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#### 2024 Schedule and Special Events

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Saturday	June 15	Orleans	6:00 PM
Sunday	June 16	at Brewster	5:00 PM
Monday	June 17	at Chatham	7:00 PM
Tuesday	June 18	at Harwich	6:30 PM
Wednesday	June 19	OFF	
Thursday	June 20	Hyannis	6:00 PM
Friday	June 21	at Falmouth	6:00 PM
Saturday	June 22	Wareham	6:00 PM
Sunday	June 23	at YD	5:00 PM
Monday	June 24	at Hyannis	6:00 PM
Tuesday	June 25	Brewster	6:00 PM
Wednesday	June 26	OFF	
Thursday	June 27	at Falmouth	6:00 PM
Friday	June 28	Cotuit	6:00 PM
Saturday	June 29	Chatham	6:00 PM
Sunday	June 30	at Orleans	6:30 PM
Monday	July 1	YD	6:00 PM
Tuesday	July 2	OFF	
Wednesday	July 3	at Wareham	6:00 PM
Thursday	July 4	Wareham	6:00 PM
Friday	July 5	Harwich	6:00 PM
Saturday	July 6	at Cotuit	5:00 PM
Sunday	July 7	Falmouth	6:00 PM
Monday	July 8	at YD	5:00 PM
Tuesday	July 9	OFF	
Wednesday	July 10	at Brewster	5:00 PM
Thursday	July 11	OFF	
Friday	July 12	Hyannis	6:00 PM
Saturday	July 13	at Falmouth	6:00 PM
Sunday	July 14	Cotuit	6:00 PM
Monday	July 15	Harwich	7:00 PM
Tuesday	July 16	OFF	
Wednesday	July 17	at Chatham	7:00 PM
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Tuesday	July 23	at Harwich	6:30 PM
Wednesday	July 24	YD	6:00 PM
Thursday	July 25	Chatham	6:00 PM
Friday	July 26	at Cotuit	5:00 PM
Saturday	July 27	All Star Game	6:00 PM
Sunday	July 28	OFF	
Monday	July 29	at Orleans	6:30 PM
Tuesday	July 30	OFF	
Wednesday	July 31	Wareham	6:00 PM
Thursday	August 1	Falmouth	6:00 PM
Friday	August 2	at Hyannis	6:00 PM
Saturday	August 3	Orleans	6:00 PM
Sunday	August 4	at Cotuit	4:30 PM
Monday	August 5	OFF	
Cape	League Play	offs August 6 -	12

#### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

June 15	2023 Championship Celebration
June 20	Keystone Place of Buzzards Bay Night
June 25	Trading Post Lounge Night
June 28	Convention Data Services Night
June 28 July 12, 19, 25	Clinic Recognition Night
July 2	SWOP Night
July 4	Bourne on the 4th of July Parade in Buzzards Bay
July 5	Gray Gables Association Night
July 9	<b>Reading Hour at Doran Park</b> With Jonathan Bourne Public Library
July 15	Bourne Youth Baseball Night
July 21	Monument Beach Civic Association Night
July 31	Big Brothers Big Sisters Night
August 1	Cape Cod 5 Night
August 3	Host Family Recognition Night

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#### **WELCOME TO DORAN PARK!**

#### Quintessential Cape Cod - beaches, ice cream, lobster and *Bourne Braves Baseball!*

The Bourne Braves have won back-to-back Cape Cod Baseball League Championships in 2022 and 2023! Although there have been several changes in baseball and across the league in the last few years, I must tip my hat to our dedicated Board of Directors who have worked tirelessly all year long to bring championship-caliber baseball to Doran Park! These hardworking and loyal volunteers are who have made Bourne Braves baseball the best around!

The last two games of the 2023 Championship Series will live on in infamy. We had the all-time largest crowd at Doran Park to cheer on the home team during Game Two. And many, many fans traveled down Cape to root on the Braves as they defeated the Orleans Firebirds behind key home runs and clutch pitching!

I would also like to thank our host families who open their homes to Braves players each and every season-there wouldn't be baseball at Doran Park without our dedicated host families!

Clearly, the Major League stars of tomorrow are our boys of summer! Former Braves catcher and Cape League All-Star Connor Wong has become a permanent fixture behind the dish for the Boston Red Sox. In fact, twenty-one (21!) Bourne Braves alumni were on Opening Day rosters as MLB kicked off its season. The upcoming MLB first-year player draft is sure to be another exciting moment with several of our Cape League Champions drafted in the top rounds!

The Cape League provides a unique opportunity to not only the high-level college athletes who wear our jerseys, but our talented college interns, and dedicated volunteers too. It is my honor to share the tradition of Cape League baseball with all of our fans!



I hope you and your family will join us at Doran Park for a game or two - 2024 is sure to be another exciting season!

Play Ball!

Nicole B. Norkevicius, President Bourne Athletic Association









































#### **CCBL Teams - Locations**



#### **WEST DIVISION**

**Bourne Braves - Doran Park, Upper Cape Tech, Sandwich Road, Bourne** Over Bourne Bridge. At rotary, take third right on to Sandwich Road, proceed 1/4 mile to school entrance on right. The field is located behind the school buildings. (Bourne GPS Field Directions : 41.744200, -70.577800)

**Cotuit Kettleers - Lowell Park, Lowell Street, Cotuit** Rt. 6 to Exit 2 (Rt. 130). Take right and follow Rt. 130 to end. Take left onto Rt. 28, then immediate right to Cotuit Center (Main St.). Follow Main St. for 1.2 miles. Take left onto Lowell Ave., immediate left into Lowell Field parking lot. (Cotuit GPS Field Directions : 41.625218, -70.434877)

Falmouth Commodores - Guv Fuller Field, Main Street, Falmouth Follow Rt. 28 South until it becomes one lane. Then take left at 1st stop light (Jones Rd.). Follow Jones Rd. through



1st light. Take right at 2nd light (Rt. 28). Follow Rt 28.6 mile to Fuller Field sign on right. Field located behind parking lot. (Falmouth GPS Field Directions : 41.555210, -70.604085)

**Hyannis Harbor Hawks - McKeon Field, High School Road, Hyannis** Rt. 6 to Exit 6 (Rt. 132). Bear right and follow Rt. 132 through 1st stop light. Take right just beyond Plaza Hotel (Hyannis West End). Cross Rt. 28. Bear left at "To Hyannis" sign. Continue through 2 stop lights and stop sign. Field located behind school building. (Hyannis GPS Field Directions : 41.648275, -70.283475)

Wareham Gatemen - Clem Spillane Field, Rt. 6, Wareham Field located directly behind Town Hall parking lot. (Wareham GPS Field Directions : 41.758022, -70.722160)

#### **EAST DIVISION**

**Brewster Whitecaps - Stony Brook, Underpass Road, Brewster** Rt. 6 to Exit 11 (Rt.137). Right at top of the ramp, proceed 2.8 miles on Rt.137, turn right on Underpass Road. Stony Brook School is on the left, the field is located behind the school buildings. (Brewster GPS Field Directions : 41.758270, -70.070055)

**Chatham Anglers - Veteran's Field, Depot Station, Chatham** Rt. 6 to Exit 10 (Rt. 124). Right at top of ramp, then 1st left at flashing light (Queen Ann Rd.). Follow across Rt. 39 and Rt. 137, then bear right at "Business District" sign onto old Queen Ann Rd. Take left onto Rt. 28, follow through stop light to the field on left. (Chatham GPS Field Directions : 41.684724, -69.962681)

**Harwich Mariners - Whitehouse Field, Oak Street, Harwich** Rt. 6 to Exit 10 (Rt. 124). Right at top ramp, then 1st left at flashing light (Queen Ann Rd.). After .3 mile, take right onto Oak St. Follow Oak St. for .8 mile, take left turn just before Harwich High School. Field is on left at back of parking lot. (Harwich GPS Field Directions : 41.692690, -70.066160)

**Orleans Firebirds - Eldredge Park, Rt. 28, Orleans** Rt. 6 to Exit 12 (Rt. 6A). Right at top ramp, then right at stop light (Eldredge Parkway). Follow for .7 mile, take left just before tennis courts into parking lot. (Orleans GPS Field Directions : 41.782775, -69.988120)

**Yarmouth-Dennis Red Sox - D-Y Regional High School, Station Avenue, S. Yarmouth** Rt. 6 to Exit 8. Right onto Station Avenue. Follow for 1.4 miles. Take left turn at D-Y High School into parking lot, field at rear of parking lot. (Yarmouth-Dennis GPS Field Directions : 41.677375, -70.191855)

The above printed directions are given from an "Off-Cape" starting point. Wareham field is "Off-Cape." Bourne Bridge connects to Rte. 28, Sagamore Bridge connects to Rte. 6.

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The Town of Bourne is a mediumsized community at the gateway to Cape Cod - You must pass through the Town to get over the Cape Cod Canal and anywhere else on Cape Cod. Long used by the Pilgrims during the 1620's as a center for trading activities, Aptucxet Trading Post was built in 1627, and the area was settled as a part of the Town of Sandwich by 1640, before finally being incorporated as the Town of Bourne in 1884.

The Cape Cod Canal, operated by the Army Corps of Engineers, bisects the community, with both the Bourne and the Sagamore Bridges, as well as the Buzzards Bay Railroad Bridge, being the only means to cross the Canal, unless you're travelling by boat. The Canal is world renowned for its superb sport fishing, scenic vistas, relaxing bike rides & walking routes, and for carrying vessels of all sizes flying the flags of all nations.

Bourne Scenic Park, founded in 1951 and run by the independent Bourne Recreation Authority, is located beneath the Bourne Bridge along the Canal, and is a perfect location for those seeking to enjoy the Canal and its' many activities. Bourne has numerous quiet harbors and inlets for boating and swimming, and the fishing & shellfishing in the area is particularly enticing and considered some of the most diverse in Massachusetts.

