn't have a game rescheduled due to inclement weather.

A total of 63 players appeared in games for the Commodores during the season, helping contribute to the team making the playoffs. Infielder Peyton Stovall (Arkansas) said he was grateful for the opportunity to spend the summer competing against and alongside some of the most talented college baseball players in the country.

"I'm just super blessed and super thankful to [have been] a part of this team, and to play under coach Trundy," Stovall said after the team's final game of the summer. "It means the

world to me."

It was evident that there was camaraderie among the team from the beginning of the season. During each game, players were at the top step of the dugout encouraging each other until the final out. Relief pitcher Josh Stewart (Texas A&M transfer) said he believes the group's positive energy was a strength of the 2022 Commodores.

"We've come together as a team really well," Stewart said. "So, whether it's in the locker room or in the dugout, we mesh really well."

The club had six All-Stars in 2022 – outfielder Andrew Pinckney (Alabama), third baseman Colby Halter (Florida), shortstop Alex Mooney (Duke) and pitchers Philip Abner (Florida), Joey Ryan (Boston College) and Levi Wells (Texas State). These players competed in the league's first All-Star Game since 2019, as the game did not take place for the previous two years because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The midsummer classic was held at Wareham's Spillane Field.

Halter was one of the most impactful players in the Commodores' lineup, leading the team with a .307 batting average and seven home runs. The third baseman's seven long balls were also tied for the CCBL lead in homers.



One of the club's most memorable moments of the season was manager Jeff Trundy reaching 500 career wins, including regular season and postseason victories. The manager recorded the milestone when the Commodores defeated the Bourne Braves 6-4 on July 2 at Doran Park.

This was also the final season for a longtime member of the organization, as Chuck Sturtevant retired from his roles as the president of the Commodores and the CCBL. Sturtevant held many positions with the team during his 36 years in the league, including being the team's treasurer and vice president. His retirement also marked the end of his second stint as team president.

The league returned to its annual tradition of holding a workout day at Fenway Park, providing players with the chance to play at "America's Most Beloved Ballpark." Outfielder Luke Boyers (TCU) hit a home run during the practice.

Falmouth also had two players from its 2022 roster selected in the MLB draft. Left-handed pitcher Drew Sommers was drafted in the 11th round by the Tampa Bay Rays. Hurler Ike Buxton was also selected in the 15th round by the Miami Marlins.

The Commodores made an addition to their coaching staff during the season, as assistant coach Ryan Ihle left the team after its game on July 22 to become the head coach for the Dothan Governors at Wallace Community College. Brian Tomasini then joined the staff to take over for Ihle.

The 'Dores took on the Braves in the first round of the playoffs, but the club ultimately fell 2-1 in the series. This was the 13th time Trundy reached the postseason in his 23-year career at the helm. The manager said he was proud of how the team competed throughout the season, and he was grateful to have coached the group.

"The 'Dores family is a very big family and it's an extended group that reaches far and wide and this group became part of it," Trundy said after the team fell in game three of the postseason against Bourne. "They became part of it in grand style because they were just such a group of competitors, and [the] kids really wanted to win for each other."

For Commodores news and updates, follow the 'Dores on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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