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FALMOUTH COMMODORES AND CAPE COD BASEBALL LEAGUE DOMINATE 2023 MLB DRAFT

In 2023, a total of 614 players were drafted by MLB. Of these, 219 (35.5%) played in the Cape Cod Baseball League, 26 of whom were Commodores. Eighteen of the Commodores were in the first 10 rounds of the draft.

BRAYDEN TAYLOR – 3B/SS

Tampa Bay Rays, Round 1, Pick 19
Commodores Seasons: 2021 & 2022
Ranked 15

JUARON WATTS-BROWN – RHP

Toronto Blue Jays, Round 3, Pick 89
Commodores Season: 2022
Ranked 67

ANDREW PINCKNEY – OF

Wash. Nationals, Round 4, Pick 102
Commodores Season: 2022
Ranked 216

JOE REDFIELD – OF

LA Angels, Round 4, Pick 111
Commodores Season: 2023
Ranked 264

GRAYSON HITT – LHP

AZ Diamondbacks, Round 4, Pick 112
Commodores Season: 2022
Ranked 88

MAUI AHUNA – SS

SF Giants, Round 4, Pick 117
Commodores Seasons: 2021 & 2022
Ranked 48

LEVI WELLS – RHP

Baltimore Orioles, Round 4, Pick 118
Commodores Seasons: 2021 & 2022
Ranked 96

CAMDEN MINACCI – RHP

LA Angels, Round 6, Pick 174
Commodores Season: 2022
Ranked 145

PHILIP ABNER – LHP

AZ Diamondbacks, Round 6, Pick 175
Commodores Season: 2022
Ranked 401

JACE BOHROFEN – OF

Toronto Blue Jays, Round 6, Pick 184
Commodores Seasons: 2021 & 2022
Ranked 72

LUCAS GORDON – LHP

Chicago White Sox, Round 6, Pick 179
Commodores Season: 2021
Ranked 466

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A LAST LOOK BACK AT FALMOUTH'S 2023 CAMPAIGN

by Ryan Randone, 2023 Web Reporter Intern



Photo by Meghan Murphy

Falmouth was slow to kick things in gear throughout the early stages of the Cape season. Following an 11-10 opener loss to Wareham, the Commodores went on to finish the first quarter of their campaign with a 3-6-2 record. Manager Jeff Trundy's squad notched a pair of early one-score victories against Harwich and Brewster, but additional defeats to Yarmouth-Dennis (Y-D), Hyannis (twice), Orleans, and Bourne put the 'Dores at the backend of the West Division standings.

In its first duel with rival Cotuit, Falmouth was handed its biggest loss of the season in a 12-1 defeat. A day later, the Commodores were held to just one run against Chatham – a trend that also continued in their next two duels against Harwich and Hyannis.

After an off day, however, the Commodores rattled off four straight wins against Orleans, Chatham, Brewster, and Wareham, averaging over eight runs per game through that span. "I think everybody is starting to get a little more comfortable and confident," Trundy said. Thanks to their new hitting prowess, the Commodores found themselves with an 8-12-2 record at the season's midpoint, just one game behind Wareham (9-11-2) for fourth place in the West Division.

Falmouth began the second half of its campaign with five straight triumphs over Orleans, Y-D, Wareham, Brewster, and Bourne. The 'Dores 5-2 victory against Y-D was also Trundy's 500th career win as manager.

Trundy's feat is only matched by current Y-D manager Scott Pickler and former skippers John Schiffner (Chatham) and Harvey Shapiro (Falmouth, Bourne and Wareham).

After their game against Brewster, the 'Dores played for 11 straight days prior to the All-Star break. Competing against all but one other Cape League team, the Commodores compiled a 7-4 record in that span. Among those to lead the 'Dores during the long stretch were Travis Bazzana, Kade Snell, Garrett Coe, Gavin Kilen, and Joey Ryan, who all later received All-Star game invites.

The Commodores closed the season with a 7-2 record in their nine last contests, beating the West Division's top two seeds – Cotuit (1st) and Hyannis (2nd) – a combined four times in the process. Trundy's team's final tally of 24-18-2 was third-best in the Cape Cod Baseball League (3rd in the West Division).

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Visit our website for all the latest news on the Commodores! falmouthcommodores.com



★ See future MLB Stars! ★

Adults \$10 / Kids 12 & under free
Rain Date is Sunday, July 28th

On Saturday, July 27, 2024, the Falmouth Commodores will be hosting the Cape Cod Baseball League All-Star game as it returns to historic Guv Fuller Field for the first time since 2003. As many as 6,000 fans attend this marquee event, featuring top players from the league on one field as the East and West divisions meet. Some notable All-Star Game MVPs include: Billy Wagner, Mark Teixeira, Chris Sale, Reid Detmers and Matt McLain. Gates open at 1:30pm with player autographs at 2pm and the Home Run Derby at 4pm. The pre-game ceremony begins at 5:40pm, with the big game starting at 6pm.

SATURDAY, JULY 27



GUV FULLER FIELD
FALMOUTH

Autographs
Home Run Derby
Food & Games

FUN STARTS AT 2PM
GAME STARTS AT 6PM

WHAT AN HONOR! COMMODORES CELEBRATE 100 YEARS!

2023 represented a special year for the Falmouth Commodores. It was in 1923 that the Cape Cod Baseball League was originally founded. When it was formed, the League consisted of only four teams – Falmouth, Chatham, Hyannis, and Osterville. One hundred (100) years later, the Cape League is consistently recognized as the nation's premiere collegiate summer league – only now with 10 teams.



