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# FALMOUTH COMMODORES 2023 SEASON SCHEDULE

Home games played at Guv Fuller Field, 790 Main Street, Falmouth

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	
Home Away						June 10 6pm War	
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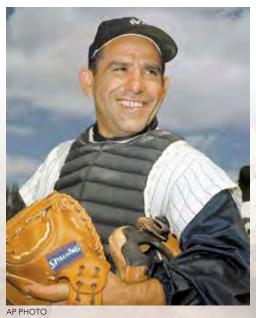
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# FROM THE PRESIDENT



It may seem obvious that an introduction to this special centennial edition of the program book is to highlight the extensive history of the Cape Cod Baseball League (CCBL) and the Falmouth Commodores, and the showcasing of amateur players whose hopes are to become a Major League Baseball (MLB) player. But how do you capture 100 years of not only aspiring baseball players but of all the people who have been impacted by the team for the last century?

The talent of the players in the CCBL speaks for itself. Over the years, thousands of young men who played in the League have played, or are currently playing, on an MLB team. In 2023, more than 350 MLB players have a history of playing on the Cape, not to forget the multitude of players in the minor leagues.

That said, the CCBL and Falmouth Commodores are so much more than a summer showcase for rising baseball talent. There are the volunteers, host families, fans, sponsors, and donors, all of whom are part of the fabric that has allowed the League to flourish and the team to become integrated into the local community.

In researching the historic material and preparing this special centennial edition program book, we have attempted to capture the impact that the CCBL and the Falmouth Commodores have had, not only on baseball, particularly MLB, but to also highlight both the professional and personal perspectives of players, fans, and the general public. Inside these covers you will find a tribute to Chuck Sturtevant who recently retired after 36 years, having held major positions with the Commodores and the CCBL. Jeff Trundy, our current Commodores Manager/Head Coach, is in his 25th year with the team. Before joining the Commodores, he spent 2 years with another team. Between the two of them, these gentlemen represent nearly two-thirds, or 63 years, of CCBL participation and leadership.

In looking outside the day-to-day operation of the team, a fan deserving of recognition is Al Irish who attended his first Commodores game in 1925 as a 5-year-old. He continued active participation with the team until his passing in 2021. Al was the longest living Commodores fan. Lest we not forget Arnie Allen for whom the baseball diamond at Guv Fuller Field is named. As a young boy in the 1950s, Arnie was a bat boy and subsequently grew into the roles of equipment manager and assistant coach. He was a favorite of all the players and fans. Arnie passed away in 2003, and not many people are aware that he was buried in his Commodores uniform along with an autographed bat and balls provided by Darin Erstad (Commodores 1993 & 1994) signed by Darin's team, the 2002 World Series Champions Los Angeles Angels. By the way, the Commodores paid for Arnie's funeral. It does not get any more personal than that.

To sum it all up, yes, the CCBL has had a dramatic effect on baseball in this country. But let's not forget the thousands of fans and volunteers who make up the Falmouth and Cape Cod communities. It is this stable and caring fabric that makes the CCBL and the Commodores so worthwhile.

**Bob Curtis** 

President, Falmouth Commodores

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# 100 YEARS OF HISTORY

# Falmouth Commodores and Cape League Baseball Celebrate Their Centennial By Leah Garritt



#### Picture this:

It's June or July or early August, and you're at a baseball game. The stands are full, the fans are loud, and the sun is just about to set. Down on the field, the grass is vibrant green, the lines are drawn in sharp white paint,



for official baseball on the Cape – a demand that dated back to the years between the late 1860s and the early 1920s, when unofficial teams from various Cape towns would play games against each other during the summer. It was this summer tradition that eventually led to the formation of the first official Cape League.

Falmouth, as one of the first four teams in the original Cape League, plays a rich and integral part in the history of the league. The team has changed and grown over the years, from the pre-Cape League Falmouth Heights Cottage Club to the 1951 Falmouth Falcons to the Falmouth Commodores we know today, but one thing has remained the same: the strong tradition of baseball in Falmouth, maintained by the players' talent and the town's love of the game. Falmouth is one of the most iconic franchises in the Cape Cod Baseball League, and they've got alumni in the major leagues to prove it – Harold "Pie" Traynor, Darin

Erstad, and Rhys Hoskins, to name just a few standout players across the decades.

The roots of organized baseball in Falmouth can be traced back to the Falmouth Heights Cottage Club, a team that preceded the Cape League and competed with teams from various other Cape towns such as Barnstable and Sandwich. This unofficial team increased the town of Falmouth's interest in baseball, an interest that was rewarded in 1923 when the Cape League was first formed. Falmouth's original Cape League team was composed of players from many different backgrounds – mostly locals from both colleges and prep schools, but also some semi-professional players. According to Cape League historian Mike Richard, unlike today's Cape League, which is limited to interleague competition, they were allowed to compete with other teams within the area. The most notable of these external competitions was the exhibition game that

and the infield dirt is raked perfectly smooth. The players are wearing clean new uniforms, and they're joking with each other as they toss the ball around during warmups. They're not major leaguers; they're just kids. But they are undeniably talented, and their futures are wide open ahead of them.

This is summer baseball at its very best, before the big leagues and the bigger crowds and the even bigger contracts. This is summer baseball at its very best, and it's all happening on Cape Cod – it's been happening for a hundred years now.

The Cape Cod Baseball League, which has been recognized for many years as one of the nation's premiere collegiate summer leagues, was originally founded in 1923. When it was first formed, the league consisted of only four teams: Chatham, Falmouth, Hyannis, and Osterville. This league was created as an answer to the growing demand



Falmouth played against the Boston Braves in 1929, in which the Braves won by a narrow 8-7 margin.

As an official Cape League team, Falmouth was fairly successful throughout the seasons. They reached the playoffs in 1923 and 1924, the first two seasons in the league's history. Although they didn't win the championship either year, losing to Hyannis the first year and Osterville the second, it was nevertheless a promising start for the franchise. Falmouth had more success in later years, winning the championship in 1929 under Lynn Wells, in 1931, 1932, and 1935 under Jack Walsh, in 1938 under Bill Bouhuer, and in 1939 under Charles "Buzz" Harvey. Some notable players from this era include Massachusetts-born pitcher Al Blanche, Al Nimiec, Bill "Lefty" Lefebvre, and Emil "Bud" Roy.

Although it was greatly popular among the residents of the Cape and caused the formation of many different teams from the various towns, the Cape League eventually had to fold in 1940 due to limited funding in the face of the Great Depression and World War II. It wasn't until the war ended in 1946 that the Cape League was reinstated, this time with a slightly different set of requirements for players: teams could no longer hire professional or semi-professional

players who received a salary. The league was separated into two divisions – the Upper Cape division and the Lower Cape division – and strengthened by the addition of teams from the Massachusetts Maritime Academy and the Cape Verdean Club, to name a few.

During this era of the Cape League,
Falmouth had two separate teams playing
in the Upper Cape Division: the Falmouth
All-Stars, whose roster was composed of
star players from a league that was already
active within the town of Falmouth, and
the Falmouth Falcons, who were formed
in 1951 and consisted mostly of collegeage ball players. In 1948, the Falmouth
All-Stars won the championship under
manager Jack Walsh in the league's first
year of reinstatement; in 1951, the Falmouth

Falcons finished second place in their division. After funding decreased and both teams struggled during the 1952 season, the All-Stars and the Falcons were eventually combined into one team for the 1954 season. The All-Stars' 1948 championship was the height of success for Falmouth during this time, as they only qualified for the playoffs in 1948, 1949, and 1960 and lost the playoff games during all three years, but it was a bright start that allowed

Falmouth to leave an indelible mark on this promising new era of Cape League baseball.

In 1963, the Cape Cod Baseball League changed its mode of operation and became an official collegiate league sanctioned by the NCAA. Rather than having local players representing each town, Cape League teams now had rosters filled with an elite crop of college players from across the nation. The reformed league kept the dual division format, with Falmouth placed in the Upper Cape Division along with Bourne, Cotuit, Sagamore, and Wareham. During this time, Falmouth had a little reformation of its own: They got a new name - the Falmouth Commodores – and a new field as well. Prior to 1964, Falmouth's various baseball teams had always played on the diamond at Falmouth Heights – a field that could turn problematic when a ball was hit far enough to impact the buildings across the street from the outfield, in which case it would be counted as a double. In 1964, Falmouth's home base became the nearby Guv Fuller Field. One year later, in 1965, their name was changed from the Falmouth Falcons to the Falmouth Commodores.

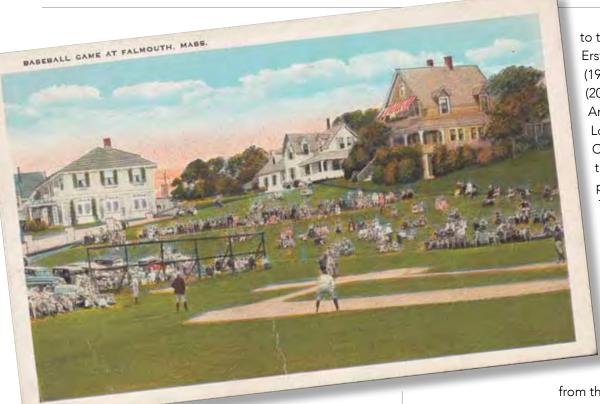
The changes in name and location weren't the only major



The Cottage Club of Falmouth Heights, 1913

changes that Falmouth experienced at this time. They also played their first night game in 1966, and became one of the most dominant teams in the league from the years 1966-1971. During this period of time, the Commodores reached the playoffs every year and won the championship four years in a row – from 1968-1971 – under manager Bill

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Livesey, who would later end up in the Cape Cod Baseball League Hall of Fame. Some star players during this era were pitcher Noel Kinski (1966), Pat Borque (1968), Paul Mitchell (1969-1971), and Mike Flanagan (1972). Borque and Flanagan later prospered in Major League Baseball with the Oakland A's and the Baltimore Orioles respectively.

After losing manager Bill Livesey in 1973, the Commodores struggled near the bottom of the league for the next few years, qualifying just once for the playoffs in 1975 under manager Jack Gillis and losing the final to the Cotuit Kettleers, 3-2. It wasn't until 1980, when manager Al Worthington led the Commodores to a 3-2 win over Chatham in the finals, that the league title came home to Falmouth once again. Although not entirely successful during the latter half of this time period, the Commodore's 1963-1980 era was a great one because it established them as a dominant power in the league as well as giving them the title of "four-peat" champions for their legendary 1968-1971 run.

Since 1980, the Commodores have been less successful on the field, as they have not won a league title in the last 43 years and have not qualified for the playoffs during 27 of those years. Despite this, Falmouth has seen success in other ways. Although the team as a whole may not have prospered during this time, Falmouth has many success stories with individual players. Some of the big names that have passed through Falmouth on their way

to the big leagues are Darin Erstad (1994), Eric Milton (1995), and Conor Gillaspie (2007). Erstad played for the Anaheim Angels (later the Los Angeles Angels), the Chicago White Sox, and the Houston Astros: Milton played for the Minnesota Twins, Philadelphia Phillies, Cincinnati Reds and LA Dodgers, throwing a no-hitter in 1999; and Conor Gillaspie played for the San Francisco Giants, Chicago White Sox and the Los Angeles Angels. One of the most notable Commodores

from the last few years is Rhys

Hoskins (2013), who made it to the World Series with the Philadelphia Phillies in the 2022 MLB season.

Another mark of Falmouth's success can be seen by the recent field renovations, which were started in the mid 2010s in an effort to enhance the experience for fans. Thanks to funding from the Falmouth Road Race as well as the generous donations of private individuals, Guv Fuller Field got a new solar-powered LED scoreboard in 2015. This was the beginning of a renovation program at the Guy that also saw the addition of a new multipurpose building used as the press box, an observation deck known as the Crow's Nest behind home plate, and several field renovations. These field renovations included an overhaul of the two dugouts, the installation of safety netting and a new brick wall, new bleachers for the visitor section, and new fencing around the field, and the funding for this project was provided by a grant from the Falmouth Community Preservation Committee. Together, these renovations helped to increase the safety of fans while also improving the quality of the ballpark as a whole.

Fancy renovations and major league alumni aren't the only things that make Falmouth special, however. The Commodores have a long and storied history as a part of the Cape Cod Baseball League, and they have a significance beyond the field, too. The Commodores are an iconic part of Falmouth's culture, a way for the townspeople to connect with each other as well as with the sport of baseball itself. Even those who wouldn't



consider themselves to be baseball fans can find a sense of belonging on those hot summer nights at Guv Fuller Field.

In addition to casual fans, the Commodores have also created a tight-knit community of staff and volunteers who dedicate their time and effort to the team. One example of this dedication is the story of longtime Commodores fan Al Irish, who recently passed away. Irish began attending Commodores games in 1924, and was the team's historian for many years; he is known as the longest-living fan of the Commodores. Another example is Chuck Sturtevant, who served as the president of both the Commodores and the Cape League itself and was involved with Falmouth for 36 years before retiring in 2022.

The Commodores are a team surrounded by community, and that community's roots run far deeper than just baseball. The team spends much of each summer doing community outreach – the players attend public events, such as field days at local elementary schools, and the player-staffed youth baseball clinics that run from June to July are a favorite tradition among the kids of Falmouth. There is also the culture of host families, which has become an institution through the years; the bonds between host families and the players who live with them are strong and lasting, creating relationships that will often continue for years afterward.

The Falmouth Commodores, and the Cape Cod Baseball League as a whole, are that rarest of phenomena: an organization that transcends profit in favor of authenticity. True, the CCBL is a feeder league for the majors; true, the majority of the players are from big-name colleges and chasing six-figure contracts for the future. During the short summer seasons, though, the money and the majors don't matter as much as the magic that's created on and off the field. The bonds built between players, families, and fans are the thing that's most important, and the Falmouth Commodores are just one town's example of the Cape League's significance to the public. The Cape League is the place where elite college players hone and showcase their skills, but it's also the place where families spend their summer nights and children learn to love baseball and people of all ages from all walks of life can be united through the timeless tradition of baseball. Ask anyone involved with the league, and they'll tell you this: It's the people that make the Cape League special.

"It's made great because of the volunteers, the host families, the people who are involved with every one of their teams," said Mike Richard, the CCBL's historian, when asked about the league. "I just think it's by far the greatest



Boston Braves vs. Falmouth 1931

league that you could ever find anywhere."

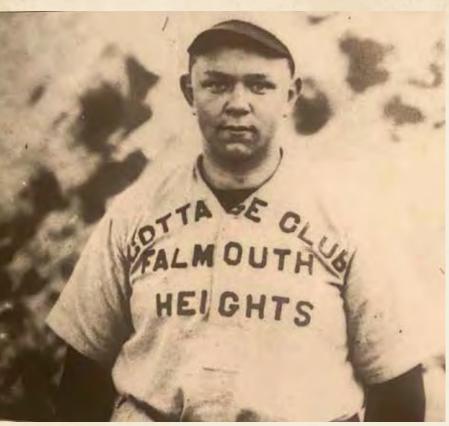
This sentiment was echoed by head coach Jeff , who is entering his 25th year with the Commodores. "I don't think there's any question," he said. "I think that's what really makes it all worth it. Obviously, I love the game and I have a passion for it, I think that goes without saying, but it's the people that make it what it is."

