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FALMOUTH COMMODORES AND CAPE COD BASEBALL LEAGUE (CCBL) DOMINATE 2021 MLB DRAFT

In 2021, 612 high school and college players were drafted by MLB over 20 rounds of selections. Of these, 141 played in the Cape Cod Baseball League. Sixteen Falmouth Commodores were selected in the 2021 MLB Draft.

> MATHEU NELSON Reds – CBA, ranked 35

BRYCE MILLER Mariners – Round 4, ranked 113

NICK NASTRINI Dodgers – Round 5, ranked 131

MAX FERGUSON Padres – Round 5, ranked 160

**BEN CASPARIUS** Dodgers – Round 5, ranked 162

**KEVIN KENDALL** Mets – Round 7, ranked 202

**ROBERT AHLSTROM** Yankees – Round 7, ranked 213

TOMMY SOMMERS White Sox – Round 10, ranked 305

**TIM TAWA** D'backs – Round 11, ranked 318

CHRISTIAN EDWARDS White Sox – Round 11, ranked 335

SEAN MULLEN Rays – Round 11, ranked 341

JUSTIN WROBLESKI Dodgers - Round 11, ranked 342

TYLER RAS Rockies – Round 14, ranked 410

CALEB WURSTER Marlins – Round 15, ranked 449

**STEVEN WILLIAMS** Nationals – Round 18, ranked 553

SAMUEL STICKLAND Braves – Round 19, ranked 577



The Falmouth Commodores' 2021 season was certainly one to remember, as the club made its return to the diamond after 683 days of anticipation. The club

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just making sure you have fun. Day-to-day activities include drills, competitions, and scrimmages; all things the players might do in their own practices. I know that by the end of the clinic week, I have improved and learned skills to make me a better player. Where else can you get baseball instruction from Division 1 players? Just getting a chance to watch and talk to them helps you improve.

The clinics also include enjoyable activities for kids and their families. Two of my favorites are the rag ball games and the end-of-the-week slip and slide, which is always fun, because the players participate too! I made a great choice in going to the Falmouth Commodores baseball clinics and I am looking forward to this summer. I hope you make the same choice too.

SAVE THE DATE CAPE COD BASEBALL I FAGUE HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY NOVEMBER 20. 2022. 9AM Weguassett Resort and Golf Club, Harwich, Mass.



#### Sharpen your baseball skills ... learn from the 'Pros of the Future'

America's finest players from the best college programs will be on hand to help you work on your hitting, base running, infield/outfield play, pitching, catching and more.

#### Clinics are offered Tuesday-Friday from 9am -11:30am, June 21 (Session 1) through July 29 (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

# COMMODORES

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2021 SEASON RECAP: COMMODORES RETURN IN MEMORABLE SEASON by Tommy Mumau

> navigated the COVID-19 pandemic, as the world worked to return to normalcy.

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#### **GUV FULLER FIELD RENOVATIONS** A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP AND FUNDING



This year marks the culmination of a multiple-year effort to provide state-ofthe-art facilities at Guv Fuller Field for the Falmouth Commodores and Falmouth High School baseball teams. Renovations include: a new solar-powered LED scoreboard; a newly constructed multipurpose building for advanced telecasting and audio broadcasting of games, space for retail sales of Commodores merchandise, and baseball equipment storage; and a recently added observation deck, known as the Crow's Nest; all funded, in part, by

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### COMMODORE BASEBALL CLINICS – A VIEW FROM THE INSIDE by Michael Butler

Michael Butler was 9 years old when he first attended the Falmouth Commodores Baseball Clinics. Now, at age 15 and still attending the clinics, he provides his view.

Ah, the sounds of Guv Fuller Field – the crack of the wooden bat, the smack of the ball hitting the glove, and the roar of the fans – signal it's baseball season on the Cape. Though I love attending the Commodores games, some of my best summer memories come from the Falmouth Commodores baseball clinics. The highlight of the clinics is really the friendships you make. These friendships last all summer and include kids from all over the country. You not only form friendships with other kids, but you get to know the players, coaches, staff, and interns. Year after year, you see many of the same friends. At the end of the day, you can meet up with your friends at the Commodores games.