Pie eating contest winner!

The Commodores celebrated this milestone season with a centennial celebration that was open to the public before the July 15th home game against Chatham. The event included player autographs, Homer (the 'Dores' loveable mascot), a dunk tank, a pie eating contest, giant games, and more. Puffy Elvis, the local band comprised of teachers and guest performers, kept things lively all afternoon. The local food trucks and 25 cent hotdogs – 1923

prices – proved to be a hit as well, as evidenced by the long lines. Among the crowd were special guests Barnstable County Sheriff Donna Buckley, Troy Clarkson, and newly appointed Police Chief of Falmouth Jeff Lourie, as well as MLB players and Commodores' alumni Ace Adams (Pittsburgh Pirates) and Cliff Pennington (Oakland A's, Arizona Diamondbacks, Toronto Blue Jays, LA Angels, and Cincinnati Reds). A great time was had by all who joined to celebrate the Commodores' anniversary!

CROW'S NEST VIP deck seating right behind home plate

WATCH THE COMMODORES PLAY FROM THE BEST SEATS IN THE HOUSE!



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To check availability and reserve your VIP seating for a Falmouth Commodores home game, contact us at info@falmouthcommodores.com

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IZACK TIGER – RHP
Texas Rangers, Round 7, Pick 201
Commodores Season: 2023
Ranked 393

SCOTT BANDURA – OF
SF Giants, Round 7, Pick 210
Commodores Season: 2023
Ranked 220

ALEX MOONEY – SS
Clevel. Guardians, Round 7, Pick 218
Commodores Season: 2022
Ranked 94

CHARLES HARRISON – RHP
St. Louis Cardinals, Round 7, Pick 215
Commodores Season: 2021
Ranked 259

LOGAN VAN TREECK – LHP
Cincinnati Reds, Round 9, Pick 258
Commodores Season: 2023
Ranked 359

JAKE PEPPERS – RHP
Chicago White Sox, Round 9, Pick 269
Commodores Season: 2022
Ranked 214

BRYSON WARE – OF
Phil Phillies, Round 8, Pick 253
Commodores Season: 2021
Ranked 277

JACK PAYTON – C
SF Giants, Round 11, Pick 330
Commodores Season: 2022
Ranked 306

CARSON MONTGOMERY – RHP
San Diego Padres, Round 11, Pick 341
Commodores Seasons: 2022 & 2023
Ranked 293

PAUL BONZAGNI – RHP
Texas Rangers, Round 12, Pick 351
Commodores Season: 2023
Ranked

WILL JOHNSTON – P
Oakland Athletics, Round 13, Pick 376
Commodores Season: 2022
Ranked

MICHAEL FORRET – RHP
Baltimore Orioles, Round 14, Pick 421
Commodores Season: 2023
Ranked

MIKEY TEPPER – RHP
Wash. Nationals, Round 15, Pick 435
Commodores Seasons: 2021 & 2022
Ranked 469

RIO BRITTON – RP
AZ Diamondbacks, Round 15, Pick 445
Commodores Season: 2023
Ranked

COLBY HALTER – 2B
Oakland Athletics, Round 17, Pick 496
Commodores Season: 2022
Ranked 403

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After finishing with the best final ten-game regular-season mark (8-2) of any team, third-seeded Falmouth was swept by 2nd-seeded Hyannis in a best-of-three series in the first round of the playoffs. The Commodores' second straight season with a first-round exit followed the team's most wins since 2019.

"Every team carves its own niche," Trundy said. "This team refused to die, never quit and had a blast with one another. All the things you would hope for a team, this group did. I love them, and I always will love them."

2024 SUMMER BASEBALL CLINICS

Your son or daughter can have the opportunity of a lifetime to meet and be coached by one of the top collegiate players in the country, one who may be playing someday soon in the MLB! The Commodores clinics are both a fun and learning environment – **COME JOIN US!**

Clinics are offered **Tuesday-Friday from 9am-11:30am, June 25 (Session 1) through August 2 (end of Session 6).**

THREE DIFFERENT LEVELS OFFERED:

ROOKIE (ages 5-7: drills, games, pitching and 'fun')
ADVANCED (ages 8-10: more advanced than Rookie)
ELITE (ages 11-14 with significant experience)

Registration & Information:
falmouthcommodores.com/clinic

ALL FALMOUTH COMMODORES CLINICS ARE HELD AT
GUV FULLER FIELD, 790 MAIN STREET, FALMOUTH



HOST A PLAYER!

Create a lifelong bond and great family memories for a lifetime.



The Barksdale/Irish family, host to Cody Delvecchio, California LA (U of); Braden Davis, Sam Houston State U; Joseph Redfield, Sam Houston State U (missing).



The Banks/Maziarski family, host to Walker Janek, Sam Houston State U; Garrett Coe, Connecticut (U of); Shane Telfer, Pepperdine U (missing).

families as well, and maintaining a long-lasting relationship with them. Banks said, "Being around the players keeps us not only young, but constantly amused and challenged."

If you are interested in becoming a host family, visit falmouthcommodores.com.

SAVE THE DATE
CAPE COD BASEBALL LEAGUE HALL OF FAME
INDUCTION CEREMONY
Sunday, Nov 17, 2024 • 9am
Wequassett Resort and Golf Club
Harwich, MA