The Cape League has always been like this: a holy ground for college baseball, a haven for fans of all ages, and a place where community grows right alongside the game. It's been this way for a hundred years now – summer baseball done right on Cape Cod – and hopefully it will continue in the same fashion for the next hundred years as well, with the Commodores as a proud keystone of the league's franchise.

"Being able to be a part of that myself and be there for this year is pretty special," said. "I think it's just going to be a really neat, neat summer celebrating the hundredth anniversary."

A special thanks to Cape League Historian Mike Richard, Christopher Price's book *Baseball by the Beach*, and Dan Crowley's book *Baseball on Cape Cod*.

Leah Garritt will be a Junior at Fordham University in the fall.



Cottage Club – Falmouth Player, 1915

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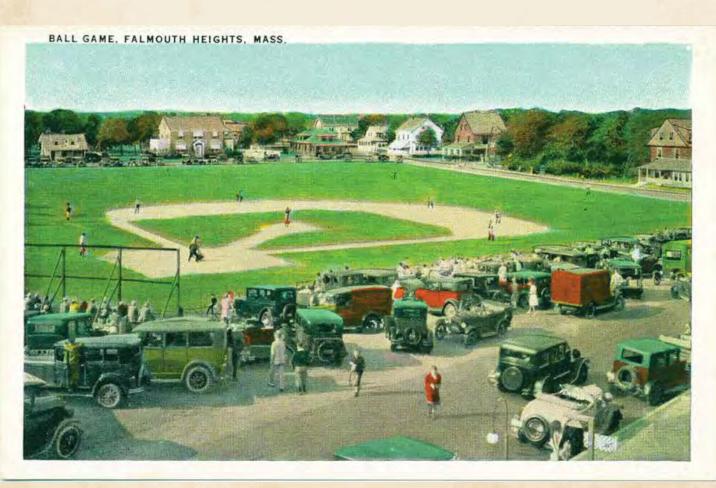
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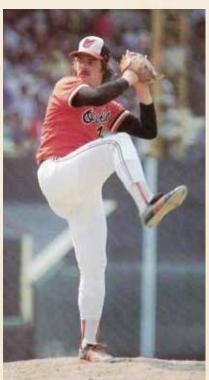
1924 Falmouth team



1914 Falmouth Heights ball field



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CCBL hall of famer Mike Flanagan

# 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."

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 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 was instrumental in Cash's playing career, helping him transition to catching. Sturtevant said the current Rays manager was signed by the Commodores as a third baseman, but Cash offered to become a catcher when both of the club's backstops were injured during the 1999 season. Sturtevant said he then purchased catcher's equipment for Cash, who was behind the plate for Falmouth the rest of the season. He then went on to spend

eight years as a catcher in the major leagues.

Sturtevant has left an impact on many players during his time in the league, garnering respect from those that have taken the field on the Cape. Mike Trombley spent the 1988 season with the 'Dores on his way to an 11-year MLB career, which was Sturtevant's second season as general manager.

Trombley said he is impressed by

Sturtevant's contribution both to the club and league.

"He's such an icon of the Cape Cod Baseball League," Trombley said. "Obviously, he's done so much."

Chris Fitzgerald is currently in his fifth season as Commodores general manager and said he has learned a great deal from Sturtevant during his time with the organization.

"Not too many people have been involved with the league for this long," Fitzgerald said. "So, he's just been a wealth of knowledge for newcomers, like myself. ... He's basically done it all."

Sturtevant hired three managers for the Commodores during his tenure as general manager – Arthur "Ace" Adams, 2018 CCBL Hall of Fame inductee; Harvey Shapiro, current Wareham Gateman manager and 2020 CCBL Hall of Fame inductee and Trundy. Sturtevant said the relationships he has made in the league over the years are what he will remember most about his career.

"[That's what the] Commodores and the league mean to me, it's all the acquaintances I've had over the years," Sturtevant said. "Two out of the three [coaches I've hired] are now in the Hall of Fame. I'm hoping that I can see Jeff Trundy make it ... because that to me, would be like the frosting on the cake, to have all three of the coaches I hired into our Hall of Fame."

Trundy was hired as the manager by Sturtevant in 1999, and he was in fourth place on the all-time wins list for CCBL managers entering the 2023 season. The manager said he is grateful to have worked with Sturtevant during his time with the club.

"He's just been such a great, loyal and supportive friend and I think the world of Chuck," Trundy said. "I can't imagine having made this journey without him to be honest with you, because it's been so many years now. But,



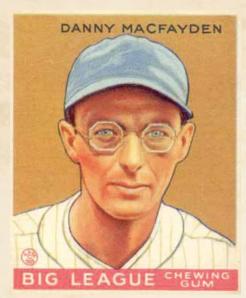
I feel very fortunate that our paths crossed years ago and we're still, like I said, great friends and that's never going to change."

Along with making a significant impact on the club itself, Sturtevant has been instrumental in helping the organization complete renovations on Arnie Allen Diamond at Guv Fuller Field. He said he helped raise approximately \$500,000 for new lights at the ballpark in 2007.

Sturtevant also played a key role in the ballpark's upgrades before the 2022 season, which included new dugouts and a new backstop. Assistant coach Brett Becker said he appreciates Sturtevant's efforts to improve the facility.

"Chuck has been the absolute backbone behind all of that progress that's been made," Becker said. "And [he's] kind of been the driver and the visionary [for that]. So, he gets a lot of credit for all the improvements and everything that's taking place at Guv Fuller Field."

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CCBL Hall of Famer Danny MacFayden



1982 Falmouth Commodores



1991 Falmouth Commodores



Cottage Club – Falmouth Heights, 1915



Cottage Club – Falmouth Player, 1915



# 2023

# CHUCK STURTEVANT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

**CULLEN DUNN** – Cullen is a graduate of Mashpee High School. Cullen has been around the Falmouth Commodores his entire life. Most recently, Cullen has served as an intern to the president of the Cape Cod Baseball League and this year will be an intern to the Falmouth Commodores general manager. In the fall, Cullen will be attending Merrimack College and majoring in finance.

## STURTEVANT...

Among the advancements he has helped facilitate, Sturtevant has also helped expand the club's volunteers. Sturtevant said when he first became involved with the organization, it had just six board members. Today, the franchise has 17 volunteers that compose its Executive Officers and Board of Directors. Sturtevant is a lifetime member with Falmouth and said he made a strong effort over the years to have more members of the community contribute to the team.

"My first challenge was to reorganize and get more people involved," Sturtevant said. "I brought on Steven Spitz who became our president for I think about 10 years and was also the head of fundraising. And that just helped reorganize and get the people that we needed to volunteer, so we could move forward and grow."

While Sturtevant has been dedicated to making a difference on the field, he has also balanced his career as an accountant off the field. He is currently a controller at Teledyne Test Services, a role he had while working as the president of both the club and the league. Sturtevant said that he organized his work to ensure he was also available for the league, and he will likely maintain this routine as he retires from the CCBL.

"I used to be in work and I'm still at work at six in the morning," Sturtevant said. "I always did that so I could always leave at 2-2:30 [p.m.] if we were going to go play a baseball game somewhere, I could go without feeling

guilty. I still to this day do that... It gives me the afternoon to kind of go do what I want to do."

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.

"[My family was] always part of that whole process,"
Sturtevant said. "As they got older and I got older, they
still knew how important the baseball was to me. And so,
they just let me do my thing, so they've always been very
supportive."

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."

Tommy Mumau is a Former Commodore web reporter intern recently graduated from Ithaca College.

# AL IRISH

# REMEMBERED FOR HIS MEMORY AND KIND HEART

By Taylor Viles

Al Irish first attended a Cape Cod Baseball League game in 1925, supporting the Falmouth Commodores at their original field in Falmouth Heights. It was 94 years later, at their second home of Guv Fuller Field, that he threw out the first pitch during a game. The summer of 2019 became the final season of summer baseball Irish would see.

He passed away on February 20 at the age of 101, but not without leaving behind a legacy that only a century of life could earn a person. A legacy not only spanning the baseball world, but including the Falmouth Masonic Lodge, the Falmouth Historical Society, and St. Barnabas Episcopal Church.

Through each civic engagement, his radiant energy affected the people he worked with. It is through those people with whom his legacy lies. It is those people who remember Irish the way he deserves to be remembered: a man with dedication and a driving passion for his involvements and his family.

"Al was a sweetheart. He did not have one ounce of bad bone in his body. He loved everyone, cared about everyone, and if he met you and got to know you, he wouldn't forget you," said Cape League President, Chuck Sturtevant. The Cape League was Irish's first love as he spent his childhood watching the Commodores. But he didn't just enjoy the games as a fan, he remembered the players and paid close attention to every detail.

"You could pretty much ask him anything and he'd have the answer," said Commodores Board of Director's member Donna Curtis.

Irish was an encyclopedia derived from a life of solving puzzles, according to his eldest son. "He was in cryptography in World War II," said David. "For years, well

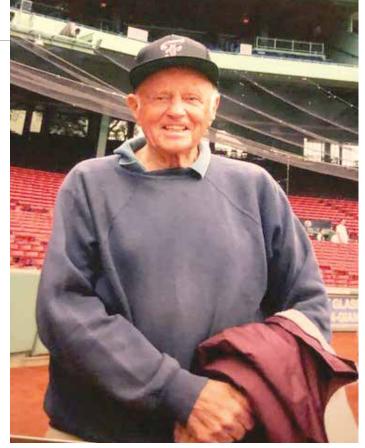


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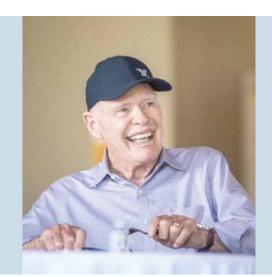
into his 90s, he would do the cryptograms and the jumbles in the Cape Cod Times every day, successfully." Although these puzzles may not have helped his knowledge of baseball, they were part of what kept him young. After his military involvement and various off-Cape endeavors, Irish and his wife Esther, moved their family to Falmouth in 1961, a place he hadn't lived since he was 18. He rekindled his love of Cape Cod baseball and shared his childhood passion with his sons. He taught them to play catch and took them to games, but he never asked them to adopt his love for the game for themselves. "A lot of people think of sportspeople as kind of rabid, [but] dad was a quiet sports fan," said David. "He never shoved it off on Brad or me. He appreciated it and he exposed us to it, but he wasn't somebody who was going to push you in a direction that you didn't want to go."

Irish retired in 1985 at the age of 66, and while many retirees struggle to find ways to keep busy, he took full advantage of the newfound free time.

"He had a lot of books, and we used to kiddingly buy him books and say, 'Dad, are you going to read these someday?'" David remembers. "Well, guess what? When he retired, he did. He was incredibly disciplined." Besides reading, his love for the Commodores kept his summers full. He transitioned from a fan to a board member and began running the entrance gate for home games. Gary Rebesa joined Irish to help run the gate in the early 2000s and remembers him for his humor and his drive

# "I'VE KNOWN MY FELLOW COMMODORES FAN AL IRISH SINCE I MOVED TO CAPE COD IN 1972. HE WAS A GREAT FRIEND AND PERSON."

- GERRY LYNCH FOUNDER, LAWRENCE LYNCH



to stay young. "When he was 95, we were at the gate and he says 'guess what I did today,'" said Rebesa, quoting Irish. "'I went to renew my license today.' I said 'You did?... How'd you make out?' He said, 'when I got all done, they told me I'm good until I'm 100.'"

He stopped driving during year 97 when he moved into Atria Woodbriar assisted living, but that didn't stop him from his participation in Falmouth's baseball team. Commodores board members would pick him up and drive him wherever he needed to go, whether it was a game, a Commodores board meeting, or even a Hall of Fame advisory board meeting, for which he consulted because of his recall.

What made him different from most wasn't just his memory though, it was the way he handled himself. "It was not about him. It was about everyone else, and he showed that," said Sturtevant.

This showed in conversation as Brad acknowledged his father's ability to listen. He picked and chose when to input his thoughts, but when he did, they were well thought out. "If someone mentioned something that he knew he could add to the information about, he was extraordinary in the amount of detail he could offer to the conversation," said Brad. When it came to remembering past players or memories, Irish never referred to his notes; in fact, he didn't have any notes. "One thing that really impressed me is my father would never write anything down. He'd say, 'I have it all up here,'" said David, pointing to his head. "But he never missed this trick. He never goofed up."

This kept Irish's brain active, leading to his sharpness in his later years, but his longevity and health were likely aided by how he took care of his body. His sons explained their father's stubbornness about eating unhealthy food. He never let them go to fast-food restaurants and only when he was out of town on business did they enjoy a pizza, courtesy of their mother.

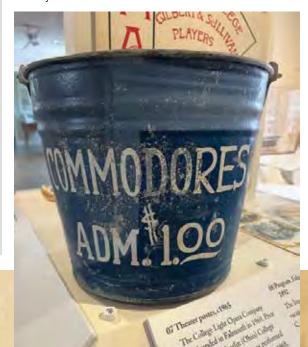
Irish and Esther had an "incredible marriage," according to Brad. Even through their older years, the couple shared an evening ritual Brad says led to his Dad's lifespan. "They enjoyed going out for a nice evening walk. It was religious. I mean, as long as the weather was halfway decent," said Brad. "Dad was not a weekend warrior when it came to exercise, but he always got in his daily constitution in terms of walking."

Before Irish's death, Brad asked what his secret was to living a long and happy life. "He said 'moderation,'" Brad remembers. "Basically, he would engage in many things, but he wasn't one to overdo it, he had a lot of variety. In many ways, because he was low key about it, I think he was able to enjoy other people's successes and watch them enjoy it, I think gave him a lot."

Irish's dedication to the Commodores and the Cape League earned him the league's lifetime achievement award in 2007.

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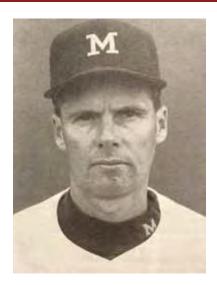
Spittoon on display at Falmouth Museum on the Green used by Al Irish to collect donations.



# PERSPECTIVES ON THE CAPE COD BASEBALL LEAGUE AND FALMOUTH COMMODORES

We wanted to present views about the CCBL and the Commodores from different perspectives. Former Commodores that played in Major league Baseball, Darin Erstad, Eric Milton and Matt Antonelli. A legendary professional and college pitching coach Ace Adams. What were they thinking when they came to the CCBL? A former Commodore who after multiple years in the minor professional leagues became a college coach at one of the best baseball universities in the country, Mitch Canham – Oregon State. How do college coaches view a chance to play summer ball on Cape Cod? Then we moved onto the perspective from a senior MLB scout, Matt Hyde, who grew 100 YEARS up in the CCBL system and represents the historic New York Yankees. What do scouts look for when viewing the stars of tomorrow? Do you think they picked some good players over the years? We then interviewed our own Jeff Trundy, legendary, highly respected and humble manager of the Commodores for the last 25 years. Finally, Bill Snow, designated the #1 Fan of the Commodores with his only regret in life is that he lived in Falmouth for 12 years before he attended his first Commodore game – stating "I wasted 12 years!"