Bourne is also home of the National Marine Life Center, an independent, non-profit, rehabilitation & release hospital for the treatment of stranded sea turtles and seals, with future plans to expand to treat dolphins, porpoises, and small whales. The Center has been steadily growing since treating its' first patient in the Summer of 2004, and is destined to become the primary care center and information hub on Cape Cod regarding marine animals and their environment.

It is a quiet community without the continual Summer tourist crush experienced by some of the other Cape communities. During the Summer, there are weekly Concerts In The Park, the July 4th Parade has proven quite popular, the annual Bourne Scallop Festival is held in September each year, bringing visitors from all across North America, and in December there's A Canal Christmas to help celebrate the Holiday Season.



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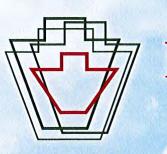
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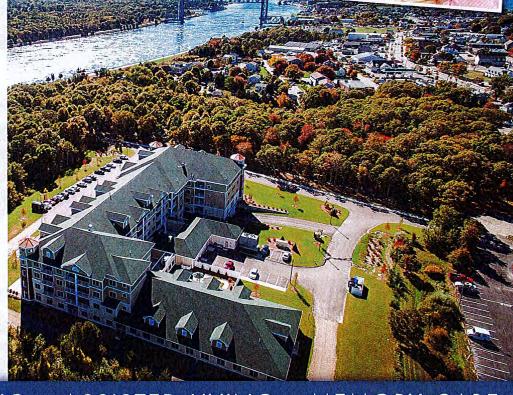
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#### The following rules must be adhered to at Doran Park. Thank you!

No alcohol or tobacco products allowed at the park.

No dogs allowed at the park.

Bleachers and picnic tables are available but fans are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs as there are plenty of great spots available to see the game!

For the safety of all fans, do not interfere with the progress of the game or go onto the playing field at any time.

Any fan interfering with a ball in play or going onto the field will be removed from the park and could be subject to arrest.

All fans, especially those sitting along foul lines are cautioned to stay alert for hard-hit foul balls or bats that might leave the field of play.

Fans with young children or who may not want to continuously be alert should sit behind the fenced/screened areas.

All fans assume all risks and dangers incidental to the game of baseball, whether occurring prior to, during, or subsequent to the actual playing of the game.

The participating teams, organizations, and players are not liable for injuries resulting from such causes. In 2006 the Bourne Braves began playing at a brand new field located within the Barry J Motta Athletic Complex behind Upper Cape Technical High School. The new location allows for larger crowds and the Braves an opportunity to host CCBL All Star games but most importantly gives our fans a world class field to watch their beloved Braves.

On July 8th, 2007 the baseball field was officially dedicated in the name of George Doran, Sr., a longtime Sagamore Beach resident and avid baseball fan. Doran Park was officially commemorated with a sign unveiling and on field dedication ceremony. Highlights of the day's festivities included George's grandson, Patrick, throwing out the first pitch along with his Dad, John, and Katherine Doherty, George's eldest great-grandchild, singing both the National Anthem and God Bless America. John Doran, son of George Sr., was the family member most instrumental in finding this way to celebrate his Dad's legacy.

In 2008 the Bourne Braves played their home games under the lights for the first time in Braves history. On June 11th, 2008 the Bourne Braves, the Cape Cod Baseball League, Upper Cape Technical High School, The Doran Family and many members of the community came out to celebrate the newly light Doran Park with a Lighting Ceremony. Former Bourne Brave and Boston Red Sox, Lou Merloni, was on hand to address the players are the privilege of playing in the Cape League and relay some stories of his time in Bourne. It was a truly memorable evening at the lights shone brightly at Doran Park for the first time.







#### **BRAVES BASEBALL: A DYNASTY ON THE CANAL**

#### By: Darin Weeks

Most towns on Cape Cod can trace their baseball history back several generations, but only Bourne can say that baseball was played in town before there was a town of Bourne. Considering the first recorded baseball game was held on Casino Field in 1865, nineteen years before Bourne was incorporated, it's clear that America's Pastime is part of the fabric remembered as one of the greatest and history of the town to this day.

Prior to 1884, Bourne was part of the larger town of Sandwich and like all its other villages, Bourne had its own ball field. The first game played within its borders was a July 4th match between Sandwich and Barnstable, played less than three months after President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated. Though the Cape League as we know it today was still in its nascent stages, the die was cast for a league and a Bourne team that has become an institution on Cape Cod.

The "Cape League" grew in the roaring twenties as an outgrowth of the Barnstable County Fair and was anchored by four original teams in Chatham, Hyannis, Falmouth, and Osterville. A team from Bourne was invited to participate, but chose not to due to financial problems. When the 1930's brought the Great Depression, the financial constraints of baseball on Cape Cod wreaked havoc on several teams. After a team from Provincetown dropped out half way through the 1933 season, Bourne fielded a squad to fill in and complete the season, finishing with a 1-25 record.

Although the thirties proved to be a tough time for those across the country, Bourne baseball began to show its first on-field successes. When the league moved in 1934 to limit its members to Barnstable County residents only, the path was cleared for Bourne to gain momentum on the diamond. The opening of the Bourne Bridge in June, 1935 would provide their fans an easier way to see them play.

The 1937 season is one that is still Cape League seasons to this day. That summer, four teams, Bourne, Falmouth, Orleans, and Harwich, staged a four-team duel for the league title that came down to the final weekend. The Bourne "Canalmen" seemed poised to win the league title before inclement weather forced several games to be played in a short period of time, stretching Bourne's pitching staff to the breaking point.

Alas, the Canalmen took the field against Barnstable on the season's final weekend with a chance to take

the crown. Unfortunately for Bourne, Barnstable hurler Norm Merrill threw a 5-0 no hitter in front of 500 fans to clinch the title and cap the best finish in league history up to that point.

When the 1940s rolled around and with it the distant drums of war in Europe, the Cape League again struggled with financial problems, which ultimately was forced to shut its doors. The promised \$3,000 funding from the county for the league fell through and soon after, the league chose to shut down and remained closed throughout World War II.

When the war came to a close in the late forties, the league started again under a new set of rules mandating that its players had to be residents or have summer homes on Cape Cod. a rule that would later set the foundation for one of the league's first powerhouses in Bourne.

By 1949, Bourne had 4 teams in the league: Bourne, Sagamore, Mass Maritime Academy, and a team from





the Otis Air Force Base. Of those teams, it would be the Sagamore "Clouters" that would set itself apart from its neighbors and rivals in the league.

The Clouters were led by Manny Pena who would later become the league's umpire-in-chief. Pena and his Clouters became the class of the league in the 50s by manipulating the rule that players needed to be Cape Cod residents and recruited players from across the country. Though not all of its players were Cape residents, Sagamore found itself deeding pieces of non-descript land to imported players on the Cape, resulting in instant eligibility. One local player, Walter Stahura, Jr, a standout baseball and football player at Harvard was instrumental in luring many lvy League players to the Cape League to play for Sagamore.

This creative recruiting recruiting strategy drew ire from across the Cape League, but nevertheless resulted in nine Upper-Cape Titles in 11 years and 4 "All-Cape" crowns. Led by such legends as future CCBL Hall of Famers Tello Tontini and Jack Sanford, the Clouters dominated the league for a decade. Also donning a Sagamore uniform was Harvard's Bill Cleary, a Crimson letterman in baseball and hockey who would later become the head coach of Harvard's 1989 NCAA Champion hockey team.

Unfortunately for Sagamore, all sports dynasties must come to an end and it was no different for the Clouters. The league caught on to Robello's recruiting strategy and in 1962, it abolished the rule that only Cape residents could play in the league. Without a restriction on the players, it didn't take long for the other teams to catch up to Sagamore. The team struggled through much of

the sixties and once again, financial issues caused hardship on the Bourne franchises.

The Massachusetts Maritime team folded in 1962 and the Otis Air Force team was expelled from the league in 1964 after forfeiting the season due to a lack of players. The result was a merged Bourne-Sagamore team in 1965 that would be known once again as the Clouters, later changed to the Bourne Canalmen in 1967. The Canalmen were left as the only team in Bourne, playing their games at Keith Field and struggling to find wins despite featuring future NBC Sports analyst John Dockery on the roster.

By 1971, the Cape Cod Baseball League was certified by the NCAA as one of just nine sanctioned summer leagues and the modern era of the Cape League was born. League rules specified that players would be required to work on the Cape during the summer. Also, no more than four players from each college could be on the same Cape League team, a rule that still stands today.

In Bourne, the Canalmen struggled on and off the field. In 1971 and 1972, Bourne won a total of just 30 games while losing 50 and finished 7th both years. Off the field, the cost of fielding a team in the competitive Cape League became insurmountable and the decision was made to fold after the 1972 season. After playing the game off and on for the better part of a century, Cape League baseball in Bourne was dormant for the next sixteen years.

After a decade of discussion, by 1988 it was clear that the Cape Cod Baseball League had grown to a point where expansion from 8 teams to 10 seemed feasible. After considering proposals from towns such as

Mashpee, Plymouth, and Sandwich, the league chose to award expansion franchises to Bourne and Brewster. By a 31-2 vote, the league approved Bourne to return to a league that it helped grow for most of the twentieth century.

With ten teams, the league split into its current two division league and the current playoff system was set up. The Bourne franchise, now the "Braves", started playing at Hendy Field at the Mass Maritime Academy in 1988 and finished fifth with a 12-29 record. The following year, the Braves finished first in the western division with a 24-17-3 record before falling to Hyannis in the playoffs.