At the clinics, the Commodores players do a great job at putting on a variety of entertaining activities, many are focused on making your baseball skills better but also

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private donations and the Falmouth Road Race.

In late 2021, through the winter and spring of 2022, major field renovations comprised of new dugouts, safety netting attached to a new brick wall and backstop, visitor bleachers, and new fencing around the field were funded by a \$1M+ grant from the Falmouth Community Preservation Committee. Renovations will be completed by the time the first pitch is thrown out on June 12. The transformation of Guv Fuller Field into one of the best in the Cape Cod Baseball League will be appreciated by fans and players alike. As an example, the installation of safety netting will provide a new level of protection from errant balls for both fans and players.

So come out to a game and enjoy Commodores baseball in our new facilities. A dedication of the new field will be held at the Commodores game on June 30.



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Falmouth ultimately finished in fourth place in the West Division, posting a 14-19-2 record. Manager Jeff Trundy said that he was simply happy that the group had the opportunity to play in "the premier collegiate summer baseball league."

"It's just been so special to be able to see kids compete again and be able to enjoy a game that they love, and they've worked so hard at," Trundy said. "And [to] have this opportunity to experience the Cape. The Cape is an awesome, awesome experience, and for these kids to be able to have that chance this summer, has been special."

The 2021 season presented unique challenges, including several rule changes. Any game that was unable to be played because of inclement weather was not made up at a later date, canceling five scheduled games. The Cape Cod Baseball League also did not play extra innings this season, resulting in two ties after nine innings.

Despite facing these obstacles, this Commodores team gave the Falmouth faithful something to cheer for each night. First baseman Kris Armstrong (Florida) led the team in several offensive categories, posting a .308 batting average with seven home runs and 21 runs batted in.

Pitcher Anthony DeFabbia (Stetson) tied for the league lead in wins, tallying four victories for the 'Dores. The southpaw said that while his primary objective was to help the team win, he was proud to be at the top of the list in victories.

"It's pretty cool," DeFabbia said. "When I'm out pitching, I don't really try to focus on my individual stats, it's more [about] trying to help the team win in any way I can. But when you look at it, I think it's a pretty cool feeling to see your name at the top of the leaderboard."

Second baseman Brayden Taylor (TCU), outfielder Jace Bohrofen (Arkansas), and pitchers Chase Jeter (Sacred Heart) and Lucas Gordon (Texas) were named to the 2021 West Division All-Star team. But the league did not hold an All-Star game this season, due to the ongoing pandemic.

The 'Dores also delivered several memorable moments throughout the course of the summer. Armstrong gave the club its only walk-off of the season, crushing a game-winning blast against the Chatham Anglers on July 25.

Armstrong was also a part of the Commodores' explosive offensive on July 6 at Brewster, in which the club homered six times in a 14-2 victory over the Whitecaps.

Anthony Hall (Oregon) finished the season on a high note, with hits in 11 of his last 12 games, raising his batting average from .200 to .283. He tallied 18 hits, nine extra-base hits, nine RBIs, nine runs, seven walks and just six strikeouts over that stretch.

While the 2021 Commodores fell short of reaching the postseason, the organization achieved its goals of developing its players both on and off the field. Pitching coach Mike Landry said that he was thrilled to bring baseball back to Falmouth for a memorable season.

Spring 2022

#### CROW'S NEST WATCH THE COMMODORES PLAY FROM THE BEST SEATS IN THE HOUSE! VIP deck seating right behind home plate



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### FOR A SUMMER TO REMEMBER... HOST A PLAYER!

CREATE A LIFELONG BOND AND GREAT FAMILY MEMORIES FOR A LIFETIME.



Host families are vital to the Commodores organization. With a roster of 30 players, it takes a number of dedicated and generous individuals to provide a loving summer home environment

for these young men. The experience is one-of-a-kind, and lifelong relationships often are built.

The Commodores greatly appreciate all that their host families do for their players and the team. We could not field a team without the generosity and contributions of each and every host family.

If you are interested in hosting a Falmouth Commodores player, please visit falmouthcommodores.com and click on "Become a Host Family." For more information about hosting, contact Lisa Zmuda at lisatz143@comcast.net.