# ARTHUR "ACE" ADAMS



Arthur "Ace" Adams

Currently an assistant baseball coach with the University of Michigan and responsible for pitching and recruiting, Ace has more than seventeen years of baseball coaching experience. He has coached at Bently, Davidson, Framingham State, Dartmouth and Harvard. His primary area of resposibility has been working with pitchers and, while at Harvard, he was a pitching consultant for the Boston Red Sox

Ace is not new to the Cape Cod Baseball League or to Falmouth. He was a player with the League in 1973 when he was selected for the All Star Team. During the '79, '80, and '82 seasons he was an assistant coach of the Commodores. From '84-'87 he was an assistant coach for Chatham and in the '88 and '89 seasons he performed the same duties with the Cotuit club. We welcome Ace back to Falmouth and wish him a successful season!

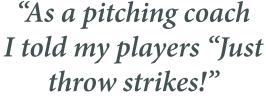
## Falmouth Commodores 1973 & 1974 Orleans Cardinals (Firebirds) 1972 Cape Cod Baseball League Hall of Fame 2018

Arthur 'Ace" Adams is a lifelong baseball player, coach, and legend. He grew up outside of Boston in Wellsley, MA. He was drafted by the St Louis Cardinals in high school but went to become a pitcher for the University of Michigan where he was known for his fastball. He played for the Orleans Firebirds in 1972 and the Falmouth Commodores for 2 seasons – 1973 & 1974 – and was named an All-Star in 1973, having pitched 11 complete games. His father played in the Cape Cod Baseball League (CCBL) for Bourne, and met Ace's mother at the old Commodores Falmouth Heights Field. Cleary Ace has Cape Cod baseball in his blood.

Ace was drafted and played in the Pittsburgh organization; however, he is best known for his 42 years as a pitching coach for both professional and amateur baseball teams across the county. Over the years, he coached at Michigan, Brandeis, Harvard, and Dartmouth. He was the batting practice pitcher for the Boston Red Sox from 1984 to 1986. Ace coached multiple minor league teams, while also coaching in the CCBL for Falmouth, Chatham, and Cotuit. He was the manager of Falmouth during the 1993 and 1994 seasons, where he coached Darin Erstad, the number-one MLB draft pick in 1995. Ace was, and is, considered a colorful

> player/coach, in which his "old school" philosophy is telling pitchers, "All I want you to do is throw strikes." He is not a big fan of sabermetrics (the use of statistical analysis to analyze baseball records and make determinations about player performance), as he thinks

throw strikes!"





there are too many numbers involved. "All the pitcher needs to think about is getting the batter out."

Most recently, Ace was a pitching coach for the Bourne Braves. He joined the team in 2019, soon after retiring from coaching professional baseball after 20+ years. He was inducted into the CCBL Hall of Fame in 2018.

# DARIN ERSTAD

Falmouth Commodores 1993 & 1994 Seasons, MVP – 1994 Cape Cod Baseball Hall of Fame 2001 #1 MLB Overall Draft Pick in 1995 – Los Angeles Angels

Darin Erstad played for the Falmouth Commodores in 1993 and 1994. He is frequently referred to as the best overall player ever to play in

the Cape Cod Baseball
League. He is a native of
Jamestown, North Dakota,
growing up in a small town
whose high school did not
have a baseball program
but he played for the local
American Legion team.
Darin was a superb multisport athlete, competing at
the highest level in football,
hockey, and track and field.
He was named North Dakota

Darin Erstad, when asked about transitioning from metal to wood bats in the CCBL: "My dad told me to swing like you're going to break the bat."

Athlete of the year in 1992. As a high school athlete in a small town in North Dakota, where not a lot of college baseball scouts were looking for players, he was not heavily recruited. His Legion coach sent a video tape to the University of Nebraska, where following a school visit, he was offered a partial scholarship. During his college years, Darin played for the Commodores for 2 seasons – 1993 and 1994. He was the Number 1 overall draft pick in the

1995 MLB draft, selected by the Los Angeles Angels.

Coming from a small town in North Dakota and having only traveled to Lincoln Nebraska where he went to college, Darin remembers being "scared to death" about going to Cape Cod to play summer baseball. As a player, he was not familiar with the Cape Cod Baseball League but his coach at Nebraska brought him up to speed, as advising him that this is a place where you want to play summer ball. Darin saw this as a huge opportunity in his development as a player but also as







a maturing young man.

He remembers how gracious everyone on the team was, including his host mom, whom he loved; coaches; volunteers; etc. He specifically remembers having stuffed quahogs at the Lobster Trap Restaurant. At that time, most, if not all, players held down a job during the day. His job was to process all the laundry, which included everyone's uniforms for the next days' game. One day, when in the summer of 1994 he did not have a game, he took to pushing the lawn mower and was determined to cut the grass on the field so that it had a checkerboard

look. After spending much of the day doing so, he realized that he needed to cut the grass at different levels to develop that pattern, which did not occur. In the summer of 1993 he was named Employee of the Month at the local Bradlees Department store where he worked as a clerk.

In terms of playing for the Commodores and the Cape Cod Baseball League, he realized he was playing against some of the best college players in the county, every day! He played mostly in the outfield and batted and hit lefty. He did not have a big problem transitioning from a metal bat to a to a wooden one as his dad told him to "just swing like you're going to break the bat." He liked that the opportunity allowed him to grow personally and professionally, because "no one was holding your hand."

While playing for the Commodores, Darrin batted .302 in 1993 and .340 in 1994 and was voted the MVP 1994. He started his second year on the team but left the team early that year for the start of the Nebraska football season where he was a punt kicker. He was drafted by the Los Angeles Angles



as the Number 1 pick overall in 1995. Darin played for the Angels from 1996-2006, and played on the 1998 and 2002 All-Star teams for the American League. He noted that he was playing alongside the likes of Pedro Martinez and Ken

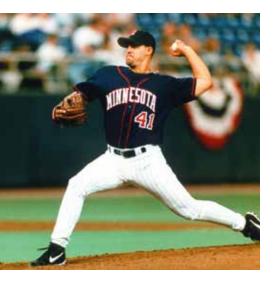
Griffy Jr, among other notable players. He helped lead the LA Angels to the 2002 World Series Championship. During his time as a professional, he also was awarded 3 Golden Glove awards and received the Silver Slugger Award in 2000. Darin subsequently played for the White Sox and the Astros before retiring in 2009.





# ERIC MILTON

Falmouth Commodores 1995 & 1996 ERA on Cape in 1996: 0.21 Threw No Hitter in 1996 vs Orleans First Round Pick MLB (#20) in 1996 – New York Yankees Cape Cod Baseball League Hall of Fame 2004



Eric is from and grew up in State College, PA. He was recruited to and attended the University of Maryland. Maryland at the time was a member of the Atlantic Coast Conference which had excellent teams as competition. These included

Florida State, North Carolina State, Clemson and Georgia Tech, to name a few. Eric recalls that pitching in high school as compared with college was a wake-up call, as he was going against some of the best hitters in college baseball, including Nomar Garciaparra and Jay Payton

hitter" against Orleans. That year, he held batters to a .105 batting average. His

favorite pitch was a hard inside fastball on the edge. When asked about how it was to throw against hitters in the Cape League, using wooden bats as opposed to the usual metal bats used in college, he said, "I broke a lot of bats." He recalled the summer of 1995 was one of the best in his life. He loved the scenery on Cape Cod, especially the beaches, having grown up in a small town in western Pennsylvania.

Eric was selected in the first round of the MLB draft in 1996 by the New York Yankees. He spent one year in the Yankees minor league system before being traded to the Minnesota Twins in 1998. His first major league appearance was in April of 1998, when he pitched six scoreless innings. In 1999, he struck out 13 batters and pitched a no-hitter against the Anaheim Angels. During that game, a former Commodore was sitting out for the Angels. It was Darin Erstad who was happy he was on the sidelines.

In 2001, Eric had a superior season, pitching a career high of 220 innings with a 4.32 ERA and a 15-7 win-loss record. In 2002, he finished the season at 13-9, but was hampered by an injury that significantly limited his 2003 availability. Eric was elected to the American League All-Star Team in 2001. He subsequently spent his following years with Philadelphia, Cincinnati, and Los Angeles. In 2004, while with the Phillies, he pitched a no-hitter into the ninth inning but lost it before

finishing the game. Eric retired from major league baseball in 2009 following back surgery.

After a successful major league baseball career, Eric became an assistant and then interim head coach at the University of Maryland, his alma mater. He then

went on to coach the Sevena Park High School team, where his son played, and is still coaching at that school.

Eric was inducted into the Cape Cod Baseball League Hall of Fame in 2004.

# Eric Milton, pitching against players using wooden bats versus the metal ones used in college: "I broke a lot of bats!"

from Georgia Tech.

Eric played for the Commodores in 1995 and 1996. He was a hard-throwing, left-handed pitcher who liked to throw inside. He is best known on the Cape for his 1996 season where he had an ERA of 0.21 and threw a "no



# MATTANTONELLI

Falmouth Commodores 2004 & 2005 Cape Cod League All-Star 2004 & 2005 First Round Pick MLB (#17) in 2006 -San Diego Padres

Matt Antonelli grew up in Peabody, MA, a local guy. Growing up in New England certainly has its challenges compared with playing year-round in other parts of the country. Matt was an outstanding athlete in high school at St John's Preparatory School, earning Massachusetts Player of the Year in football, selected to the All-State team in hockey, and was a runner-up for baseball his senior year. He was drafted in high school by the LA Dodgers but decided to go south to play college baseball at Wake Forest University. While there, he excelled at the plate and in the field.

Matt played third base for the Commodores in 2004 and

.304 with 21 home runs and 25 stolen bases for the Padres minor league team. In 2008, he played triple A ball but was called up in September. During



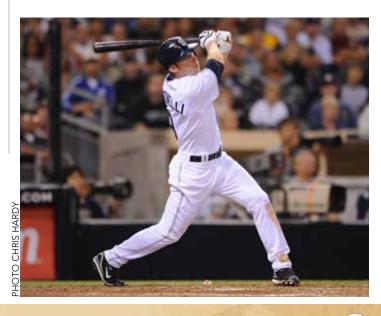
his first at bat in the majors, he hit a single off pitcher Greg Maddux of the LA Dodgers. Subsequently, Matt sustained a serious wrist injury, which kept him from playing the 2010 season. This injury persisted as a chronic issue for the remainder of his career. Matt also was signed by and played for the Washington Nationals, Baltimore Orioles, New York Yankees, and Cleveland Indians organizations. His wrist injury ultimately forced him to retire in 2013.

# "There is a need for a hitter to transition from metal to wooden bats."

2005 and was named to the Cape League All Star team both years. He really enjoyed playing and has very high respect for the team's then and current Manager, Jeff Trundy. He had a great relationship with his host family and made many friends on the team. He remembers facing off against some amazing pitchers, such as the Harwich Mariners Tim Lincecum, and felt there definitely was a need to be able to transition hitting with wooden bats. During his first season on the Cape, he felt he experienced both success and failure (three errors his first game of the season at a new position) but learned quickly to maintain his confidence and conquer any challenges. During his summer on the Cape, Matt taught at the Commodores baseball clinic and bagged groceries at a local store. He has fond memories of traveling on the yellow school buses to away games.

Matt was drafted in 2006 as a third baseman by the San Diego Padres in the first round as the 19th pick. He was not considered a power hitter but had a batting average of Following his professional baseball career, Matt became a highly respected college coach. In 2015, he started a very successful YouTube program entitled, "Road To The Show", which has more than

220,000 subscribers on YouTube and 110,000 followers on Instagram.



# MITCH CANHAM

Falmouth Commodores 2006 Cape Cod Baseball League All-Star 2006 First Round (Supplemental) Pick MLB (#57) in 2007 – San Diego Padres

Mitch Canham is originally from Washington State and attended Oregon State University (OSU). He was a multisport athlete playing baseball and was a formidable wrestler. He is a former Commodore who played in Falmouth in 2006. Mitch was on the Cape when it was routine for players to also hold a daytime job and was "roofing" houses. He was named to the Cape Cod League Allstar team in 2006.



Mitch played on the OSU 2006 and 2007 NCAA Championship teams. He was drafted in the first round (supplemental) of the 2007 MLB draft. Mitch played the

position of catcher at various levels in the minor leagues for different franchises until turning to coaching in 2016. He was manager for a few minor league teams before returning to his alma mater at OSU, where he became head coach in 2019. Mitch coached the Beavers to NCAA Regional and Super Regionals in 2021 and 2022, respectively, and heads one of the best university teams in the country.

"The high level of competition in the CCBL pushes players to work harder."

#### From a college

coach's perspective, Mitch feels the Cape Cod Baseball League provides the highest level of competition. It is pure baseball, with games played almost every day. It can humble even the best of players with the 40+ games in the summer, and the level of competition can sometimes shake the confidence of some players. He feels the routine high level of competition pushes players to work harder, which ultimately can result in a boost to one's confidence and builds character and success. He feels that baseball skills on the field, along with pursing a strong academic background, allow him to talk with players about long-term careers in and out of baseball.

### CAPE COD BASEBALL LEAGUE FROM AN MLB SCOUTING PERSPECTIVE

# MATT HYDE

## Regional Scout – NY Yankees Previous Affiliations: Chatham As, Orleans Cardinals, Falmouth Commodores, Brewster Whitecaps

It is widely recognized that the MLB scout who is most knowledgeable about the Cape Cod Baseball League (CCBL) is Matt Hyde of the NY Yankees. This can be attributed to his ties in Chatham; but Matt, who grew up in New England, attended and played baseball at the University of Michigan under coach and former Commodore. Ace Adams. In his younger years, Matt was a bat boy for the Chatham A's, and later was the bullpen catcher for the Orleans Cardinals for four years. His entire amateur and professional careers have involved baseball. Matt served as assistant coach at Michigan, Boston College, and Harvard. He also was an assistant coach for a number of CCBL teams. His extensive experience and knowledge of the game drew the attention of the Director of Scouting at the NY Yankees. Not surprisingly, Matt was recruited for the position of Northeast Area Scout in 2005. He recalls that he found scouting significantly different from coaching. Whereas as a scout you are simply evaluating a player based on his tools, his baseball skills, and his makeup; in college coaching you are recruiting to fill a certain spot. As a coach, you might be more in tune with a player's fundamentals, more in tune with traits that you need to fix once he gets to your team, rather than solely recognizing what a player can do talentwise. On scouting, Matt commented, "A good scout is a great communicator, an optimist, open to learning, and willing to be reliable and available to get out on the trail and evaluate players." The feel for players, part of the "total makeup," comes with experience. Matt is noted for having extensively scouted Aaron Judge, who played in the CCBL, and first saw him play at Falmouth for Brewster. When Judge took batting practice, which was Matt's first look at him at Guv Fuller Field, he was lining home runs into left field, across the street and into the pond. This was a feat Matt had not witnessed since George Foster accomplished this in an exhibition game at Falmouth in the early 1990s. More recently, Matt was headlined in a March 2023 New York Post article for scouting and supporting Yankees shortstop, Anthony Volpe, who broke into the majors this year. In the 2022 MLB, draft 11 of 20 draft picks by the Yankees were from the CCBL.

Matt's view of the CCBL reveals the uniqueness of this summer league, which brings together so many of the best amateur college players. The players have a game almost every

afternoon or evening, and they face the best in the country. Assessing players in the CCBL levels the playing field, as you have the opportunity to watch a player from a major baseball school (eg, Texas A&M), as well as one from a school that may not have such a prominent baseball reputation (eg, Yale). Everyone is viewed as equal. Matt also pointed out that players sometimes do not do well on the Cape despite a stellar spring

"The key to playing on the Cape is learning, and to learn and rebound from your failures."