In 1994, the Braves broke ground on a new ballpark at an abandoned baseball field on Trowbridge Road. After two years of renovations, paid for by raising money by selling parcels of the field for \$5, the Braves began play in 1996 at Coady Field, a ballpark named after 1920's star player Kempton Coady. Over the next ten years, Coady Field would be the summer home for Braves' players such as Mark Mulder, Kevin Youkilis, Brandon Inge, and Mark Kotsay who would all go on to have successful careers in Major League Baseball.



#### **Bourne Braves History**





Although Coady Field provided many cherished memories for fans of Bourne, it was clear that the Braves would ultimately need a new ballpark to call their own. While the Braves worked hard between the lines, the Bourne Athletic Association worked equally hard off the field to solidify the town's baseball future in a new home for the Braves. In 2006, the Braves' dream of a new home became reality as the team inaugurated a brand-new park at Upper Cape Tech School about a mile from Coady Field which was formally named Doran Park in 2007.

Before leaving Coady Field for good,

the Braves gave their fans one more reason to celebrate in 2005 as Bourne played for the league championship. Despite coming up one game short of the title to Orleans, the Braves gave Coady Field a proper sendoff by winning a playoff game in front of more than 3,000 fans in the final Cape League game ever played at the park.

In the 18 years at Doran Park, the Braves have achieved an incredible level of success and fan support. After a division crown in 2007 and a trip to a one-game playoff vs. Falmouth in 2008, the Braves finally reached the top of the mountain in 2009. Since then, the Braves have been perennial contenders and have emerged as the latest Cape League "dynasty" by winning back-to-back championships for the first time in team history as Bourne captured their third title with a thrilling championship vs. Orleans.

As we enter 2024 (again) as defending Cape League champs, the Braves will continue to be led by energetic field manager Scott Landers and his team of outstanding assistants, including former Boston Red Sox World Series champion Jarrod Saltalamacchia.

A lot of baseball has been played on Cape Cod since that first game at Casino Field in 1865 and Bourne has had its share of great moments and outstanding players.

As fans sit at beautiful Doran Park and watch the Braves play this season, they will do just as Bourne fans have done for over 100 years: sit back, watch America's Pastime, and appreciate having the opportunity to spend a summer day on Cape Cod.



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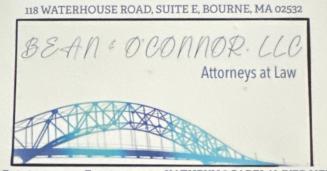
The Braves lost a member of the community this past winter. Lawrie Butler was a standout pitcher on the baseball diamond, and twice named to the Upper Cape League All Star team in 1957 and '58, he recorded a 6-2 record in 1957, leading MMA to the Upper Cape League championship. He was inducted into the MMA Athletic Hall of Fame in 2003 and the Cape Cod Baseball League Bourne Braves Hall of Fame in 2005.

Lawrie and his wife Janice were huge Braves fans supporting the team over the years. They were a fixture in their seats behind home plate at Doran Park since the Braves moved here.

Many friends and family of Lawrie's donated to the Braves in his memory and the Braves are deeply appreciative of their generous support.







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#### **Dudley M. Jensen Memorial Scholarship**



Jensen's last appearance at Doran Park in 2018

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**2023** Mitchell Norkevicius & Madison Sexton



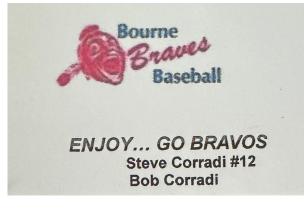


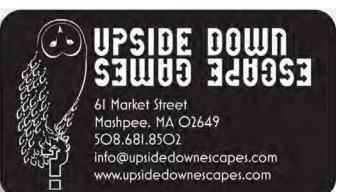


The Dudley M Jensen Scholarship is awarded each year to a graduating high school student athlete with significant volunteer work in the local community and ties to the Bourne Braves family. The scholarship was named in Jensen's honor in 2020 as a tribute to his years of dedication to the Braves and Cape League. Each year his daughter, Nancy Weston who serves as secretary of the Braves, awards the deserving recipients a scholarship in her father's memory.

> The 2024 recipient is Cameron Murphy who graduted from Sandwich High School and will be attending Syracuse University this fall.

Congratulations!





#### **BRAVES 'RUN IT BACK' WITH 5-2 THRILLER OVER ORLEANS**

#### By: Mojo Hill

#### They ran it back.

Two summers, two championships for Scott Landers. It's hard to ask for a better start to your Cape Cod Baseball League managing career than that, and now Landers can carry that 100% success rate into his third year with the club.

The Bravos got it done in a tense winner-take-all Game 3 at Eldredge Park on Sunday, completing a marathon season with a 5-2 defeat of Orleans on its home grass. Just like the series, this game had it all. An early deficit. A comeback. Trash talk, dominant pitching, timely hitting and the celebration of a lifetime.

"It never gets old," Landers said. "I'm so proud of these guys, and it was a little different than last year, but we fought 'till the end. We persevered. It's a special group."

More than 7,000 fans packed Eldredge Park, bringing a playoff atmosphere to the Cape. Just like the tight first two games of the series, it got off to another nail-biting start. The Braves were burned by Orleans' pesky leadoff hitter Jo Oyama for the second straight game. He led off the bottom of the first with a solo home run, after homering in Bourne's 4-3 loss the previous night. Two innings later, the 5-foot-7 Japan native went deep again, this time to the opposite field. It was his third homer and fifth extra-base hit in his last seven at-bats.

#### It was 2-0 Orleans.

"No panic. Just keep having fun," Braves catcher Derek Bender said. "That was the motto of the whole year. How much fun can we have?"

Left-hander Trystan Levesque gave the Braves an otherwise solid 4 2/3 innings of work. He struck out five and didn't walk anyone, his line only tainted by the Oyama solo shots. He retired seven straight after Oyama's second homer.

"We always say, 'If you're gonna give up home runs, let them be the solo ones. They don't kill you," Landers said. "But he pitched outstanding."

The Braves drew a walk in each of the first three innings against Evan Truitt, but they couldn't get any of them across to score. The second and third innings both ended on a 6-4-3 double play.

"I don't think we ever felt like we were out of it," assistant coach Jarrod Saltalamacchia said. "Scott had a meeting with all our guys.... Lock it in. Every at-bat. Every pitch."

Then the bats showed some life in the fourth. Kendall Diggs got things started with a hard-hit single, and Bryce Eblin did what he does best with a single of his own to extend his hitting streak to 23. It was an infield hit for Eblin, and the runners each advanced a base as the ball got away from Orleans' second baseman.

With the tying runs in scoring position, Bender poked one through the right side. Diggs scored, but Eblin was thrown out at the plate on a perfect throw by right fielder Fenwick Trimble. After a Garrett Michel single and four straight hits for the Braves, Truitt's evening came to an end.

Bourne's fourth-inning rally was short-lived, as Bender was gunned down in a strike-'em-out, throw-'emout double play. But Bourne kept itself



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in striking distance, down by only a run.

Levesque came out of the game after retiring the first two batters in the fifth. With Oyama due up, Landers wasn't going to take any chances. Anthony DeFabbia struck Oyama out on three pitches, prompting the team to huddle around Landers in celebration.

#### It was go time.

The momentum continued to shift in Bourne's favor. Josh Kuroda-Grauer lined a leadoff single in the sixth, knocking Watson out of the game. Orleans curiously chose to bring in Everett Catlett, who threw 55 pitches two nights ago.

The grind kept churning towards the Bravos. Diggs fouled off a few pitches before collecting his second single of the game. Eblin then grounded one to second, and the Firebirds tried to turn two, but the relay got away and Kuroda-Grauer came in with the tying run.





Eldredge Park was rocking. If somebody was sitting on the third base side, they might have thought it we were down," Petersen said. "We was a Bourne home game. An army of kids led a "LET'S GO BRAVES!" chant, with the sea of Firebirds faithful sitting in stunned silence as their championship hopes withered into dust.

"The atmosphere tonight was unbelievable," assistant coach John Topoleski said. "It felt like a national championship game."

Bender came up huge, smacking an RBI double to put the Braves in front. After Michel struck out, Catlett was pulled with a short leash after getting just two outs. In a move of desperation, the Firebirds turned to their closer, Sean Matson. Sam Petersen greeted him with a massive RBI single, giving Bourne a two-run cushion with a threerun inning.

"You can go back to last night when always thought we were the better hitting team, and you run into some bad luck here and there, but we just kept chipping away. We need somebody to start it. We need somebody to keep it going. We need somebody to deliver a big blow, and we finally did that."

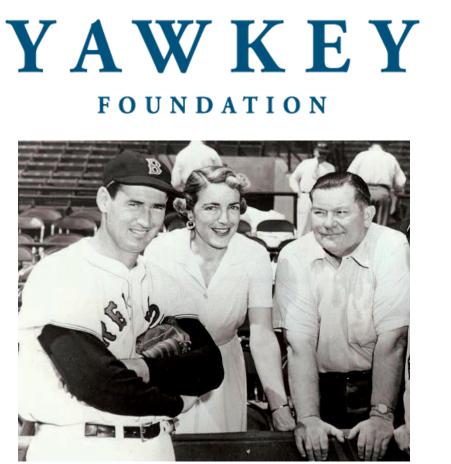
#### They led 4-2, and the prospect of victory was lurking on the horizon.

"Time and time again, Coach Landers said superstars show up when the lights turn on," Bender said. "And the lights turned on. They were a little brighter than I thought to start this playoff run. I had some big moments, but a lot of guys picked me up. Tonight, like I said to start the year, it was my night tonight. It's all our nights tonight."

DeFabbia stayed dialed in on the mound. He made back-to-back sparkling defensive plays in the bottom of the sixth to shut Orleans down in rapid fashion.

With the Bourne fans aettina increasingly antsy as their championship dreams came closer to reality, Bender annihilated a solo homer to left field. He stood and admired it, then flipped his bat while getting into a shouting match with Orleans catcher Henry Hunter. The umpire had to break it up, and discussions between the whole umpiring crew and Firebirds manager Kelly Nicholson commenced. The umpires eventually issued warnings to each side, and play continued on.





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"I have a lot of respect for a lot of guys in that team, and I don't really mean any disrespect to the game or anything. I know some people don't like it," Bender said. "I think it's one of those things that if you haven't done something like that in a big moment, you wouldn't understand the feeling. It isn't so much showing anybody up. It's more of just taking the whole moment in, like 'Wow, I just did that.'... Let me take it all in. Because if you look at any video, I wasn't saying nothing until he got in my face." DeFabbia didn't let the Firebirds even dream about making a comeback. He shoved all the way until the end, retiring the final 13 batters of the game to send Bourne to victory. Defensive replacement Gage Harrelson caught the final out in center field, and the team sprinted to the mound for its second dogpile in as many years. There were hugs. There were tears of joy. There were shouts of pure elation. There were group photos with the trophy, which will be added to the collection in the Doran Park press box



that's starting to get a little crowded.

Landers and general manager Darin Weeks were greeted with the trophy. Weeks sprinted, with the trophy in the air, into a mob of players at the mound. Kuroda-Grauer was crowned with the postseason MVP for his torrid hot stretch in the last week.

"It means everything to me," Kuroda-Grauer said. "I give all the credit to my teammates and coaches for putting me in position to be great."

The Braves are champions. It's a statement that was said last year, and it'll be said plenty more times this year. Champions. A franchise that had only won once, in 2009, now has three titles in its history.

#### That's what happens when you run it back.

"I'm really, really proud of each and every one of them," Landers said. "Through the playoffs, we didn't have one unsung hero. There were multiple people that stepped up that not necessarily did throughout the year — they weren't here, or they were struggling going into the playoffs. And we put it all together when we had to.



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#### MAX PENTECOST ENSHRINED IN CAPE LEAGUE HALL OF FAME

#### **By: Wesley Sykes**

There was a two-game stretch during Max Pentecost's time on the Cape in the summer of 2013 that always stood out to his former Shapiro, jokingly underselling the manager Harvey Shapiro.

In the middle of a three-game road trip, the Braves visited Falmouth at Guv Fuller Field on July 9. And though the Braves lost, 5-3, Pentecost had a standout performance at the plate. He went 3-for-4 with two doubles, a home run, two RBI, and a run scored. Less than 24 hours later, the Braves were down Cape visiting Orleans and found themselves in a 12-inning slugfest. Pentecost went 5-for-5 and reached base in all seven plate appearances, recording three runs scored, four RBI, a hit-by-pitch, and a walk. He crushed two more home runs that game, one of which was a two-run blast in the 12th to help Bourne leave with an 8-6 victory.

produced eight hits in nine at-bats with two doubles, three homers, six RBI. and four runs scored.

"That's a pretty good stretch," performance, recalled.

President Nicole Norkevicius also remembered Pentecost's late-game heroics against the Firebirds.

"I'll never forget those two home runs in Orleans over the left-field wall," Norkevicius said.

That stretch served as a microcosm for his summer. He finished that 2013 season with a .346 average, six home runs, 29 RBI, 47 hits, 21 runs scored, and five stolen bases while managing the Braves pitching staff behind the welcomed me with open arms. It plate-earning him the Pat Sorenti Most Valuable Player award.

Ten years later, Pentecost was invited back to the Cape to be part of the 22nd class of the Cape Cod Baseball League's Hall of Fame-

In that two-game stretch, Pentecost joining Lance Berkman (Wareham '06), Mitchell Jordan (Orleans '15), Glenn Davis (Chatham '80), Jim Higgins (League Executive), and Mary Henderson (Harwich & League Executive).

> With his induction. Pentecost became just the third catcher in Cape League history to win the MVP and be enshrined into the Hall of Fame. joining Jason Varitek (Hyannis '93) and Josh Paul (Cotuit '95).

> And while his time spent on the Cape is remembered by spectators for his performance on the field, it's the connections he made that Pentecost remembers most.

> "My host family and the Braves always felt more like a family than a team or organization," Pentecost said.

> He credited that welcomina atmosphere to helping his calm demeanor that summer.



Max Pentecost ('13) was gifted his game jersey by Bourne Braves president Nicole Norkevicius and general manager Darin Weeks during a 'Welcome Home' party at The Lobster Trap in November.

#### Hall of Fame



"My main goal was to stay relaxed, get used to everything, make adjustments as quickly as possible, and just try to enjoy everything," he said. "It was a lot of fun, and it didn't take as long as I was expecting."

Coming from Kennesaw State, a mid-major NCAA Division 1 school, Pentecost wanted to test himself against the best talent in the country. He returned back to the Kennesaw state—Cape League MVP trophy in hand—knowing he belonged. Pentecost hit .422 with nine home runs, 61 RBI, 24 doubles, 59 runs scored, and had an OPS of 1.109 his next season at Kennesaw, helping his team reach the NCAA Division 1 college baseball super regional.

"Forcing myself to make those adjustments early on was big because that transitioned over to my next season in college," he said. "What I learned [in Bourne] carried over to that season and set the tone for my professional career."

Pentecost took home the Johnny Bench Award, given to college baseball's top catcher, in 2014 before being drafted 11th overall later that year by the Toronto Blue Jays.

With his playing days behind him, Pentecost lives in his home state of



Max Pentecost ('13) was inducted into the Cape Cod Hall of Fame in November at the Wequasset Resort and Golf Club in November. [From left] Bourne Braves vice president Jenabeth Ferguson, president Nicole Norkevicius, general manager Darin Weeks, Pentecost, former manager Harvey Shapiro, and former general manager Chuck Sturtevant.

Georgia with his wife, Chandler, and their two children. He holds private lessons for up-and-coming catchers but also serves as an assistant coach for the Bethlehem Christian Academy varsity softball program—where his wife is the head coach.

"I didn't want to spend too much time away from the family like I used to with baseball. So she convinced me to help out [with the softball program] and I've really, really enjoyed that and getting to do it together," he said.

> Max Pentecost ('13) became just the third catcher in Cape League history to win the MVP and be enshrined into the Hall of Fame, joining Jason Varitek (Hyannis '93) and Josh Paul (Cotuit '95).



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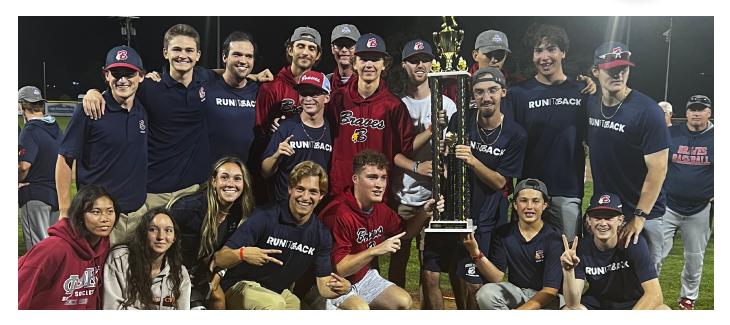
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#### 2024 Bat Kids





#### **BRODY COPITHORNE**

Brody Copithorne is an 11 year old who plays baseball, football, lacrosse and basketball. He currently is on the Mass. Hurricanes 11U Elite team. Last year his team made it to the Final Four! Brody is a pitcher and a second baseman. He lives in Mansfield. with his parents and 3 siblings. Brody is such a great kid who gives 100% to any sports team he is a part of. And he always with a smile on

his face!



#### TYLER DENNEN

Tyler is in his 3rd Season as a batboy for the Bourne Braves. He plays 4 sports regularly but baseball has always been the one he is most passionate about. He's an Honor Roll student at BIS, excels in gym class, and was given the Pete Rose award by his gym teacher for outstanding effort in extreme dodgeball and Volleyball/ Nuke-Em. Tyler fell in love with baseball attending Bourne Braves

Camps during the 2021 Season meeting players like Peter Burns, and Dalton Rushing who remains his favorite player to this day. He stays in touch with Dalton and Pete and has seen each of them play in college. He dreams of playing professionally with Dalton someday.



#### LUCAS DRANE

Lucas is a rising 3rd grader from Bourne. He is a sports enthusiast who loves to cheer on the Braves. In the summer, you can find Lucas fishing and hanging at the beach with his friends. He is excited for his first summer as a bat boy. Go Braves!



#### **JACK FARLEY**

John "Jack" Farley is 12 years old from Plymouth. Jack plays for the U12 Sharks AAU team. He is a very versatile player and often catches, pitches, plays first base, and center field. He also plays on the VFW Majors Little League team in South Plymouth. Jack has had a love of baseball since a very young age. This year he is excited to be traveling to Cooperstown, NY with his Sharks team

for a summer tournament. Jack also plays football, hockey, and basketball on Plymouth teams.



#### 2024 Bat Kids



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#### **THOMAS JONES**

Thomas Jones is excited to return for his second season as a batboy with the Bourne Braves. He resides in Bourne, is 8 years old and going into the third grade. He is a lover of all sports! This year he has played Football (for the Sandwich Bulldogs – who went on to win the SuperBowl (for their division!), Basketball and Baseball. His hobbies are playing outside until it's dark, riding his bike or rollerblades, playing street hockey or catch, playing MLB The Show and collecting all kinds of sports cards. He continues to be a diehard Boston sports fan for all New England teams.