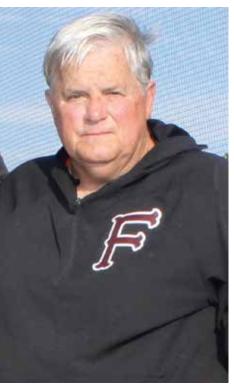
college baseball season. An example is Adley Rutschman, who was a catcher for the Commodores and had an average season while playing on the Cape. Rutschman became the number-one overall draft pick in 2019, and is having a tremendous season as the starting catcher with the Baltimore Orioles. not to mention a likely All-Star. Matt explained that the key to playing on the Cape is learning, and to learn and rebound from your failures. This is the critical assessment used before drafting a player. Can a player learn and rebound? He feels that scouting is a combination of

the analytics, which recently have become very popular, but equally important is the total make-up of the player.

As Clint Eastwood, who portrayed an old-school baseball scout in the movie "Trouble with the Curve" stated, "A computer can't tell if a player has instincts." While not nearly as old or as crusty as Eastwood was in the movie, Matt's superior scouting skills have significantly benefited the Yankees organization. His extensive assessments of players on the Cape have helped make that happen.



# JEFF TRUNDY



Assistant Manager Cotuit Kettleers 1995-1996

Assistant Manager Falmouth Commodores 1997-1998

Manager Falmouth Commodores 1999-present 500 Wins – 2021

A true baseball lifer, Jeff Trundy has baseball running through his veins. Originally from Maine, Jeff played baseball at the University of New Hampshire, and

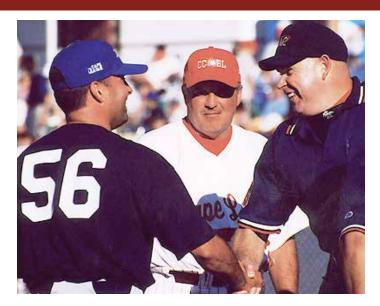
his coaching in the Cape Cod Baseball League (CCBL) is legendary. In 2013, he was inducted into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame. Following a brief period of college coaching and MLB scouting, he started his career in the CCBL in 1995 as assistant manager of the Cotuit Kettleers thru 1996. In 1997 he became assistant manager of the Falmouth Commodores moving up to Manager in 1999 to present day. Jeff achieved his 500th CCBL win in 2021. He is one of the most respected coaches in CCBL history according to his former players and fans. His "real" job is teaching science, and he is head coach at the Frederick Gunn School

### Jeff Trundy Head Coach/Field Manager

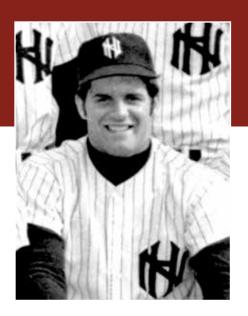
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in Connecticut. For all his success and respect, he has earned, he is an extremely humble person. His involvement in the team is that "it is all about the kids". His efforts as a coach are to let these young players develop and mature at their own pace. He feels that all of the players recruited to play in the CCBL have talent, and it is not his role to change the manner in which they have been able to achieve their success. He is frequently quoted as saying how "blessed" he is by all the friendships he has made and to be involved in such a great organization as the Commodores. Jeff is entering his 25th year with the Commodores.





"A long time ago I came to the realization that this league is about the people and the opportunities that are provided for player's chasing their professional dreams."

# BILL SNOW

#### #1 Commodore Fan

Bill is a lover of baseball and has been designated the #1 Fan of the Falmouth Commodores. Bill can reliably be found in the upper left-hand section of the bleachers along the first base side. He has been attending games (very rarely missing one) for 23 years. He has retained the statistics sheets that are handed out at the entrance of every game since his first attendance.



Bill is originally from Concord, MA and attended Tufts University, majoring in Russian. He then received a masters degree in counseling at Boston University. He served as a counselor at the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School for 37 years before retiring in 2009. He has had a home in North Falmouth since 1988 and started attending Commodore games in 2000. His biggest life regret is that he lived on the Cape for 12 years

without attending a Cape Cod Baseball League game. He is still dismayed having missed 12 years of the best amateur baseball in the country.

Bill is easily recognizable with his "snowy" white beard and jovial demeanor. His son Taylor, a major Commodore fan as well and served as the team's videography intern in 2012. He grew up in the Commodore baseball clinic system and served as an intern when older. He is now a successful media person with the Boston Celtics, serving as the team's senior writer on Celtics.com.

His most memorable experience at a Commodore game was in 2007. After the final out was made in the final playoff game Bill and his son Taylor were hanging around the field as fans and players were saying their good-byes for the year. Being the only ones left at the field they were offered the

opportunity to shut off the big overhead lights for a final time of the season. That

experience is still vivid in his mind.

If you ask Bill anything about the Commodores, he has a detailed answer ready to go. His trivia question was whether people knew that Arnie Allen (a former Commodores batboy, equipment manager and clubhouse



# Most Nostalgic Moment "Turning off field lights with my son at last playoff game in 2007"

manager for 46 years) who the baseball diamond at Guv Fuller Field is name after and passed away in 2003 was buried in his Commodore uniform?

Fans like Bill are highly cherished and represent the best of the Commodore spirit.





Red Flaherty, Falmouth, 1936 American Legue Umpire

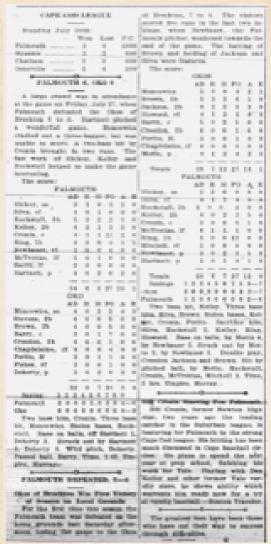


Pie Traynor, 1919

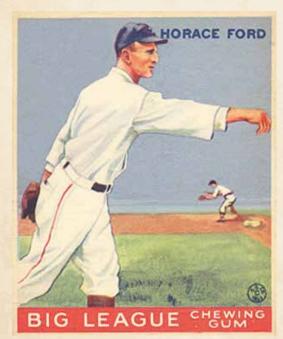








Falmouth Enterprise 8/4/23



Horace Ford



Cottage Club - Team, undated

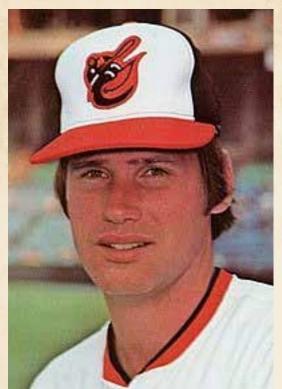


Falmouth Heights Game - Hilltop



1975 Falmouth Commodores





CCBL Hall of Famer Paul Mitchell



Joe Mulligan, 1936



Cottage Club – Team, undated



Cottage Club – Team, undated



Cottage Club – Team, undated

# FALMOUTH SEASON BY SEASON 1923-39; 1946-62

BY MIKE RICHARD HISTORIAN, CAPE COD BASEBALL LEAGUE

EARLY CAPE COD LEAGUE HISTORY (1923-39)							
Year	Manager	W	L	Finish	Playoffs		
1923	Byron Parker, Frank Silva	9	3	1st	Lost to Hyannis, 1-0		
1924	L.P. Jones, Harry Albro	9	15	3rd	Lost to Osterville, 2-0		
1925	Arthur "Dutch" Ayers	10	10	2nd	No Playoffs		
1926	Chippie Gaw	22	19	3rd	No Playoffs		
1927	Curly Oden	20	17	3rd	No Playoffs		
1928	Curly Oden	21	23	4th	No Playoffs		
1929	Lynn Wells	25	19	1st	Wins championship by finishing first		
1930	Lynn Wells	25	19	4th	No Playoffs		
1931	Jack Walsh	34	16	1st	Wins championship by finishing first		
1932	Jack Walsh	23	11	1st	Wins championship by finishing first		
1933	Jack Walsh	31	19	1st/3rd	Lost to Harwich, 3-0		
1934	Jack Walsh	25	23	2nd	No Playoffs		
1935	Jack Walsh	30	9	1st/1st	Won both halves, clinched championship		
1936	Jack Walsh	24	24	2nd/2nd	No Playoffs		
1937	Bill Boehuer	23	23	4th	No Playoffs		
1938	Bill Boehuer	32	22	1st	Wins championship by finishing first		
1939	Charles "Buzz" Harvey	33	20	1st/1st	Won both halves, clinched championship		
Totals	-	402	292		· · ·		

POST WORLD WAR 2 YEARS CAPE COD LEAGUE HISTORY (1946-62)							
Year	Manager	W	L	Т	Finish	Playoffs	
1946	Jack Walsh	10	2	0	1st/1st	Won finals over Harwich, 2-1	
1947	Ralph Richardson	12	11	0	4th/2nd	No Playoffs	
1948	John DeMello	24	4	0	1st/2nd	Lost in Division finals to Mashpee, 2-0	
1949	Willard Boyden	24	11	0	1st/4th	Lost in finals to Orleans, 3-1	
1950	Willard Boyden	20	12	0	3rd/3rd	No Playoffs	
1951*	Willard Boyden	14	22	0	3rd/7th	No Playoffs	
1952*	Willard Boyden	8	24	0	6th/6th	No Playoffs	
1953*	Jack Cavanaugh	13	22	0	6th/5th	No Playoffs	
1954	Jack Cavanaugh	12	18	0	3rd/4th	No Playoffs	
1955	Jack Cavanaugh	14	25	0	6th/5th	No Playoffs	
1956	Tony Cunah	8	24	0	6th	No Playoffs	
1957	Joe Allietta	9	21	0	6th	No Playoffs	
1958	Tony Cunah	8	16	0	5th/4th	No Playoffs	
1959	Tony Cunah	13	19	0	4th/6th	No Playoffs	
1960	Tony Cunah	22	6	0	1st	Lost in Division semifinals to Sagamore, 2-0	
1961	Tony Cunah	18	12	0	3rd	No Playoffs	
1962	Tony Cunah	11	19	0	5th/4th	No Playoffs	
Totals		240	268	0			

<sup>\*</sup>known as the Falmouth All-Stars

# **CAPE LEAGUE MISCELLANY**

- Cape MLB no-hitter: Falmouth Commodore Eric Milton of Minnesota Twins is the only pitcher to throw a Cape League no-hitter (July 5, 1996, Falmouth 2 Orleans 0 and a Major League baseball no-hitter (Sep. 11, 1999, Minnesota 7 Anaheim 0).
- Tie Game Longest, 17 innings: June 14, 1992: Orleans 3 Falmouth 3

  Orleans and Falmouth played to a 17-inning tie at Eldredge Field. Third baseman David Madsen homered leading off the last of the seventh to give Brewster a 3-2 lead before Falmouth tied the game in the top of the eighth. Mark Loretta singled, moved to second on a ground out, went to third on a passed ball and scored on a wild pitch. Madsen moved to the mound in the 14th where he pitched the next four innings allowing only one hit. For the game, Falmouth used four pitchers, while Orleans employed five pitchers.

FALM	OUTH NO-HITTERS
Date	Pitcher

Date	Pitcher	Team	Opponent	Score
August 28, 1915	Walt Whitaker	Falmouth	Oak Bluffs	6-0
July 4, 1917	Charles Zeigler	Falmouth	Romar A.A. of Dorchester	5-0
June 6, 1946	Roche Pires	Falmouth	Sandwich	5-1
June 13, 1947	Roche Pires	Falmouth	Bourne	15-0
May 18, 1948	Ed Peterson	Falmouth	Sandwich	5-0
June 5, 1950	Roche Pires (15Ks)	Falmouth AS	Mass Maritime	7-0
June 30, 1952	Jack McCarthy	Falmouth AS	Falmouth Falcons	2-1
August 10, 1964	Bud Knittel (13Ks)	Falmouth	Wareham	1-0
June 22, 1965	Carl Boteze	Falmouth	Wareham	19-0
July 26, 1966	Len Sheflott	Falmouth	Sagamore	3-0
August 16, 1966	Noel Kinski, Gordy Engstrom	Falmouth	Wareham	16-0
August 10, 1967	John Heffron	Falmouth	Wareham	4-0
August 15, 1967	Ron Drews	Falmouth	Bourne	6-0
July 21, 1971	Russ Peach	Falmouth	Yarmouth	3-0
August 12, 1971	Jim Jachym	Falmouth	Cotuit	3-0
July 5, 1996	Eric Milton	Falmouth	Orleans	2-0

## **Combined No-Hitter**

DatePitchersTeamOpponentScoreAug. 4, 2006Kris Dobrowlecki,FalmouthBourne5-0

Sean Morgan, Brandon Copp, Sam Demel

# FUTURE MAJOR LEAGUERS FROM FALMOUTH (Listed by the year they played for Falmouth)

<b>1919</b> Harold "Pie" Traynor <b>1989</b> Sa	am Militello, Jon Shave	2006	Scott Carroll, Sam Demel, Ross
1925 Danny "Deacon" MacFayden 1926 Haskell Billings 1927 Haskell Billings 1928 Haskell Billings 1932 Wilfred "Lefty" Lefebvre 1968 Pat Bourque 1969 Paul Mitchell 1970 Bob Allietta, Paul Mitchell 1971 Paul Mitchell 1972 Billy Almon, Mike Flanagan 1973 Billy Almon 1974 Marvis Foley, Rich Gale 1975 Larry Sorenson, John Tudor 1976 Steve Balboni 1977 Bill Doran, Steve Fireovid, Tom Grant 1978 Tony Fossas 1979 Steve Lombardozzi 1980 Sid Bream, Steve Lombardozzi, Jim Paciorek 1983 Scott Ruskin 1984 Carlos Dias, Jeff Fischer, Mike Huff, Doug Strange, Ed Whited 1985 Scott Lusader, Steve Rosenberg, Kevin Tapani 1986 Dave Eiland, Rich Lewis, Evers Magallanes, Tino Martinez, George Tsamis 1987 John Briscoe, Mike Maksudian, George Tsamis, Steve "Turk"	larin Erstad larin Erstad larin Erstad, Cliff Brumbaugh, like Kinkade, cott Winchester elly Dransfeldt, Cory Lee, ric Milton, Kris Wilson elly Dransfeldt, Adam Kennedy, ory Lee, Eric Milton, Todd Sears, cott Strickland, Kris Wilson avier Lopez, Scott Sobkowiak, eff Weaver ohn Nelson, Cory Vance hil Barzilla, Khalil Greene, Luke cott teven Jackson, Val Majewski, at Misch lavid Aardsma, Steven Jackson, at Misch randon Gomes, Jensen Lewis latt Antonelli, Brian Bogusevic, acoby Ellsbury, randon Gomes, Mark Hamilton, hris Leroux, Jensen Lewis, liff Pennington latt Antonelli, Brian Bocock, am Demel, Brandon Gomes,	2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2016 2017 2018	Detwiler, Brandon Gomes, Eddie Kunz, Cory Luebke, Joe Patterson, Brett Wallace David Adams, Preston Claiborne, Aaron Crow, Christian Friedrich, Kyle Gibson, Connor Gillaspie, Matt Hague, David Phelps, Kyle Weiland, Alex Wilson Chad Bettis, Rex Brothers, Preston Claiborne, Nathan Karns, Aaron Loup, A. J. Pollock, Darin Ruf, Nick Tepesch, Alex Wilson Todd Cunningham, Matt Skole, Nick Tepesch Nick Maronde, Nick Martini, Matt Purke, Matt Skole, Matthew Stites, Andrew Susac Tyler Duffey, Andrew Heaney, Spence Kieboom, Nick Martinez Luke Farrell, Marco Gonzales, Troy Scribner Kevin Cron, Brandon Finnegan, Rhys Hoskins, Richie Martin, John Means, Kevin Newman Steven Duggar, Matt Hall, Kevin Newman, Alex Young Tyler Holton, Bryce Johnson, Trevor Larmach, Corbin Marton, JJ Matijevic, Brady Singer Alec Bohm, Adley Rutschman
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# WHO WAS

# ARNIE ALLEN?

By Zane Moses, photo by Jason Denicola

Many Falmouth Commodore jerseys have been worn throughout the years, but only one deserved retirement. No Commodore player will ever wear the number 30 again, as that number belonged, and always will belong, to Arnie Allen.

Arnie Allen started his long career with the Commodores at age seven as a bat boy for the

team. Since then Allen served as either bat boy or the team's equipment manager for a total of 46 seasons, never missing a game along the way.

Sadly, in October of 2003, Allen passed away due esophageal cancer. His legacy was immortalized through the retirement of the number 30 jersey as well as naming the field his beloved Commodores play on: Arnie Allen Diamond.

Arnie was more than just an equipment manager and he was more than just a fan, his whole life was baseball. Al Irish, who was present alongside Allen when the team moved to Guv Fuller field in 1964, noted that it was clear how much baseball meant to Arnie. Irish is also alongside Allen as the only two Commodores to receive the lifetime achievement award from the Cape Cod Baseball League.

"Everything was baseball to him," Irish said.

Irish fondly remembers Allen spending his games chasing down the kids who ran after foul balls, offering them a quarter to give the balls back to the field when the team did not have much money and each ball was important. Allen also would bring a bucket of bazooka bubble gum for the players to most of the games. Irish said that Allen took care of everything, and everyone around the field.

"Everyone liked him," Irish said, "All of the players, the coaches, everyone."

Jeff Trundy respected and admired Allen for five years as manager of the Commodores. Now, twelve years later that respect and admiration clearly remains.

"It is easy to describe Arnie because the adjectives just flow, he is the most loyal and amazing fan we have ever had and we have had a lot of fans," Trundy said.

Allen lived and died with every pitch, according to Trundy, who then joked that Allen knew what was going on in the game more than most of the coaches did. But what was clear is that Allen created a long lasting impact on everyone he met, and that he still lives with the Commodores.

"He is one of those people you know you are going to have the opportunity to know once in your life," Trundy said.

Arnie's impact on the baseball community



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## ARNIE ALLEN, EQUIPMENT MGR.

Arnie has volunteered his services to the Commodores for many, many years. His love of baseball is exhibited in the way he enthusiasrtically encourages and helps kids just getting started in the game as well as the many college players he has seen as Commodores each season. When he is not with the Commodores Arnie is a landscape gardener.

spanned well past Guv Fuller field. When Darin Erstad, former Major League Baseball player and Commodore learned of Allen's

passing, he Arnie and the team bats and balls signed by the whole 2002 World Series winning Anaheim Angels team, according to Chuck Sturtevant, the former general manager of the Commodores. The memorabilia was buried alongside Allen.

Peter Gammons, a prolific baseball reporter for ESPN, said Arnie was probably the most known figure in the Cape Cod Baseball League by Major League players across the country. Everyone across the league got to know and love Allen through traveling to Guv Fuller field, and many of those players went to play in the big leagues, Sturtevant said.

"He meant a lot to the organization and he meant a lot to me," Sturtevant said.

With each passing year new people join Commodore family, unfortunately unaware



of the impact that Arnie Allen had on the team, but his memory will live on forever in the field named in his honor, and the jersey retired in his honor.

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# THE SUPPORT STAFF

# Arnie Allen, Equipment Manager

Arnie Allen has been with the Commodores for over 25 years. Starting as a batboy and now serving as equipment manager, Arnie is probably the team's biggest fan. Who can miss Arnie's words of encouragement from the dugout and what young kid will forget that Arnie gave him or her a quarter when a foul ball was returned. Arnie was the recipient of an award from

the Massachusetts Secondary School Baseball Coaches' Association this year for his contribution to baseball and we are honoring Amie on Home Opening Night on June 10 and calling it Arnie Allen/Youth Baseball Celebration Night. Thank you Amie.

# PROGRAM BOOKS THROUGH THE YEARS





## VETERAN VOLUNTEERS

These veteran families have been involved for at least 10 years with the Commodores holding various positions over the years.

#### STEVE AND DEB BROCKELBANK

Since 2000 Athletic Trainer, Host Family Volunteers Committees, Board of Directors Assistant GM

#### BOB & DONNA CURTIS

Since 2007 Host Family, Volunteers, Committees Field Renovation Board of Directors, President

#### GARY & JANE RABESA

Since 1999 Host Family, Volunteer, Committees, Board of Directors

#### KEVIN & NANCY FITZGERALD

Since 2008 Host Family, Volunteer, Committees Board of Directors









## VETERAN VOLUNTEERS

#### SEAN GALLAGHER, DC

Since 2013 Team Chiropractor Volunteer, Committees Board of Directors

#### KAREN WHITE MILLER & JOE MILLER

Since 2008 Host Family, Volunteers, Committees Board of Directors

#### MARK & CAMILLE KASPRZYK

Since 2007 Volunteer, Host Family, Committees. Field Renovation Board of Directors, Past President

#### ANDERSON, DAVID & CATHY UHL

Since 2013 Host Family, Committees, Volunteers Board of Directors









## VETERAN VOLUNTEERS

## DONALD O'MALLEY & KAREN TRAIT O'MALLEY

Since 2000

Team Physician, Committees, Volunteers Board of Directors

#### AMY, LISA & ERIC ZMUDA

Since 2010

Host Family, Volunteer, Committees Assistant and General Manager Board of Directors

#### DAVE & KATHY JOHNSON

Since 2012

Host Family, Volunteer, Committees Field Renovation Board of Directors









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#### MEGHAN MURPHY



Meghan Murphy is a versatile content creator, based in New England.
Originally from Amherst,
NH Meghan holds a B.A. in English/Journalism from the University of New Hampshire (2020). She currently lives on Cape Cod with her family, where she works full-time as a Digital Coordinator/
Content Creator for House-17,

and volunteers as the Photography Coordinator for the Falmouth Commodores of the Cape Cod Baseball League. Meghan's portfolio and past experiences include the finish line of the 157th Boston Marathon, assisting on the 2022 WNBA Draft and 2021 Knicks Media Day.

#### JOE CAVENAUGH

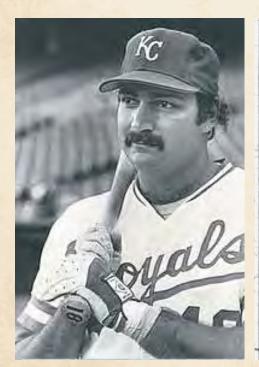


Joe is a huge fan of the Cape Cod Baseball League. He has been photographing the CCBL since 2007. He loves volunteering for the League, and the Falmouth Commodores. He so admires all of the volunteers who make the League happen every summer, and he is proud to contribute to the effort.



Falmouth Heights Game – 1923

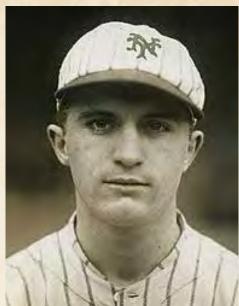




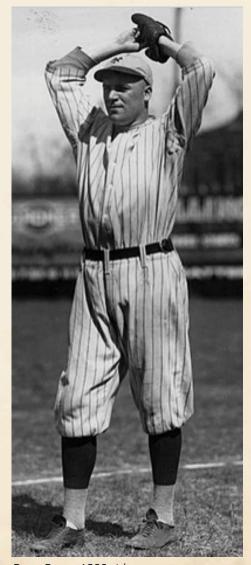
Steve Balboni ,1976

The Keith cottage, Grand avenue, is occupied by Mr. Hirsch and family of Montclair, N. J.

The baseball season opened on the 4th, but the game was called at the end of the fourth inning on account of rain, when the score was 2 to 0 in favor of Falmouth. The opponents were the Knights of Columbus team of New Bedford. A large crowd was present to witness the opening game game and it was a great disappointment to all when s heavy shower brought to a sudden close what promised to be a very interesting game. The players on the Falmouth team were: Neubauer, pitcher; Cronin, catcher, Londoner, first base; Mitchell, second base; Hickey, third base; Ruckstall, shortstop; O'Brien, left field; Silva, center field; McTrothas, right field; Parker, manager. The game scheduled for Friday was postponed because of rain.



Waddy MacPhee, 1929



Rosy Ryan, 1938 title team

## **SCENES 2001 CCBL ALL-STAR GAME**

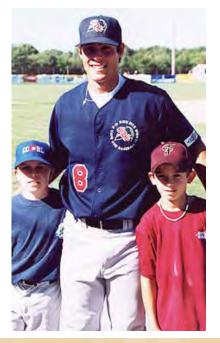












Top left: Peter Gammons signs baseballs for bat kids Amy Whited and Adam Rabesa; Top right: East Division All-Star manager Billy Jones and West Division coach Jeff Trundy greet the home plate umpire before the game; Peter Gammons and John Schiffner with Y-D coach Scott Pickler; Above: East Division All-Star coach John Schiffner (Chatham A's) with ESPN's Peter Gammons; Bottom left: West Division starting catcher Tyler Parker (Wareham Gatemen) signs autographs; Bottom right: All-Star bat boys TJ LaBonte (Brewster Whitecaps) and Adam Rabesa (Falmouth Commodores) with two-time All-Star Home Run King Jason Cooper.



## YOUR 2023 FALMOUTH COMMODORES

MICHAEL BARNETT	6′4	220	Lafayette, CA	California Los Angeles (U of)
TRAVIS BAZZANA	6′0	197	Sydney, Australia	Oregon State
KEVIN BAZZELL	6′1	205	Rockwall, TX	Texas Tech
TUCKER BIVEN	6′1	210	New Albany, IN	Louisville (U of)
JAC CAGLIANONE	6′6	245	Tampa, FL	Florida (U of)
AJ CAUSEY	6′3	210	Harvest, AL	Jacksonville State
PARKER COIL	6′3	190	Jones, OK	Arkansas Fayetteville (U of)
CHARLIE CONDON	6′6	215	Marietta, GA	Georgia (U of)
KYLE DEBARGE	5′9	170	Lake Charles, LA	Louisiana Lafayette (U of)
DUCE GOURSON	6′1	200	San Diego, CA	California Los Angeles (U of)
LUKE HEYMAN	6′4	208	Longwood, FL	Florida (U of)
ROSS HIGHFILL	6′0	208	Madison, MS	Mississippi St U
NATHAN HUMPHREYS	6′2	205	Midlothian, TX	Dallas Baptist U
WALKER JANEK	6′0	205	Portland, TX	Sam Houston St U
ANTOINE JEAN	6′2	190	Montreal, Quebec	Alabama Tuscaloosa (U of)
GAVIN KILEN	6′0	185	Milton, WI	Louisville (U of)
JACE LAVIOLETTE	6′5	228	College Station, TX	Texas A&M
CHRISTIAN MARTIN	5′10	185	Amherst, VA	Virginia Tech
MASON MOLINA	6′2	215	Rancho Santa Margarita, CA	Texas Tech
MATT SCOTT	6′7	235	Redding, CT	Stanford U
COLBY SHELTON	6′0	195	Lexington, SC	South Carolina
JOHN SPIKERMAN	6′0	180	Montgomery, TX	Oklahoma (U of)
KASSIUS THOMAS	6′2	200	Northridge, CA	Duke
TAB TRACY	6′3	205	College Station, TX	Texas A&M
GAVIN TURLEY	6′1	190	Chandler, AZ	Oregon State
JACOB WALSH	6′4	220	Las Vegas, NV	Oregon (U of)

# BARNETT

### MICHAEL BARNETT UCLA

Michael is a 6'4" freshman out of the University of California Los Angeles. As a senior at College Park High school located in Lafayette, Barnett had a 1.28 ERA over 65 2/3 innings. He looks up to Golden State Warriors stars Draymond Green and Stephen Curry as inspiration. Michael has three younger siblings and his favorite thing to is hang out with friends and go to the beach. With a four pitch arsenal this ace is set to be a star in the CCBL this summer!



## TRAVIS BAZZANA OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY

From Sydney, Australia, Travis Bazzana is a second year infielder from Oregon State University. A graduate of Turramurra High School located in Turramurra South Australia and was a three sport athlete. Travis captained his cricket team to their first ever state championship. Travis also participated in the 18u Baseball World Cup for team Australia. Last season Travis hit .306 with 6 homers, impressively Travis made the All-Pac 12 first team. With 14 stolen bases in 2022, Travis will be a great addition to the Commodores roster this summer!



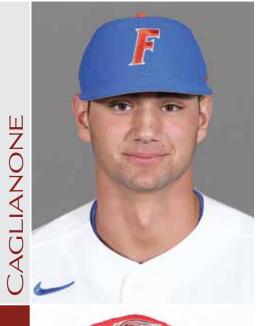
# KEVIN BAZZELL TEXAS TECH

A Rockwall, Texas native Kevin Bazzell is a 6'1" redshirt freshman from Texas Tech. As a transfer from Dallas Baptist, Kevin is entering his first year as a Red Raider. Hitting .438 in his senior year of high school out of Rockwall-Heath, Bazzell was the #11 national ranked catcher by Perfect Game. As the district 10-6A player of the year, Kevin looks to translate his skills behind the plate for the Falmouth Commodores this summer!

# ZUZ

## TUCKER BIVEN LOUISVILLE

Tucker Biven, the right handed slugger out of Louisville is a freshman out of New Albany, Indiana. In high school, Tucker was the #1 ranked shortstop in Indiana. Playing at New Albany high school, Biven was named to the 2022 Rawlings Gold Glove high school team. Tucker is also a threat on the mound, pitching for Louisville this year. Tucker is excited to start his Falmouth Commodores career this summer.



# JAC CAGLIANONE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Jac, a sophomore out of the University of Florida is a 6'5" two-way first baseman/pitcher. Prior to being a Gator he attended Plant High School where he was a four-year letter winner and earned himself a spot in the Perfect Game All-American Classic. As a freshman for the Gators he played in 28 games where he hit .288 with seven home runs and six doubles. He also drove in 27 RBIs at 104 at bats. Jac cannot wait to get to Falmouth to showcase his talent!

# AJ CAUSEY JACKSONVILLE STATE

AJ, a sophomore out of Jacksonville State is returning for his second year with the Commodores. He is a 6'3" right handed pitcher from Harvest Alabama. At Sparkman High School he was named to multiple Perfect Game All-Tournament teams and ranked amongst the top 500 players. Joining the Gamecocks he appeared in 25 games where he tallied 48.1 innings with a 2.61 ERA for the year with nine saves and 58 strikeouts. He also had four at bats with two hits and two RBIs. AJ is excited to be back with the Commodores this summer and build on his career.