#### **COOPER KARAS**

Cooper is in his second year of bat boy for the Bourne braves after an amazing 2023 season. Cooper is a rising third grader going to Bourne Intermediate School. He plays Baseball for Bourne Youth Baseball and Cape Cod Baseball Club. He is ecstatic to be once again a part of the Bourne Braves Organization.



Christopher Macuch is a 7-year-old ballplayer from Bourne. Chris plays on the U8 Gateway travel team as well as Bourne Cal Ripken League. Chris is a 2nd baseman and his favorite player is Ryan Fischer who played the past two seasons for the Braves.





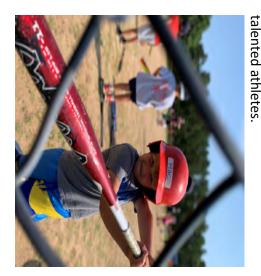
#### **HUNTER MERRIMAN**

Hunter is an all-around sports enthusiast. He'll be 12 years old going into 7th grade at Bourne Middle School in the fall. This'll be Hunter's second year as a bat boy. He is thrilled to be returning after a wonderful summer last year. He's excited to continue to learn, and grow from his experience last summer. When Hunter isn't playing baseball or playing a sport you can find him doing Agility training with his two dogs Geneva and Maggie.



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Age Date of Birth Mailing Address
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#### **MAC MOHRE**

Mac Mohre is 8 years old and will be in the 3rd grade this fall. His first baseball game ever was a Bourne Braves game and this is his 4th year attending Braves Youth Summer Clinic. Mac loves sports - especially hockey, lacrosse, baseball and golf. He likes math, being a big brother, swimming at the beach, cheering for high school hockey and playing with the boys next door. He hopes the Braves clinch another Championship this year!



#### **BRODY MORRISON**

Brody is a 10-year-old from Plymouth. He plays baseball, hockey, and loves to fish. He has been playing baseball since he was 4 years old. This year he will play for the 10U AAU Plymouth Sharks and for Plymouth Little League's team Churchills.

#### **NOAH ONNIS**

Noah Onnis is 10 years old and lives in Plymouth. Baseball is his life. He plays on two teams in Plymouth, the Plymouth Little League as well as a Plymouth sharks. He recently started taking lessons with the Cape Cod Baseball Club through Riptide. He is so excited to be a part of the Bourne Braves organization and has attended many games and camps over the past few years.



#### **HENRY SALZSIEDER**

Henry lives in Mansfield with his family. His two loves are baseball and football. He plays in town baseball and also plays for the club team The Hurricanes. He knows baseball stats like nobody's business. Henry loves not only playing baseball but watching it as well. He is a die hard Boston College #birdball fan and also roots for the NY Yankees. He is excited for the return of Adonys "Donny" Guzman this summer. He is even MORE excited to be a Bat Boy for the Bourne Braves! GO Braves!!





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#### LIAM SALZSIEDER

Liam lives with his family in Mansfield. His two loves are baseball and soccer. He plays in town baseball and also plays for the club team The Hurricanes. Liam is a lefty pitcher who also loves playing 1st base. Two things about Liam - he loves playing baseball...but he also loves watching baseball. Liam is a die hard Boston College #birdball fan. He's very excited to be in the dugout and part of the team as a Bat Boy for the Bourne Braves.

#### AJ SELVAGGI

AJ Selvaggi is 10 years old and is a passionate baseball player and fan. He plays club ball and little league in his hometown of Scituate. His positions are shortstop and catcher, but enjoys pitching as well. In addition to baseball, AJ likes to fish, sail, golf and play his trumpet and electric guitar. He lives by the beach with his parents, sister, dog and 2 pet geckos.



#### **KELLAN STANTON**

Kellan Stanton is returning for his third bat boy season with the Braves. He is 10 years old and lives in Sagamore Beach. He will be entering 5th grade at Bourne intermediate school this fall. His love for baseball started young and has continued to grow. You can catch Kellan tossing a baseball, kicking a soccer ball or dribbling a basketball on any given day!



#### **JAKE WILSON**

Jake is excited to be one of the Bat Boys this season and is rooting for the Braves to three-peat. Jake is 11 years old and from Mansfield. He plays multiple sports, baseball, football, basketball, and golf. His favorite sport is baseball, and he loves coming down to watch the Braves games on Summer nights. Jake plays for Mansfield Youth Baseball and 11U AAU GBG Hawks. He plays pitcher, shortstop, and center field.



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#### **Bat Kids**



#### BAT BOY COOPER KARAS MAKES LIFELONG MEMORIES, FRIENDSHIP WITH GARRETT MICHEL

By: Mojo Hill

Come to a Bourne Braves game, and you might notice a small bat boy running from the dugout, his helmet wobbling from shoulder to shoulder as he sprints behind home plate.

That's eight-year-old Cooper Karas. Not only was he one of Bourne's most committed bat boys, but he was a vital cog in the machine of this championship-winning ball club in 2023. Behind an impromptu friendship with Braves first baseman Garrett Michel, while simultaneously carrying the spark of a good luck charm, Karas ran it back with Bourne this summer – all the way from the dugout to the glories of victory.

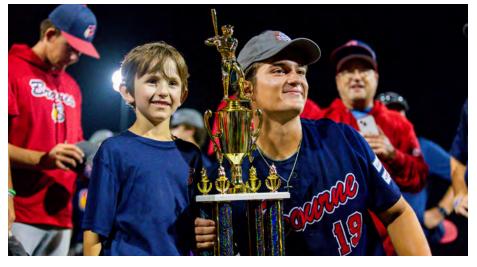
"It's special," Karas's dad Matt said. "Something like that is never probably gonna happen again."

Karas, in addition to his bat boy duties, attended the weekly kids camp that went on at Doran Park earlier in the day before games. Numerous Braves players, including Michel, helped out by coaching and running drills.

"It's as much fun for me as it is for them," Michel said. "You get to hang out with the kids, and then they get to come to the games and watch you play and watch you do your thing. And you get to hang out with them before and after the game, which makes it more special."

It was at kids camp that a bond started to form between Karas and the Virginia Tech slugger. Michel became Karas's favorite player, and warming up together turned into one of their rituals.

"Every time I went to camp, and



every time I saw him at the ball field, he always had the biggest smile on his face," Michel said. "And it kind of made everybody else in the room smile. He's a great kid, and it just made coming to the ball field fun after seeing him."

Michel was one of the key cogs on this Bourne team throughout the entire summer. He was there from the first day, and stuck around all the way through the championship run. His season, like the Braves', saw plenty of ups and downs. But he ultimately led the team in homers and was a mainstay in the middle of the lineup down the stretch.

Whether he was slumping or on a hot streak, Michel always brought a positive attitude to the field – much like the attributes he sees in young Cooper. Whether it was warming up with kids, chatting with interns or doing his daily pregame fist bumps, Michel exemplified what Cape League baseball is supposed to be about.

"Garrett's an exceptionally nice kid," Matt said. "He really just has a kind heart." Those traits fortified a comfortable environment for Karas. While he and Michel may be in different stages in life, they're both kids who love baseball, and Karas's rookie season as a bat boy gave him a chance to gain inspiration and knowledge from someone who's playing the game at a high level.

"He is absolutely in love with baseball," Matt said of his son. "All he talks about is baseball. All he watches is baseball. If he's not playing baseball, he's collecting baseball cards. So to get him immersed into a team like this is really neat."

Karas made himself at home with the Braves, attending nearly every game. He became known among the players, coaches, fans and everybody who else who regularly supported Bourne Braves baseball. This organization stayed united as a tight-knit group through all the peaks and valleys, all the roster transactions, all the heartbreaking losses and all the triumphs. It's not just the players who develop a family-type atmosphere — it's everyone who's

# **Bat Kids**



Cod happen, whether on the field, off everybody. It's really cool." the field or behind the scenes.

"It was really, really special. He was on a first name basis with pretty much the whole team and all the coaching staff. He knew them all," Matt said. "It's funny, when walking out of the park, you see Salty [assistant coach Jarrod Saltalamacchia] say 'Hey, we'll see you tomorrow, Coop!"

Michel believes the atmosphere played a part in allowing this team to flourish. The competition is tougher than at school, and the wood bats are an adjustment for any hitter who's used to metal, but the culture on the Cape is more relaxed and homey than it might be under the rigors of Division 1 baseball.

"It chills you out a little bit, realizing that you're playing a game," Michel said. "It kind of takes the stress away and puts it in perspective where you're at and what you're doing. It makes the game a lot more fun."

The Karas family began going to games last year, and they got to witness the Braves' first championship since 2009 from the sidelines. At the beginning of this summer, Matt simply asked team president Nicole Norkevicius if Cooper could be a bat boy, and it was then that the Karas's' "summer family" was born.

"I can't say enough about the organization. It really is like a family," Matt said. "We moved here three years ago. We've been coming to Braves games for two years. And I think they've taken our family into more of it than what's even expected of anywhere else. Between the board members and the players and the coaching staff, it really is a family atmosphere. We've been calling it our summer family. Go to Doran, and

involved in making baseball on Cape you can catch everybody talking to

A bat boy's main duties during the games involve being alert behind the screen near the dugout, ready to sprint out and retrieve stray bats. It's often a race with the other team's bat boy, especially when the bat is somewhere in the middle and could realistically be retrieved by either side.

The crowd will often get into it and cheer on the opposing bat boys. Karas is smaller than the other bat kids - with many onlookers thinking he's even younger than eight – but it doesn't stop him from doing his job in just as composed and efficient a manner as all the others.

Karas brought an extra spark the team perhaps didn't even know they needed. When the Braves opened the West finals against Hyannis, the Karas's weren't able to make it to the game, and Cooper had to be subbed in for. After sweeping Cotuit in the opening round, Bourne lost that first game. The Braves were dangling on the brink of elimination.

Phone calls and texts bombarded Matt's phone, demanding that Cooper be there for the remainder of the season. Sometimes baseball superstition wins out.

Cooper returned, and the Braves fought off elimination twice to win the championship.

Victory.

"We made a very strong point to [manager Scott] Landers that he needs to be our bat boy during the playoffs," Michel said. "I think if he wasn't our bat boy, people were gonna be very upset."

So now Karas can go back to school, and back to his own baseball teams, as the bat boy for a group of champions. He has a summer worth



of memories that he'll be able to hold onto for the rest of his long life ahead.

"The championship game, he's still talking about it," Matt said. "If someone had hit a home run: 'Oh, did you see how far Bender's home run was? It was so deep,' and everything like that. Pretty much every time he'd get home from a game, he'd throw on YouTube to rewatch the game, just to see his performance and everybody else's."

Karas has fall ball coming up, followed by spring ball, along with the Bourne camps and a couple other baseball camps. The Karas family's life revolves around baseball, and they wouldn't have it any other way. They're also hoping to travel and catch some college baseball, particularly to see some of Cooper's favorite players - first on the list: Garrett Michel of Virginia Tech.

"He's a light to everybody's day," Michel said of Karas. "Just keep being who he is. Keep loving and keep practicing the game."

Bourne will be back in action in early June of next year.

Until then, everybody in the Braves community can enjoy the taste of running it back.

# **TALENTED BRAVES ROSTER VYING FOR THREE-PEAT IN** 2024

By: Sean Brennan

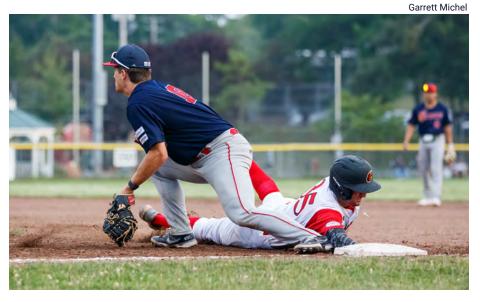
Winning a championship in any sport is an extremely tall task.

To reach the pinnacle of a league, the winning team must display an unwavering work ethic, commitment to a strong culture and willingness to play for one another, among various other qualities. Because of this, emerging as the last group standing even once has very long odds, never mind bringing home two or three consecutive championships.

But the latter is what Scott Landers, third-year head coach of the Bourne Braves, will attempt to accomplish in 2024. After only two seasons on the Cape, he already boasts a crowded list of accolades, winning the league's 2022 and 2023 titles. Landers brings a wealth of experience to Bourne, as he's been the head coach at SUNY Oswego since 2011 and has also served as a pitching coach for the Cape Cod League's Brewster Whitecaps in 2020.

If the Braves take the 2024 trophy – their fourth in franchise history – they will become only the fourth team since 1963 to win three or more championships consecutively and the first since the Yarmouth-Dennis Red Sox did so in 2016.

The quest for yet another title starts with assembling championshipcaliber coaching staff, and Landers has retained most of his assistants from 2023. 17-year MLB veteran and 2013 World Series Champion Jarrod Saltalamacchia will return for year three as an assistant, while Massachusetts Institute of Technology pitching coach Kevin Curtain is overseeing the Braves'



pitchers for the third season.

Rounding out Bourne's coaches are second-year assistant Lukas Olsson and Tanner Sinicki, who will coach his first campaign on the Cape this summer.

While rosters are subject to change before and during the season, this year's Braves' squad will possess a wealth of experience on the field with eight prospective returners, six of which are position players: catcher Adonys Guzman of Arizona, infielder Garret Michel of Virginia Tech, outfielder Gage Harrelson of Texas Tech, outfielder Chris Stanfield of Auburn, utility player Caden Bodine of Coastal Carolina and infielder Kodey Shojinaga of Kansas.

Headlining the crop of hitters running it back in Bourne is Bodine, who has produced a 0.906 OPS along with a .321 average and 65 RBI this spring. Bodine was also a major contributor for the Braves during the 2023 regular season, posting a .384 batting average while logging a .944 OPS in 26 games. Shojinaga, a key member of the Jayhawks' lineup this year, is another exciting returner, as he aims to build off last summer when he slashed .326/.396/.349 across 11 contests.

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Caden Bodine

# **2024 Season Preview**



Two pitchers – Rochester righty Nolan Sparks and St. Joseph's righthander Matt McShane - are returning to the Braves for the 2024 campaign. McShane proved a valuable arm in Bourne's bullpen in 2023, pitching to a 1.39 ERA and fanning 25 in 19  $\frac{1}{3}$ innings. Across 41 1/3 frames of work for the Hawks this season, he has posted a 4.14 ERA and 56 strikeouts.

Sparks has been one of Rochester's most impactful starters in 2024 and owns a 2.25 ERA and 1.07 WHIP along with 80 punchouts in 60 innings. He has also tossed two complete games this year and now holds the Yellow Jackets' program record for career strikeouts with 248.

There are several other incoming arms for Braves fans to be excited about, including Clemson righty Aidan Knaak. Knaak has enjoyed a promising freshman campaign for the Tigers and owns a 2.96 ERA, 97 strikeouts and two s Gage Harrelson hutouts in 13 starts. Southpaw Zane Adams of Alabama, who has pitched 58 2/3 innings with a 5.37 ERA and 47 strikeouts, also looks



Bourne's rotation.

Among the pitchers who look to bolster the Braves' bullpen is Arkansas right-hander Gabe Gaeckle. He has a 1.91 ERA, the lowest of Bourne's prospective arms, along with 7 saves this season, making him a strong candidate for the closing role. With a 3.13 ERA and 1.13 WHIP in 23, lefty Connor Hults of Florida State shapes up to be another trusted reliever.

Adonvs Guzman



Gage Harrelson

to be another important member of Other arms out of the 'pen include St. Joseph's righty Will McCausland, Rutgers left-handed pitcher Donovan Zsak and Arkansas righty Cooper Dossett.

> In terms of hitting, all 19 of the Braves' potential position players come from Division I schools. Coastal Carolina infielder Blake Barthol will likely be an explosive player at the plate who is a strong all-around hitter, boasting 15 home runs, a .319 average and 1.065 OPS. Outfielder Caden

> Sorrell of Texas A&M possesses impressive power in his own right, as he's hit seven long balls and 19 extrabase hits while knocking in 33 runs.

> Wake Forest outfielder Marek Houston is yet another complete batter slated to play in Bourne this summer with a .327 average and .429 on-base percentage this year.

> Infielders Nick Roselli of Binghamton and Drew Smith of Oregon are two more of the 10 incoming Braves hitting above .300 for their respective schools in 2024.

> Bourne's road to a three-peat begins on Saturday, June 15 at 6 p.m. at Doran Park, when it hosts the Orleans Firebirds in a rematch of the 2023 Championship.

















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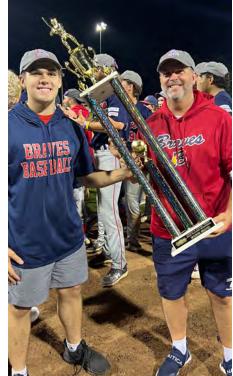


Welcome to Doran Park, home of your back-to-back Cape Cod Baseball League champion Bourne Braves! These last two summers have been historic and we are so excited you are joining us for another summer of Bourne Braves baseball in 2024.

Whether you are visiting us for the first time or are a die-hard and lifelong fan, the Cape Cod Baseball League is one like no other. Here in Bourne, we are blessed to have been witness to countless major league alums that have graced Doran Park, as well as the other 9 fields across Cape Cod and remember fondly the memories they have given us.

Though it's the players who fans come to see, it's the volunteers and host families who truly epitomize the Cape League and work tirelessly to provide this parochial baseball experience each summer.

From our Braves Board of Directors down to our batboys, our promise to provide baseball in its purest form is a year-long odyssey that is enjoyed by thousands of fans each summer. Now that the offseason work it over, it's time to sit back and enjoy baseball the way it was meant to be played. Go Braves and let's get that three-peat!



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2024 Coaching Staff





#### SCOTT LANDERS - FIELD MANAGER

Scott Landers returns as the Braves Field Manager for his third season in 2024 after leading the Braves to their second-straight Cape League championship—and third in team history—in 2023.

Landers has been the Baseball Head Coach/ Strength and Conditioning Coordinator at SUNY Oswego since 2011. He joined the Laker staff after serving as the assistant coach at NCAA Division I Le Moyne

College for the prior nine seasons. During his tenure at Le Moyne, five Dolphin pitchers signed professional baseball contracts. Two of Landers' players were named conference pitchers of the year. Overall, Landers coached 21 players at Le Moyne who went on to play professional baseball.

At Cortland, Landers helped guide the Red Dragons to two league titles with unblemished 12-0 conference marks, one regional title, and one Division III



World Series berth. In 2001 at Broome Community College, Landers guided the Hornets to a 22-19 mark and a New York State Regional berth.

Landers was the pitching coach for the Brewster Whitecaps. In 2020, the Whitecaps allowed the second-fewest earned runs (119) in 304 1/3 innings during the regular season, good for an ERA of 3.52. The Caps also gave up the second fewest hits (258), ranked second-best in walks allowed (114), and had the fifth-highest strikeout total on the Cape (349).

Landers was a four-year pitcher at Cortland. As a player, Landers helped the Red Dragons to three SUNYAC titles, four regional appearances, and three NCAA Division III World Series appearances. Cortland finished third on two occasions and seventh once at the NCAA Division III World Series. As a junior, Landers was named to the 1997 ABCA All-America Third Team.

Landers is father to Cal and Maura.