# TIOS

#### PARKER COIL

#### UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

Parker is a freshman at the University of Arkansas as a 6'3" southpaw. Prior to becoming a Razorback he attended Edmond Memorial HS where he was ranked by Perfect Game as the No. 235 overall prospect and the No. 29 left-handed pitcher in the class of 2022. In Oklahoma he was ranked the No. 4 overall prospect and No. 2 LHP by Perfect Game. Parker looks forward to build on his Freshman year season in Falmouth this summer!



### CHARLIE CONDON GEORGIA

Charlie joins the Commodores as a 6'6" first baseman for the Georgia Bulldogs. He is a Redshirt Freshman at UGA batting from the right side and has power. Prior to attending UGA he went to The Walker School where he hit .432 his senior year. Was named the 2021 Hitter of the Region along with the First Team All-Region. He is looking forward to building on his career in Falmouth this summer!



#### KYLE DEBBARGE

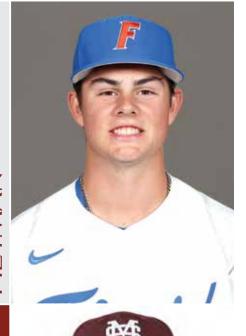
#### LOUISIANA

The Ragin' Cajun Kyle DeBarge just finished his sophomore year with Louisiana. DeBarge hit .293 last season with school and was a great glove in the infield. Kyle showed off his speed stealing 16 bases and leading the team in RBIs with 30. He made the Sun Belt All-Conference team in 2022 as a Cajun. Kyle looks to be a great addition to the Commodores this summer.



### DUCE GOURSON UCLA

Duce is a 6'1" sophomore out of UCLA where he plays the middle infield. He played in all 64 of UCLA's games as a true freshman, starting in all but one. In 231 at bats, he hit .294 with 48 runs, 68 hits with four home runs. Prior to being a Bruin he played at Point Loma HS. He was ranked the No. 18 shortstop in California and was a Preseason Underclass All-American in both 2018 and 2020. Duce looks forward to building on his career this summer in Falmouth.



# LUKE HEYMAN UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

This four-year letterwinner out of Lake Brantley High School is now a freshman at the University of Florida. This 6'4" catcher actually walked more times than he struck out during his high school years. Luke is ranked by Perfect Game as the No. 6 catcher nationally. Heyman will be

a great addition to the Commodores this summer as he is behind the plate this summer at the Guv.

# ROSS HIGHFILL MISSISSIPPI

This right-handed catcher out of Madison Central High School had a .400 batting average senior year with 45 RBIs. This Mississippi native is ranked by perfect game as the No.1 catcher out of Mississippi. Ross Highfill will undoubtedly be a fantastic addition to the Falmouth Commodores this summer.

GHFILL

# HUMPHREYS

# NATHAN HUMPHREYS DALLAS BAPTIST

Nathan Humphreys just completed his second year at Dallas Baptist. The Outfielder hit .351 with 15 2Bs and 14 HRs, while stealing 19 bases. Originally from Midlothian, Texas, Humphreys was named to the 2022 Missouri Valley Conference All Defense Team. Humphreys spent last summer playing for the Holly Springs Salamanders of the Coastal Plain League. He is looking forward to joining the Commodores.



ANEK

# WALKER JANEK SAM HOUSTON STATE

Portland, Texas native Walker Janek is a sophomore out of Sam Houston State. Last season Janek hit .308 with 7 homers for the Bearkats. In high school Janek was named as the 2021 district offensive player of the year for Gregory Portland High School. Walker is excited to show his slugging in the cape this summer for the Falmouth Commodores.



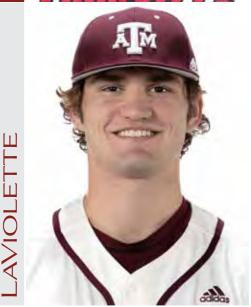
# ANTOINE JEAN UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

Antoine Jean, a 6-1 southpaw from the University of Alabama makes his third summer appearance in Falmouth. He hails from Montreal, Quebec where he developed into a great left-handed pitcher. He had one start during the 2022 summer with the Commodores and then left due to injury. He holds a career 3.51 ERA with 77.0 total innings pitched and 61 total strikeouts. Antoine looks forward to being back in Falmouth this summer improving on his tremendous career.

# ZEZ

# GAVIN KILEN UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE

Gavin Kilen is playing his freshman year at the University of Louisville. The Wisconsin native was selected in the 13th round of the 2022 MLB draft by the Boston Red Sox. In high school Gavin was named the best overall player in Wisconsin by Perfect Game. Gavin is shaping up to be a fan favorite at the Guv with his favorite team being the Red Sox and his favorite athlete being David Ortiz.



# JACE LAVIOLETTE TEXAS A&M

Jace LaViolette, Texas native, had quite the senior season at Tompkins High School. Hitting .591, driving in 53 runs, 11 homers and 12 triples. These stats earned him the All-Texas MVP award during his senior season along with an All-American first team outfield spot. The Texas A&M Aggie looks to make his mark in the Cape Cod Baseball League this summer.



# CHRISTIAN MARTIN VIRGINIA TECH

Christian Martin just finished his sophomore season with the Virginia Tech Hokies. Martin is a native of Amherst, VA. He is a 5′ 10″, 170 lb, middle infielder. In 46 at-bats during the 2022 season, Martin batted .261 with 12 hits, including five doubles and a home run, slugging .435. Christian looks to provide a steady and consistent piece to both the Commodores infield and lineup.

# WOLINA

## MASON MOLINA

#### **TEXAS TECH**

The 6'2" LHP Mason Molina is going into his sophomore year at Texas Tech. A California Native, Molina played ball at Trabuco Hills high school and won the All-League MVP. Last season for Texas Tech Mason had 71 strikeouts over 57.2 innings. He had the lowest opposing batting average of any pitch on the team last year with a .215 average. He also was named to the Big-12 All Freshman team in 2022. Mason looks to be a great addition to the Commodores roster this summer.



#### **MATT SCOTT**

#### STANFORD UNIVERSITY

The 6'7" freshman Matt Scott is playing his freshman year at Stanford University. In his senior year at Joel Barlow High School Matt had a 0.38 ERA with 156 strikeouts. Scott was the 2022 Gatorade player of the year and the 2022 Connecticut player of the year . The right handed ace looks to make his mark on the cape this summer for the Falmouth Commodores.



#### **COLBY SHELTON**

#### **ALABAMA**

Colby Shelton is a 6'0" Floridian playing his freshman season for the Alabama Crimson Tide. After his senior year of high school Colby was the No.2 ranked shortstop in Florida. Colby ranked No.83 on Perfect Game's top players list. On the week of March, 6th Shelton was named College Baseball Newspaper's National Player of the Week. The left-handed slugger looks to be a great addition to the Falmouth Commodores this season.

# SPIKERMAN

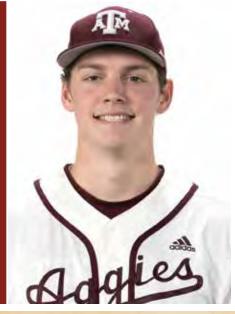
# JOHN SPIKERMAN UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

The 6'0" Texan, John Spikerman is playing into his second year at the University of Oklahoma. The switch hitting Spikerman hit .317 for the Sooners last season. The outfielder had a .94 fielding percentage for Oklahoma last year. He hit .517 in high school for Lake Creek High School and ranked a top 175 player in Texas. John is very excited to show off his talent in the cape this summer.



# KASSIUS THOMAS DUKE UNIVERSITY

California native Kassius Thomas is playing his freshman season at Duke University. Kassius played at Sierra Canyon High School. For the class of 2022, Kassius was the No.42 ranked prospect. On top of this he was the No.5 ranked prospect in California and the No.2 ranked RHP. Thomas is excited to start his CCBL career with the Falmouth Commodores.



## TAB TRACY TEXAS ΑδΙΜ

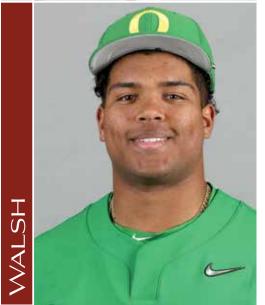
Tab Tracy is playing his sophomore year for the Texas A&M Aggies this year. In his freshman year, Tab went 4-4 in his first career start. Also, he stole 3 bases in a series against Memphis. The Texan hit .455 in his senior year of high school at Stratford. He also lettered 3 years for golf making the All-District team. The 6-3 outfielder is excited to make his debut with the Commodores this summer.

**LHOMAS** 



# GAVIN TURLEY OREGON STATE

Gavin Turley is a freshman outfielder at Oregon State University. Last year he was drafted in the 19th round by the Arizona Diamondbacks but he did not sign. In high school, he was selected for the Perfect Game 1st team. In his senior year, Gavin batted .317 with 15 home runs for Hamilton High School. The right handed Turley is excited to play for the Falmouth Commodores this year.



### JACOB WALSH OREGON

Jacob Walsh will be returning to the Falmouth Commodores for his second year. The freshman All-American hit .295 with 18 doubles and 6 home runs last season for the Ducks. Last year for the Dores', Walsh had 29 hits including 5 home runs. Jacob played great in the playoffs last yea, slashing .364 for Falmouth. Looking to have another great summer the Las Vegas native is excited to start his second season for the Falmouth Commodores.

# 2023 OPERATIONS, COACHING AND TRAINING STAFF



#### **CHRIS FITZGERALD**

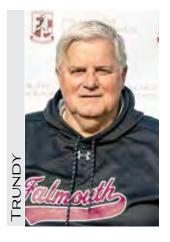
#### **GENERAL MANAGER**

Chris Fitzgerald is entering his 5th year as General Manager for the Falmouth Commodores. In his role, he oversees all the baseball operations functions of the franchise. In addition to his duties as GM, he is on the Commodores board of directors, a CCBL executive committee member, CCBL finance committee member and CCBL broadcast committee member. Fitzgerald joined the Commodores in 2018 as the Assistant GM. Prior to joining the Commodores, he was General Manager and assistant coach for American Legion Post 188, head coach for Sandwich High School JV baseball team and board member for Falmouth Youth Baseball. Chris is the Sales Manager for Cavossa Disposal based in Falmouth as well as a licensed Realtor with William Raveis in Osterville. Fitzgerald graduated from Falmouth High School and went on to attend The University of Arizona. He lives in Falmouth with his fiancée, Natalie, son, George, and their retriever, Charlie.



#### JOHN EMERY Assistant General Manager

John Emery is entering his first season in the role of assistant GM with the Falmouth Commodores. An avid fan of the game of baseball and The Cape League, John is looking forward to learning baseball operations and expanding his involvement with the Commodores. John's experience and involvement in Baseball spans over a decade from coaching local youth baseball teams to charity events. John is an active duty service member within Massachusetts Air National Guard with 15 years of active duty service. John lives on Cape Cod with his wife, Erica, and two children, Michael (2), and Scarlett (1).



#### JEFF TRUNDY FIELD MANAGER

Coach Trundy starts his 27th year with the Cape League and his 25th year as the Head Coach of the Commodores. He was the Captain of the baseball team at the University of New Hampshire before moving on to earn his Master's Degree from the University of Colorado. It was in Colorado that Jeff spent some time as an assistant coach and has been coaching ever since. Jeff received the Mike Curran Award naming him Coach of the Year for the Cape League in 2004, 2016 and 2019. In the off season Jeff is the head baseball coach at Frederick Gunn School, a prep school in Washington, CT. In addition to coaching he has also served as a part time scout for the Toronto Blue Jays. Coach Trundy was inducted into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame in July 2013. Jeff is joined each summer on the Cape by his wife, Patti, who enjoys watching the Commodores games.





## MIKE LANDRY ASSISTANT COACH

Mike enters his 12th year with the Commodores as pitching coach, and brings with him extensive experience in the collegiate and professional ranks. Landry played seven years of minor league baseball, has served as a bullpen catcher and batting practice pitcher for the Chicago White Sox, and was the bullpen coach for the Rockford Riverhawks of the independent Frontier League. Landry earned his bachelor of arts in graphic design from Lewis University where he was a four year letter winner, served as a team captain, and was an All-Great Lakes Valley Conference nominee. He later returned to Lewis to earn a Master's Degree in school counseling while he served as a graduate assistant baseball coach. Most recently Mike served as volunteer assistant coach in 2011 for the Georgetown University Hoyas. Mike now works in the off season at Thayer Academy in Braintree, Massachusetts.



#### BRETT BECKER

#### **ASSISTANT COACH**

Brett Becker enters his 7th season with the Commodores as Hitting Coach. Brett played collegiately at Cowley College and Fort Hays State earning his bachelor's degree in Health and Human Performance in 2009 and his Master's degree in 2014. During his playing career he was a 4 year letter winner, and All-MIAA performer.

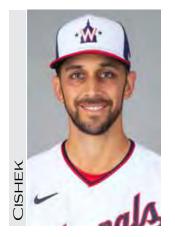
As a Coach, Brett's coaching career has taken him to all levels of college baseball. Serving as the Hitting Coach/Offensive Coordinator at 2 different schools. In 2016, he led a Colby Community College team to their first ever Jayhawk West Championship after finishing in last place in 2015.

Brett currently works as an Special Education teacher during the off season. He also runs Brett Becker Baseball working with athletes of all age levels. He is married to Tiernan Becker. They have two daughters, Reece (5) and Rigley (1).



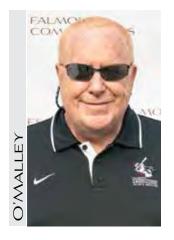
## BRIAN TOMASINI ASSISTANT COACH

Tomasini enters his first full season as an assistant coach after joining the Commodores last summer. Tomasini spent one other summer in the CCBL as the bullpen coach for the Hyannis Harbor Hawks. Tomasini currently is an assistant baseball coach/catching coach at NCAA Division 3 Massachusetts Maritime Academy. Prior to coaching at MMA Tomasini led the Sandwich High School Blue Knights baseball team to five straight playoff appearances, three league titles & the program's only State Semi Finals appearance while setting a school record with 19 wins. He also coached Clark Haddad Post 188 American Legion baseball team to three District Championships, and was named the D10 coach of the year two times. In the off season Tomasini works as a Physical Education teacher at Sandwich High School, and lives on Cape Cod with his wife, Keara, and their two children, Emma (3), and Colton (1).



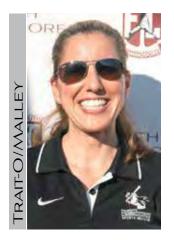
## STEVE CISHEK SPECIAL ASSISTANT BASEBALL OPERATIONS

Steve Cishek, Falmouth native, played 3 years of varsity baseball at Falmouth High school, and 4 years on Post 188. Steve went on to play at Carson Newman University, where he was drafted in the 5th round by the Florida Marlins in 2007. The side arm righty went on to pitch in parts of 13 MLB seasons for 8 different teams: Miami Marlins, St. Louis Cardinals, Seattle Mariners, Tampa Bay Rays, Chicago Cubs, Chicago White Sox, LA Angels, Washington Nationals. He finished his career with a career 2.98 era and 133 saves. He and his wife, Marissa, and three girls currently reside in Jupiter FL.



## DON O'MALLEY, M.D. TEAM PHYSICIAN

Dr. O'Malley enters his 23rd year as the team physician for the Falmouth Commodores. He trained at the Military Medical School in Bethesda, MD., and did his orthopedic training at Naval Hospital in Bethesda. He served sixteen years in the Navy before coming to Falmouth. Dr. O'Malley was the team physician at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy from 1994-1998. He attended the Advanced Team Physician Course and is Board Certified in the specialty of Orthopedic Surgery and Sports Medicine by the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery. Dr. O'Malley is the former President of the Irish American Orthopedic Society and a Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons and the American College of Sports Medicine. Dr. O'Malley is currently the Medical Director for the Cape Cod Baseball League.



## KAREN TRAIT-O'MALLEY, MS, PA-C PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

Karen begins her 17th year working with the Commodores. She received her undergraduate degree from Boston University (BU) and her Master's Degree from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. While at BU she was on a full athletic scholarship for women's lacrosse and played in the NCAA playoffs in 1999/2000. Originally from Syracuse, NY, Karen was also a championship Irish Step Dancer and qualified for the World Championships in Ireland. She is a Physician Assistant working with Dr. O'Malley at Cape Cod Sports Medicine, an affiliate of Cape Cod Healthcare, in Falmouth.



# 2023 OPERATIONS, COACHING AND TRAINING STAFF CONTINUED...



#### LAURA MURPHY, EDM, ATC, LAT, CSCS ATHLETIC TRAINER

Laura is in her 12th season with the Commodores; she is originally from Boxborough, MA and a 2011 graduate of Endicott College in Beverly, MA with a Bachelor's Degree in Athletic Training. After graduating from Endicott, she went on to work at Emerson College in Boston, MA as a Graduate Assistant Athletic Trainer. While at Emerson, Laura completed her Master's Degree in Health Education at Boston University. She is currently an Assistant Athletic Trainer and Strength and Conditioning Coach at Wheaton College in Norton, MA. Laura is a certified member of the National Athletic Trainers' Association and is a licensed athletic trainer by the Massachusetts Board of Allied Health. She is also a certified strength and conditioning coach through the National Strength and Conditioning Association.



ERICH MENKE ASSISTANT ATHLETIC TRAINER

Erich is a rising sophomore at Endicott College majoring in Exercise Science/Pre-Athletic Training and looking forward to interning with the AT staff for the Commodores this summer.



NINA WILSON ASSISTANT ATHLETIC TRAINER

Nina is a graduate student at Texas Christian University completing her master's in athletic training with hopes of one day working in professional baseball or football. She completed her undergraduate studies at Louisiana State University with a degree in Kinesiology (Pre-AT). This will be Nina's first season with the Cape Cod League and is excited to spend her summer gaining extra clinical experience with the Commodores.

# Autographs THE STARS OF TOMORROW



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#### 2023 INTERNS

THE FALMOUTH COMMODORES VOLUNTEER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM is a great way for college-level students to explore new adventures as they gain and enjoy life experiences while learning how the nation's top amateur baseball league operates. From a sun-splashed day to a cool foggy night, students will become an integral part of the Falmouth Commodores operations and success, as they work alongside each other in such areas as broadcasting, baseball operations, marketing, fundraising, human

resources and management, communications, public relations and journalism.

We are in search of highly competitive, highly motivated individuals who have a strong interest in the field of sports broadcasting, baseball management and public relation opportunities.

Internships may possibly be approved for college credits. It is the responsibility of the applying intern to check with their university.

#### **BASEBALL OPERATIONS**

#### ASSOCIATE GM INTERN



#### MIKE MURRAY

Mike is returning for his eleventh year with the Commodores. He was a batboy for four years and has worked as a General Manager intern for the past 6 years. This year he has taken on the role as Associate General Manager. Mike is a rising senior at Suffolk University in Boston where he studies Criminal Justice and

Sport Management. In Mike's spare time he enjoys playing golf, coaching hockey and baseball and also works as a prep school and junior hockey referee. Mike is excited to be back in Falmouth this summer with his new role!

#### GENERAL MANAGER INTERNS



#### **CULLEN DUNN**

Cullen is returning for his 3rd year as an intern with the Cape Cod Baseball League. Formerly he was the League Presidents intern under his grandfather Chuck Sturtevant. He finished his senior year of high school at Mashpee High this year and plans on studying business finance in college. Cullen has been involved in

the CCBL for his whole life with his father and grandfather being the former General Manager of the Falmouth Commodores and Bourne Braves.



#### NICK VALDES

Nick is a rising senior at Villanova University with a major in Communications and minors in Economics and Spanish. Nick is the current director of baseball operations at Villanova University and looks to stay in a similar field post graduation. This is his first season with the Commodores as he fills the GM

intern position. Nick is excited to be a part of the team and eager to bring value wherever he can.



#### MLB LIAISON TOMMY MERLO

Tommy is a recent graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in Special Education. Originally from the Philadelphia area, Tommy grew up spending the summers on Cape Cod, attending many Cape Cod Baseball League games. He has a strong passion for sports and especially enjoys the scouting aspect of baseball. Tommy

has served as a manager of the Michigan State Baseball team and is entering his second summer in Falmouth as the MLB Scout Liaison.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE/EVENT MANAGEMENT



#### LIAM KENNEY

Liam Kenney is a sophomore at Concordia University Ann Arbor in Michigan. He studies Sports Business and Hospitality, and also competes in the Men's hockey program. Liam is from Boston and spends summers in Mashpee on Cape Cod. He has worked coaching for Michigan's Canton High School hockey team, in

the Marketing and Game-day departments for Boston College and Concordia University, and as a Teammate Ambassador for Populus at Super Bowl LVI. He played baseball in high school and has a love for the sport. In 2022, Liam worked as a game day intern and is looking forward to his second season with the 'Dores.



#### MARYKATE SPENDLEY

MaryKate Spendley will be joining the Falmouth Commodores as one of the 2023 Administrative and Event Management Interns! MaryKate is a junior at Merrimack College studying Business Administration with a double concentration in marketing and sports management. She is from

Walpole, MA and has spent her summers in Pocasset ever since she was born. This will be MaryKate's second summer with the Commodores, having spent last summer as a game day intern, and she is so excited to have the opportunity to be back in Falmouth for the 100th season!

#### **BROADCASTING & MEDIA**

#### **BROADCASTER**



#### **ZACH SURDENIK**

Zach Surdenik is a sports broadcaster from Lansing, Michigan who is studying at Michigan State University. He currently serves as the Sports Broadcast Director at Michigan State's student radio station, Impact89FM and works with BTNStudentU on BigTen+broadcasts while at school. Previously, he worked as the lead

broadcaster for the Tri-City Chili Peppers in the Coastal Plain League. Zach is excited for the summer on the Cape and can't wait to bring Falmouth Commodores baseball to the masses!



#### **MATT VENEZIA**

Matt is a Junior at Arizona State University. He is the play-by-play voice of Sun Devil Baseball, Hockey and Volleyball on Pac 12 Insider. Venezia is a videographer for Houseofsparky.com and Cronkite Sports, where he creates content covering Sun Devil sports. He is currently interning with the Arizona Cardinals' content creation team

in the areas of video editing and social media. This Summer, he looks to better his play-by-play ability and learn from his peers on the Cape.



## WEB REPORTER RYAN RANDONE

Ryan Randone is a freshman at Syracuse University from North Andover, Massachusetts. A Broadcast and Digital Journalism major, he currently works with several SU media organizations, including 88.3 WAER-FM Syracuse, 89.1 WJPZ-FM Syracuse, and The Daily Orange.

Ryan previously wrote for his school football team at St. John's Prep in Danvers, Massachusetts, while also covering multiple beats through SBNation.com. He hopes to be either a sports writer or talk show radio host in the future. For this summer, Ryan looks forward to enhancing his skills and meeting future MLB prospects as the Falmouth Commodores web reporter.



#### SIDELINE REPORTER DESTINY RAPHAELA SANCHEZ

Destiny Raphaela Sanchez is a junior at Penn State University from Stony Brook, New York. She is a Broadcast Journalism major with minors in Entrepreneurship and Innovation,

and Sports Studies. She is also receiving the John Curley Center for Sports Journalism Certificate. Destiny is a Student Talent with Penn State Athletics where she produces feature content on all 31 Intercollegiate teams at Penn State. She is also a Sideline Reporter with Big Ten Student U.



#### SOCIAL MEDIA MORGAN BOLL

Morgan Boll is a junior at Penn State University, coming from Westfield, New Jersey. At PSU, Morgan is receiving the John Curley Center for Sports Journalism certificate. She is also involved in multiple clubs such as The Sports Business Club and the Association for Women in Sports

Media. She is also the sports anchor for Penn State Network News, a sports writer for the Daily Collegian and an on-air talent for Penn State Sports Night. In her free time, Morgan enjoys going to the beach, working out and spending time with her friends and two dogs. She also enjoys traveling with her family. Morgan is so excited to spend time on the Cape this summer and get started with the Falmouth Commodores.



#### SOCIAL MEDIA OWEN HOLMGREN

Owen Holmgren is a rising junior at Villanova University where he is a Communications major with a specialization in Journalism. Last summer, he worked in the Cape Cod League as a Video Scout for Synergy Sports and a Data Collection Intern for Blast Motion. Owen is from

Baltimore, Maryland, but lives on the Cape every summer. He is excited for this experience to work for the Commodores.



#### COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST LEAH GARRITT

Leah is a rising junior at Fordham University. She is a contributing writer and her article about the Falmouth Commodores' history will be published in the annual program guide. Leah grew up in Falmouth and is looking forward to helping out with

the Commodores this summer.

#### **PHOTOGRAPHER**



#### JACK MORELAND

Jack is a Michigan State Spartan and will be entering his final year majoring in sports journalism. Jack is a photographer for MSU's student radio station, WDBM 89FM, and photographed events for a dozen different Spartan teams. He also spent the school year working as a

news assistant for the local newspaper, the Lansing State Journal. Jack is looking forward to spending the summer with a camera in his hand as the Commodores' team photographer. This will be Jack's first year working in the CCBL, but he has visited several of the ballparks with his dad, who is a big fan of the league.



#### GRAPHIC DESIGNER NATE GARDNER

Nate Gardner is a freshman at Lasell University studying Sport Communication. Nate is very involved in sports media at Lasell and beyond. He writes for Lasell Community Television's Laser Sports Update and talks sports on Lasell's 102.9FM WLAS

radio station. Nate began designing graphics in 2018 and has since created visuals for shows such as the Section 10 Podcast, the Live BP Show, and the Inside the Monster Podcast. When Nate can find some spare time, he loves to listen to music, play videogames with friends, and watch all Boston sports. Being part of the Commodores media team has always been a goal of Nate's, and there's no place he'd rather be creating graphics this coming summer!



#### VIDEO DIRECTOR ELLIE FIDELI

Ellie is returning for her second summer with the Commodores. A graduate of Thayer Academy, she is a rising Junior at Purdue University majoring in Film and Video Production. Ellie also plans to earn a certificate in Sports Studies and Production. While at Purdue, Ellie works on the production team for The Big Ten Network. She is responsible for videography, graphics and replay for numerous broadcasted sporting events including Purdue soccer, volleyball, basketball wrestling, and baseball. She also enjoys intramural activities of her own and getting involved in her sorority e-communication department. Ellie was fortunate enough to be a part of the Commodores 2022 Broadcasting and Media Team serving as a Videographer. She is excited to return to the Guv as the Video Director.

#### ASSIS. DIR. - VIDEO & AUDIO



#### **AUDREY GLYNN**

Audrey Glynn is thrilled to join the Commodores for their 100th season as the Assistant Director! She is a current sophomore at Syracuse University, studying Broadcast & Digital Journalism. Audrey is a Northeast native and cannot wait to be in beautiful Falmouth with all the incredible interns at Guv Fuller Field. Roll 'Dores!

#### **VIDEOGRAPHERS**



#### LAURA SCHROEDER

Laura Schroeder is a rising sophomore at Sacred Heart University majoring in Marketing and Management. On campus, she is a member of the Alpha Kappa Psi Business Fraternity, Student Events Team, and Women in Business Network, and she enjoys volunteering and hanging out with friends. From Staten Island, NY, Laura and her family

vacation on Cape Cod each summer. Laura is excited to spend the summer developing her videography skills in Falmouth's 100th season!



#### SCOTT SEMANCHIK

I am Scott Semanchik, I am a rising Junior at High Point University and I am from Flemington, New Jersey. At HPU I am studying Sports Media and I am involved in multiple clubs such as NSMA and SportsLink where I have worked on multiple broadcasts of High Point athletics. I also play club baseball at HPU along

with hosting a baseball podcast. Some things I like to do for fun are watching baseball and football, along with hanging out with friends and family.



#### MCKENNA WALL

McKenna is a sophomore, broadcast journalism student at Penn State University. This will be her first season with the Commodores On campus, McKenna serves as a New Member Coordinator for CommRadio, while also balancing a promo team position with Movin' On, one of the nation's largest student-run music festivals. After a

fall 2022 internship, she joined the Penn State Athletics Video Board Production team serving in various roles for Videoboard shows and BTN+ streams. These roles include operating cameras, replay, scorebox, and chyron, as well as technical directing and working as utility. In her free time, she enjoys playing volleyball and intramural basketball. She is excited to join the 2023 Broadcasting and Media Team as a Videographer.



#### PA ANNOUNCER BRENDAN CAPOZZI

Brendan is returning for his second season with the Commodores. He is a current senior at Sacred Heart University graduating in May 2023. He will earn his bachelor's degree in Sports Communication and Media with minors in Journalism and Sports

Management. In the fall, Brendan will return to Sacred Heart to pursue his master's degree in Sports Communication and Media. Last summer, he was one of our videographers and is honored to be named the voice for Falmouth's 100th season. He is excited for another amazing summer on the Cape and at The Guv! Roll 'Dores!

#### GAME DAY OPERATIONS INTERNS



#### TYLER COHEN

Tyler just completed his junior year as a Sport Management major at High Point University. He is from Jericho, New York where he grew up an avid Mets, Jets and Islander fan. At High Point, Tyler worked as Asst. Director of Online Broadcast Production for the school's club hockey team. He looks forward to a career in the professional sports industry and is

beyond excited to gain additional industry-related experience working with the Commodores this summer. Tyler's outside interests include playing baseball and basketball, attending live sporting events, traveling, and hanging out with friends.



#### **BRIAN COLEMAN**

Brian is returning for his second summer with the Commodores. Brian is a rising Senior at High Point University, majoring in Sport Management and minoring in Athletic Coaching. He is coming from Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina which is a small town just south of Raleigh. At High Point Brian is a member of the Club baseball team where he serves as the

team's Designated Hitter. In his free time, Brian loves playing and watching sports, working out, watching movies, and spending time with family and friends. Brian is very ecstatic and eager to get back to the Cape for another great summer of Commodores baseball!



#### MAYA DIGIAMMARINO

Maya just completed her Freshman year at High Point University in High Point NC. She has been dedicated to working with the sport programs at HPU and is majoring in sport management. Maya has a strong passion for baseball, growing up traveling to different MLB stadiums and watching baseball any chance she

gets. Her dream is to work in baseball and this summer is another step to help her get there. Being from Bethesda, Maryland Maya will be far from home this summer, but is ready to put in her hard work and dedication to help game day operations continue to thrive.



#### **CARSON DEPP**

Carson is returning for this second summer with the Commodores. He is a rising senior at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, majoring in Sport Management at the Isenberg School of Management. Carson is from Darien, Connecticut, and has been coming to the Cape every summer since he was little. He is excited to be back in Falmouth for

another great summer of Commodores baseball.