#### **KEVIN CURTIN - PITCHING COACH**

Kevin Curtin is in his third year with the Bourne Braves serving as the Bullpen Coach and assistant pitching coach. He was part of the 2022 and 2023 CCBL championship coaching staff, working with the pitchers who led the league in team ERA (3.04) and second in WHIP (1.24). Coach Curtin is the pitching coach for Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) whose 2023 Engineers staff averaged 10 strikeouts per game—good for the top 10 in the country. He served as an assistant coach at Burlington (MA) High School for more than 20 years. After retiring from a successful career in financial services he became the Head Coach

at Nauset Regional High School, leading the Warriors to consecutive Cape and Islands League

titles in 2021 and 2022.

As a player, Kevin starred at Burlington High School for his father, legendary coach Jim Curtin, who coached for 52 seasons winning over 600 games. Kevin went on to pitch for Harvard University where he amassed a .750 winning percentage over his career. He had the fourth-best ERA (0.88) in NCAA Division 1 in 1987. His single season 0.88 ERA still ranks in the top five in the Harvard Crimson record books.

Coach Curtin holds an A.B. in Economics from Harvard University and also earned his M.B.A. from the Boston College Carroll School of Management with a concentration in Computer Science and Finance.

Kevin is married to his wife Eileen and they have five adult children–Michael, Kerry, Dan, Shaun, and Meghan.

### **TANNER SINICKI - ASSISTANT COACH**

Tanner Sinicki makes his coaching debut on the Cape this season. Sinicki recently graduated from Binghamton University, where he was a five-year letterman relief pitcher for the Bearcats and studied psychology. Last August, he was named the Director of Baseball Operations for Binghamton. Before that, Sinicki served as the pitching coach for the Wilmington Sharks of the Coastal Plain League in 2023, helping the Sharks win a division title.

A native of Vestal, NY, Sinicki was a three-year varsity starter at Seton Catholic Central High School and helped the team capture three Section 4 Class B championships and a pair of regional championships.

#### **JARROD SALTALAMACCHIA - ASSISTANT COACH**

Jarrod Saltalamacchia returns to the Bourne Braves for his third season. Fans will recognize him as a member of the 2013 World Champion Boston Red Sox.

He was drafted in the first round of the MLB draft by the Atlanta Braves in 2003 and went on to enjoy a 17-year career in the Majors. He is currently the head coach at The King's Academy in West Palm Beach, FL.









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# **BRAYDEN RISEDORPH - RHP**

Indiana | Freshman | Kendallville, IN 6'3" | 220 lbs | Bats: Right | Throws: Right Stats: 2024: 3-1 W-L | 4.47 ERA | 25 APP | 5 GS | 6 SV | 52.1 IP | 60 SO | 19 BB



### **COOPER DOSSETT - RHP**

Arkansas | Sophomore | Springdale, AR 6'0" | 200 lbs | Bats: Right | Throws: Right Stats: 2024: 3-0 W-L | 5.02 ERA | 13 GP | 0 GS | 14.1 IP | 20 SO | 6 BB



### **GABE GAECKLE - RHP**

Arkansas | Freshman | Aptos, CA 6'2" | 195 lbs | Bats: Right | Throws: Right Stats: 2024: 3-2 W-L | 1.91 ERA | 20 GP | 0 GS | 7 SV | 37.2 IP | 48 SO | 15 BB



### **BEN BYBEE - RHP**

Arkansas | Sophomore | Overland Park, KS 6'6" | 240 lbs | Bats: Right | Throws: Right Stats: 2024: 2-1 W-L | 5.40 ERA | 8 GP | 6 GS | 21.2 IP | 28 SO | 7 BB



### ZACK CROTCHFELT - LHP

Auburn | Sophomore | Jackson, NJ 6'3" | 225 lbs | Bats: Left | Throws: Left Stats: 2024: 1-1 W-L | 6.14 ERA | 7 GP | 7.1 IP | 10 SO | 6 BB | 5 ER | 10 H





### **TYLER FAY - RHP**

Alabama | Redshirt Freshman | Doniphan, NE 6'5" | 215 lbs | Bats: Right | Throws: Right Stats: 2024: 1-2 W-L | 7.15 ERA | 22 GP | 1 SV | 34 IP | 32 SO | 16 BB | 27 ER | 35 H



## **JOSEPH ARIOLA - LHP**

Wake Forest | Sophomore | Malverne, NY 6'3" | 190 lbs | Bats: Left | Throws: Left Stats: 2024: 1-0 W-L | 7.27 ERA | 12 GP | 8.2 IP | 14 SO | 5 BB | 7 ER | 6 H



### WYATT PARLIAMENT - RHP

Virginia Tech | Junior | La Fargeville, NY 6'4" | 215 lbs | Bats: Right | Throws: Right Stats: 2024: 4-3 W-L | 6.10 ERA | 13 GP | 9 GS | 41.1 IP | 54 SO | 11 BB | 28 ER | 36 H



### **JUSTIN LEGUERNIC - LHP**

Clemson | Sophomore | Dix Hills, NY 6'5" | 205 lbs | Bats: Switch | Throws: Left Stats: 2024: 0-1 W-L | 6.75 ERA | 9 GP | 1 GS | 6.2 IP | 10 SO | 11 BB | 5 ER | 6 H



### **CHASE MEYER - RHP**

West Virginia | Freshman | Daytona Beach, FL 6'1" | 195 lbs | Bats: Right | Throws: Right Stats: 2024: 1-1 W-L | 9.00 ERA | 12 GP | 1 GS | 17 IP | 25 SO | 20 BB | 17 ER | 16 H





# **CAMERON FLUKEY - RHP**

Coastal Carolina | Freshman | Egg Harbor Twp, NJ 6'6" | 208 lbs | Bats: Right | Throws: Right

Stats: 2024:

2-2 W-L | 6.18 ERA | 16 GP | 8 GS | 1 SV | 43.2 IP | 69 SO | 27 BB | 30 ER | 40 H



## **MATT MCSHANE - RHP**

St. Joseph's | Junior | Bensalem, PA 6'4" | 220 lbs | Bats: Right | Throws: Right Stats: 2024: 4-2 W-L | 4.14 ERA | 18 GP | 1 GS | 2 SV | 41.1 IP | 56 SO | 16 BB | 23 ER | 34 H



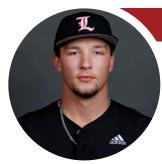
### **DONOVAN ZSAK - LHP**

Rutgers | Sophomore | Scotch Plains, NJ 6'3" | 195 lbs | Bats: Left | Throws: Left Stats: 2024: 2-1 W-L | 4.66 ERA | 18 GP | 3 GS | 29 IP | 32 SO | 17 BB | 15 ER | 21 H



### JD THOMPSON - RHP

Vanderbilt | Sophomore | Rusk, TX 5'11" | 200 lbs | Bats: Right | Throws: Left Stats: 2024: 4-1 W-L | 3.11 ERA | 11 GP | 9 GS | 37.2 IP | 54 SO | 12 BB | 13 ER | 31 H



### **KAYDEN CAMPBELL - LHP**

Louisville | Sophomore | Fairfield, OH 6'2" | 205 lbs | Bats: Right | Throws: Left Stats: 2024: 3-1 W-L | 5.49 ERA | 22 GP | 1 SV | 19.2 IP | 21 SO | 16 BB | 12 ER | 21 H





# WILL MCCAUSLAND - RHP

Alabama | Sophomore | Harleyville, PA 6'0" | 190 lbs | Bats: Right | Throws: Right Stats: 2024: 3-4 W-L | 4.92 ERA | 14 GP | 14 GS | 75 IP | 83 SO | 17 BB | 41 ER | 47 H



# **JUSTIN WEST - LHP**

Louisville | Junior | Paducah, KY 6'3" | 195 lbs | Bats: Right | Throws: Left Stats: 2024: 2-1 W-L | 5.40 ERA | 12 GP | 2 GS | 1 SV | 16.2 IP | 23 SO | 5 BB | 10 ER | 26 H



# **NOLAN SPARKS - RHP**

Rochester | Junior | Aurora, CA 5'10" | 200 lbs | Bats: Right | Throws: Right Stats: 2024: 4-2 W-L | 2.25 ERA | 10 GP | 10 GS | 2 CG | 1 SO | 60 IP | 80 SO 19 BB | 15 ER | 45 H



# **GRIFFIN HUGUS - RHP**

Cincinnati | Sophomore | Wellington, FL 6'1" | 200 lbs | Bats: Left | Throws: Right Stats: 2024: 0-2 W-L | 4.88 ERA | 11 GP | 1 GS | 2 SV | 24 IP | 21 SO | 17 BB | 13 ER | 22 H



### MILLER GREEN - LHP

Vanderbilt | Freshman | Nashville, TN 6'5" | 200 lbs | Bats: Left | Throws: Left Stats: 2024: 1-4 W-L | 3.20 ERA | 17 GP | 3 SV | 25.1 IP | 27 SO | 8 BB | 9 ER | 20 H





## JOHN ABRAHAM - RHP

Florida State | Sophomore | Tampa, FL 6'3" | 200 lbs | Bats: Right | Throws: Right Stats: 2024: 3-1 W-L | 4.81 ERA | 19 GP | 2 GS | 1 SV | 24.1 IP | 30 SO | 21 BB | 13 ER | 16 H



### **CONNOR HULTS - LHP**

Florida State | Junior | St. Augustine, FL 5'11" | 185 lbs | Bats: Left | Throws: Left Stats: 2024: 1-1 W-L | 2.66 ERA | 18 GP | 4 SV | 20.1 IP | 26 SO | 7 BB | 6 ER | 15 H