#### BRENDAN DRISCOLL

Brendan Driscoll is from Braintree, Massachusetts. He attends Stonehill College and is majoring in Business Management in the Meehan School of Business. Having a strong interest in Sports Management, Brendan is enthusiastic to work his first season as an intern with the Commodores.

He is excited about spending the summer in Cape Cod, meeting new people, and obtaining valuable work experience. Brendan's interests include watching and playing sports, traveling, and enjoying time spent with family and friends.

## SAVE THE DATE

The Falmouth Commodores are turning 100 this year. In honor of this milestone, we are holding a reception to kick off our celebration and to thank you – our sponsors and donors – for your support of the team.

# Falmouth Commodores Centennial Reception

Sunday, April 23, 2023

Pocasset Golf Club 24 Club House Drive, Pocasset, MA



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#### TIM KEARNS

Tim is from Westwood
Massachusetts and is an upcoming
graduate from Emmanuel
College in Boston. He majored in
communications and minored in
sports management. Tim works
gameday and event security at
Fenway Park for the Boston Red
Sox. He has rented in Falmouth
with his family every summer he

can remember and has attended Commodores games since childhood. He wants to someday work in baseball operations specifically with an interest in player development and scouting. His interests include baseball, hockey, football, American history, and movies/filmmaking.



#### PIPER MEALEY

Piper is a rising senior at the University of Arkansas majoring in Recreation and Sport Management with a minor in Legal Studies. She is originally from Minden, Louisiana and has hopes to pursue a career in Sport Law post-graduation. Piper has been a baseball fan her whole life, and although from the south, is a proud Red Sox fan. She is thoroughly

looking forward to gaining experience with the Cape Cod League and spending the summer supporting the Commodores!



#### LIAM O'NEILL

Liam is a Ouimet Scholar and rising junior, studying Sport Management, in the David B. Falk College of Sport and Human Dynamics at Syracuse University. A native New Englander and avid sports fan with much love for the game, Liam is grateful and excited for the opportunity to work with the Commodores and famed Cape Cod Baseball League during

their centennial season. He's looking forward to making new friends and some great memories while gaining invaluable hands-on experience in the industry. The rest of his time this summer will be spent caddying at nearby Sacconnesset Golf Club and enjoying the Cape with family and friends. Go 'Dores!



#### **BRADY VOLIN**

Brady is from Westborough,
Massachusetts but enjoys spending
his summers on the Cape in nearby
Mashpee. He attends the University of
Massachusetts Amherst and is a Sports
Management major in the Isenberg
School of Management. After years
of attending Cape Cod baseball
league games with his family, this will
be his first year with the Falmouth

Commodores. Outside of baseball, Brady enjoys hanging out with both his family and friends, watching whatever Boston sports team that may be on that night, and listening to music. He is excited for this new work experience and making lifelong memories.



## 2023 BAT KIDS



KENN BRIGGS HEAD OF BAT BOYS AND GIRLS





#### MAKAYLA BROOKS 1ST YEAR BAT KID

Makayla joins the Commodores as a 4th grader at Teaticket School. She plays third base on her Cheetahs team from the Falmouth Softball League. When she is not playing softball Makyla enjoys being in the

band and chorus, as well as spending time outdoors.



## FINN BURGESS 1ST YEAR BAT KID

Finn joins the Commodores as a 5th grader at Morse Pond School. He plays catcher, infield and outfield on his Cape Cod Clippers and New Wave Printing baseball teams. Finn also enjoys golfing, playing basketball and

flag football. History is something else that he is pationate about.



#### TEVYN DAYS 2ND YEAR BAT BOY

Tevyn returns to the Commodores as a 6th grader at Morse Pond School. He is a pitcher and first baseman on his Falmouth Youth Baseball Souza's team. He also likes to stay active by playing football, basketball

and soccer. Other interests include riding dirtbikes, listening to music and drawing.



## COLE DONNELLAN 3RD YEAR BAT KID

Cole returns to the Commodores as a 7th grader at Lawrence School. He looks forward to another summer watching great baseball. In his spare time Cole enjoys fishing, playing basketball and riding dirt bikes.



#### RAYLAN KARL 1ST YEAR BAT KID

Raylan joins the Commodores as a 5th grader at Morse Pond School. He plays catcher and third base for his Elks baseball team. Raylan stays active by playing basketball, soccer, sailing, being in the band and scouting with

the Boy Scouts. His other interests include science, legos and his desire to learn to play the guitar.



#### BRAYDEN LYNCH 2ND YEAR BAT KID

Brayden returns to the Commodores as a 5th grader at Morse Pond School. He plays pitcher, catcher and first base on his Cape Cod Clippers and SML baseball teams. Other activities that keep Brayden busy are soccer,

basketball, golf and flag football.



### LIAM MATTHEWS 3RD YEAR BAT KID

Liam returns to the Commodores as an 8th grader at Lawrence School. He plays centerfield for his Falmouth Babe Ruth team. Liam also enjoys playing basketball and soccer. This summer he looks forward

to joining Cape Cod Junior Golf and starting to caddy. Liam's favorite baseball memory was playing in Cooperstown last summer.



## BRENNER MACLONE 2ND YEAR BAT KID

Brenner returns to the Commodores as a 7th grader at Lawrence School. He plays shortstop and pitcher on his 13U Dugout Dawgs baseball team. Brenner also enjoys playing basketball on his AAU Warrior,

Lawrence School and Falmouth Travel teams. He also finds time to play golf in the PGA Junior League.



#### HUNTER MAYO 3RD YEAR BAT KID

Hunter returns to the Commodores as a 7th grader at Lawrence School. He plays catcher on his AAU's Cape Riptide team. When not playing baseball, he spends his time playing basketball and snowboarding.



#### WES MORNEAU 2ND YEAR BAT KID

Wes returns to the Commodores as a 6th grader at the Moses Brown School in Providence, Rhode Island. He plays shortstop for the Arden Aces of the Fox Point-East Side Little League. Wes stays busy by playing

basketball, being on the Vex Robotics team and being a black belt in Karate.



## ANSON ROGERS 1ST YEAR BAT KID

Anson joins the Commodores as a 6th grader at Morse Pond School. He plays catcher, first base and third base on his Cape Cod Clippers and SML baseball teams. Anson also enjoys football, basketball, wiffleball, and collecting

baseball cards. When he has time, Anson owns a property management company called Champion Property Management.

Pat Loftus was integrally involved with the Commodores starting in 2006. He was responsible for the media broadcasting of the games. He has mentored a legion of interns and has helped launch multiple careers of professional broadcasters, sports reporters and media technology individuals.

Following his passing in 2015, the renovation of the Eric Palmer Press Box, there is a state of the art technology broadcasting center on the second floor called called "Pat's Loft". Substantial funding for the renovations of the building was raised in his memory.



#### REMEMBERING PAT LOFTUS

## NOT A BOSS, BUT A MENTOR AND A FRIEND

By David Lauterbach

Since 2008, Pat Loftus was the Head of Broadcasting for the Falmouth Commodores. But every year when his broadcast team would arrive at Guv Fuller Field, he would make sure they knew he wasn't a broadcast guy.

"Pat never claimed to be an expert about broadcasting," said 2011-2012 Broadcaster Chet Davis who is now a Sports Anchor at KATC ABC in Lafayette, Louisiana. "Actually, he admitted from day one that it wasn't his forte."

Despite Pat not having a broadcast background, he always succeeded in putting together the best intern broadcast

teams in the Cape League. Every year, he'd work his way through dozens of applications from college students all over the country to hire his team, which started in 2008 as just two broadcasters and eventually grew into what it is today: two broadcasters, a public address announcer, a web reporter, and a field reporter.

Over the years, Pat has hired interns from some of the nation's top broadcast programs: Syracuse University, Boston University, University of Miami, Arizona State, University of Missouri, and many more.

"One year into college I had no baseball broadcasting experience, but knew that I wanted to call baseball games, so I emailed every team in the league looking to see if they needed broadcast interns for the 2008 season," said 2008-2009 Broadcaster Mike Couzens, who now calls various NCAA Division 1 Sports for ESPN. "Pat was the only person who wrote me back."

At the start of every season when his interns arrived, Pat started off as the boss of the team, but by the final pitch of the season, he was everyone's mentor and more importantly, friend. In doing so, he also taught every intern he worked with how to succeed at a higher level. "Even though Pat didn't teach me how to be a broadcaster, he taught me how to be a professional," Davis said. "For that, I'm forever grateful."

On a personal note, I worked for Pat from 2013-2014 first as the team's Public Address Announcer and then as a broadcaster. When I applied for my first job in professional baseball last year as the voice "Even though Pat didn't teach me how to be a broadcaster, he taught me how to be a professional... for that,
I'm forever grateful." - Chet Davis

of the Auburn Doubledays, a Single-A Affiliate for the Washington Nationals, Pat was the first person I asked to be a reference.

Whether it was a home or road game, Pat would always try and tune in for at least an inning. After every broadcast my two seasons with the team, someone would receive a text, e-mail, or phone call and on the other end would be Pat to critique our work and ask why Coach Trundy made a certain move.

"Sometimes it's only in retrospect that we realize how great we had it," Couzens said. "Working with Pat was not one of those times because the realization of a great thing was instant. We all knew it then and we still know it now, that Pat was a great teacher, and a great friend."

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# OPENING THE 'DORE TO A GREAT CENTENNIAL YEAR!

## Peter Gammons Nationally Recognized Sportswriter Kicks Off Falmouth Commodores Centennial Season



Chuck Sturtevant, former Cape Cod Baseball League President, and Falmouth Commodores' President; Peter Gammons, Baseball Hall of Fame Sportswriter; Bob Curtis, Falmouth Commodores' President

The Falmouth Commodores are officially turning 100 – and what better way to spend a rainy afternoon, or any afternoon for that matter, than at a reception to kick-off the centennial year. On Sunday, April 23rd, approximately 130 Commodore fans came out to celebrate this milestone at the Pocasset Golf Club. The two-hour reception was intended to thank all of the team's generous supporters, without whom the operation would not be possible.



Andrew Lang, President, Eric Zmuda, Commissioner, Cape Cod Baseball League

Bob Curtis, President of the Falmouth Commodores, graciously welcomed everyone to the event.

Chuck Sturtevant who after 36 years holding various roles recently retired from being the President of the Cape Cod Baseball League and President of the Falmouth Commodores recalled some memories

from his career and history of the formation and evolution of the league over the years.

Peter Gammons, also shared some of his favorite memories from the Cape Cod Baseball League and from his long and distinguished career covering Major League Baseball. Gammons started his career reporting on the Red Sox for The Boston Globe, he then went on as a lead columnist for Sports Illustrated, and an analyst for ESPN and MLB.com. He has won numerous awards and was

inducted into the Cape Cod Baseball League Hall of Fame in 2018. He shared stories about some of the most famous names in baseball who at one time played in the CCBL. In attendance were former Commodores Dick McAdams (1969) and Ace Adams (1972-1974) Ace was drafted by the Pittsburg organization and moved on to be a pitching coach at a number of universities and professional minor league teams across the country. He recently retired and

was inducted into the CCBL Hall of fame in 2019.

Time went by quickly as everyone enjoyed visiting and checking out the pictures and



articles from the Commodores' historical archives. Several Commodores items from the Baseball Hall of Fame were also on display, including Head Coach Jeff Trundy's 200th win ball, David Aardsma's glove (2004), Cliff Pennington's bat (2004), a jersey from 1950, and a team photo from 1927. Wow, if walls could talk!

The event was organized by the Centennial Committee, which included Cathi Ingersoll, Tina Rood, Linda Peters, Joanne Hyde, and Mark Ordway.

The Centennial Committee is planning a public event on July 15th at Guv Fuller Field. It will include games, hot dogs at 1923 prices, an 11-piece band and more.



Centennial Committee (L-R): Joanne Hyde, Tina Rood, Linda Peters, Bob Curtis, Cathi Ingersoll, Mark Ordway



### GEORGE CREIGHTON SCHOLARSHIP 2023 RECIPIENTS

The Falmouth Commodores award scholarships to high school seniors who are residents of Falmouth. This scholarship is awarded each year in memory of George Creighton, a long-time volunteer and past president of the Falmouth Commodores. Mr. Creighton was very active in youth sports and baseball in particular. The scholarships are awarded in recognition of student sports participation, academic achievement, volunteerism and financial need. If you have any questions or need more information, contact Sean Gallagher at ssgdc@aol.com.



EVAN BOSTWICK – Evan is a graduate of Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School.
Throughout his youth Evan has spent his summers attending the Falmouth Commodores summer baseball camp and attending Falmouth Commodores baseball games. In the fall Evan will be

attending Stonehill College as a health science major with the goal of eventually becoming a physician assistant.



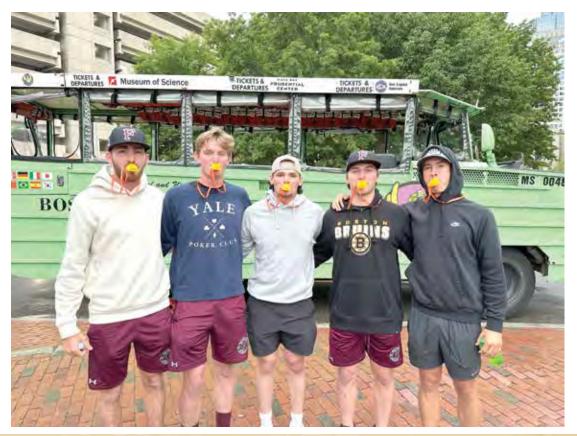
#### **MACI GRIESBAUER -**

Maci is a graduate of
Falmouth High School. For
several years Maci's family has
been a host family for
Falmouth Commodores
players. In the fall Maci will be
attending the University of
Rhode Island where she will
be majoring in textiles, fashion

merchandising and design and a minor in business.



ANDREW LANG – Andrew is a graduate of Falmouth High School. For several years Andrews family has been a host family for Falmouth Commodores players. In the fall, Andrew will be attending the University of Massachusetts Amherst where he will be majoring in finance.



2023 Falmouth
Commodores Cole
Cressend, Harrison
Povey, Galvin Kilen, Ross
Highfill, Carson Dorsey
enjoying a Boston Duck
Boat Tour.

# THANK YOU TO OUR 2023 HOST FAMILIES

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 www.falmouthcommodores.com and click on "Become a Host Family."



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Stephen Irish & Patricia Barksdale



**Bob & Donna Curtis** 



Larry & Janie Ginsburg



Mary Ross



Janet & Mark Ryan



Linda Peters



Kevin & Priscilla Perruzzi



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Joe Miller & Karen White



Jim & Mary Catherine Mamary



Amy, Lisa & Eric Zmuda



Caroline & Matt Inman and Family



Sam Slarskey & Lynn Rosza



Jennifer & Jay Lynch and Family



Mark Ordway & Cathi Ingersoll



Connie & Bill Baker and Family



Kim & Geoff Morneau and Family



Patti & Paul Cloonan and Family

## NOT PICTURED:

Kate Feldstein & Margaret Borden Mary & Scott Krattenmaker



Russ Gibson, 1957 Commodore

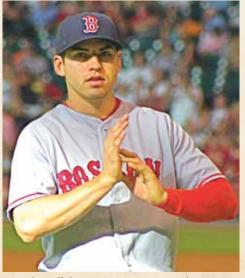


Steve Lombardozzi ,1980 Champions



West Falmouth team, undated





Jacoby Ellsbury, 2004 Commodore