### ZANE ADAMS - LHP

Alabama | Freshman | Porter, TX 6'4" | 195 lbs | Bats: Left | Throws: Left Stats: 2024: 4-4 W-L | 4.75 ERA | 15 GP | 12 GS | 55 IP | 41 SO | 22 BB | 29 ER | 56 H



### **MAREK HOUSTON - INFIELD**

Wake Forest | Freshman | Nokomis, FL 6'3" | 190 lbs | Bats: Right | Throws: Right Stats: 2024: 47 GP | 46 GS | .328 AVG | 64 H | 53 R | 14 2B | 6 HR | 32 RBI 30 BB | .425 OBP | 4 SB



### **BLAKE BARTHOL - INFIELD**

Coastal Carolina | Sophomore | Breingsville, PA 5'9" | 190 lbs | Bats: Left | Throws: Right Stats: 2024: 52 GP | 52 GS | .317 AVG | 64 H | 60 R | 19 2B | 15 HR | 58 RBI 30 BB | .438 OBP | 5 SB





# **KODEY SHOJINAGA - INFIELD**

Kansas | Junior | Honolulu, HI 5'10" | 190 lbs | Bats: Right | Throws: Right

Stats: 2024:

48 GP | 48 GS | .337 AVG | 70 H | 39 R | 18 2B | 5 HR | 42 RBI | .406 OBP | 23 BB



## GARRETT MICHEL - INFIELD

Virginia Tech | Sophomore | Stanley, NC 6'0" | 205 lbs | Bats: Left | Throws: Right Stats: 2024: 9 GP | 9 GS | .400 AVG | 14 H | 11 R | 5 2B | 4 HR | 12 RBI | .475 OBP | 4 BB



## CLAY GRADY - INFIELD

Virginia Tech | Sophomore | Suffolk, VA 5'9" | 170 lbs | Bats: Right | Throws: Right Stats: 2024: 49 GP | 49 GS | .328 AVG | 58 H | 35 R | 3 2B | 1 HR | 19 RBI 15 BB | .381 OBP | 7 SB



### **CAMDEN KOZEAL** - INFIELD

Vanderbilt | Freshman | Omaha, NE 5'10" | 205 lbs | Bats: Left | Throws: Right Stats: 2024: 39 GP | .295 AVG | 41 H | 24 R | 8 2B | 5 HR | 28 RBI | 14 BB | .363 OBP | 1 SB



### **BRADEN HOLCOMB** - INFIELD

Vanderbilt | Freshman | Mount Dora, FL 6'5" | 240 lbs | Bats: Right | Throws: Right Stats: 2024: 27 GP | .224 AVG | 17 H | 15 R | 5 2B | 4 HR | 13 RBI | 8 BB | .298 OBP | 1 SB





### **DREW SMITH - INFIELD**

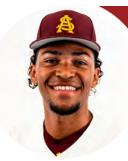
Oregon | Sophomore | Eugene, OR 6'1" | 200 lbs | Bats: Right | Throws: Right

Stats: 2024: 47 GP | 47 GS | .312 AVG | 53 H | 33 R | 14 2B | 3 HR | 26 RBI .422 OBP | 24 BB | 4 SB



### **DAVIS GILLESPIE - OUTFIELD**

Southern Miss | Sophomore | Birmingham, AL 6'2" | 220 lbs | Bats: Right | Throws: Right Stats: 2024: 46 GP | 44 GS | .321 AVG | 54 H | 39 R | 14 2B | 6 HR | 33 RBI .400 OBP | 16 BB | 1 SB



### ISAIAH JACKSON - OUTFIELD

Arizona State | Sophomore | Tempe, AZ 6'4" | 218 lbs | Bats: Left | Throws: Right Stats: 2024: 42 GS | 50 GP | .263 AVG | 44 H | 30 R | 8 2B | 8 HR | 29 RBI .349 OBP | 17 BB | 3 SB

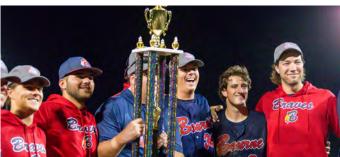


### **GAGE HARRELSON - OUTFIELD**

Texas Tech | Sophomore | Kathleen, GA 6'3" | 185 lbs | Bats: Left | Throws: Left Stats: 2024:

37 GP | 23 GS | .250 AVG | 20 H | 24 R | 2 2B | 1 HR | 11 RBI .442 OBP | 26 BB | 13 SB











# CHRIS STANFIELD - OUTFIELD

Texas A&M | Freshman | Highland Village, TX 6'3" | 200 lbs | Bats: Left | Throws: Left

Stats: 2024: 47 GP | 33 GS | .288 AVG | 36 H | 34 R | 6 2B | 7 HR | 31 RBI .393 OBP | 21 BB | 4 SB



# MATTHEW GRAVELINE - CATCHER

Ohio State | Sophomore | Centerville, OH 6'1" | 195 lbs | Bats: Right | Throws: Right

Stats: 2024: 49 GP | 48 GS | .275 AVG | 52 H | 37 R | 13 2B | 4 HR | 23 RBI .394 OBP | 35 BB | 12 SB



# ADONYS GUZMAN - CATCHER

Arizona | Sophomore | Valley Cottage, NY 5'10" | 215 lbs | Bats: Right | Throws: Right Stats: 2024: 436 GP | 34 GS | .281 AVG | 36 H | 21 R | 5 2B | 1 HR | 16 RBI | .388 OBP | 22 BB



# CADEN BODINE - CATCHER / INFIELD

Coastal Carolina | Sophomore | Haddon Heights, NJ 5'10" | 200 lbs | Bats: Switch | Throws: Right Stats: 2024: 50 GP | 50 GS | .313 AVG | 63 H | 40 R | 14 2B | 7 HR | 59 RBI .402 OBP | 28 BB | 3 SB



# NICHOLAS ROSELLI - INFIELD / OUTFIELD

Binghamton | Junior | Levittown, NY 5'10" | 200 lbs | Bats: Left | Throws: Right Stats: 2024: 24 GP | 24 GS | .385 AVG | 35 H | 24 R | 10 2B | 6 HR | 16 RBI | .482 OBP | 17 BB



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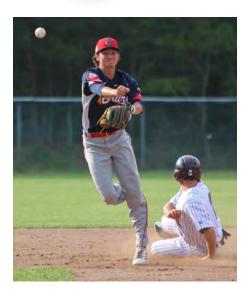
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**Jason Delay** 2015 Vanderbilt Pittsburgh Pirates

**Kyle Farmer** 2011 Georgia Minnesota Twins

**Ryan Feltner** 2017 Ohio State Colorado Rockies

**Tyler Fitzgerald** 2017-2018 San Francisco Giant

Austin Gomber 2013 Florida Atlantic Colorado Rockies

**Chad Green** 2011-2012 Louisville Toronto Blue Jays

**Bryan Hoeing** 2018 Louisville Miami Marlins

# Alumni in the Majors

**Travis Jankowski** 2010-2011 Stony Brook Texas Rangers

**Grae Kessinger** 2016 Ole Miss Houston Astro's

**Richie Palacios** 2017 Towson University Tampa Bay Rays

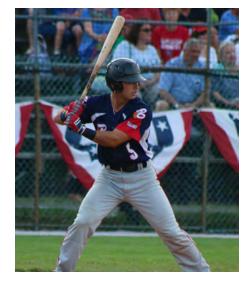
**Ryne Stanek** 2011 Arkansas Seattle Mariners

**Brian Serven** 2014-2015 Arizona Toronto Blue Jays

**Jared Triolo** 2017 University of Houston Pittsburgh Pirates

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**Connor Wong** 2016 Houston Boston Red Sox





#### **BOURNE BRAVES INDIVIDUAL ANNUAL TEAM LEADERS**

#### Batting Average (min. 105 plate appearances)

	5 5 1 11		'		
YEAR	PLAYER (College)	G	AB	HITS	AVG.
1988	Joe Delli Carri (Pennsylvania)	32	110	36	.327
1989	Bob Rivell (Virginia)	34	120	43	.358*
1990	Mike Basse (Tennessee)	40	150	44	.293
1991	Bob Higginson (Temple)	42	157	48	.306
1992	Stuart Thompson (Alabama-Birm)	36	119	38	.319
1993	Rick Farley (Maryland-E. Shore)	42	135	37	.274
1994	Mark Kotsay (Cal St-Fullerton)	39	142	38	.268
1995	Peter Tucci (Providence)	44	169	55	.325
1996	Jerry Hairston (Southern Illinois)	37	139	39	.281
1997	Mac Mackiewitz (N. Florida)	43	136	37	.272
1998	Matt Griswold (Virginia Tech)	42	130	35	.269
1999	Joe Ballon (New Orleans)	40	151	45	.298
2000	Kevin Youkilis (Cincinnati)	40	123	38	.309
2001	Brian Burgamy (Wichita State)	44	164	40	.244
2002	Dane Bubela (Rice)	36	121	29	.240
2003	Justin Maxwell (Maryland)	43	153	47	.307
2004	Greg Creek (Maine)	43	161	39	.242
2005	Ty Wright (Oklahoma State)	34	106	27	.255
2006	David Cash (Florida)	27	107	30	.280
2007	Kevin Hoef (Iowa)	34	120	38	.317
2008	Marc Krauss (Ohio)	37	128	44	.344
2009	Kyle Roller (East Carolina)	42	149	51	.342
2010	Tommy Lastella (Coastal Carolina)	36	122	32	.262
2011	Travis Jankowski (Stonybrook)	44	173	57	.329
2012	Mason Robbins (S. Mississippi)	32	117	37	.316
2013	Max Pentecost (Kennesaw St.)	35	130	45	.346
2014	Richie Martin, Jr (Florida)	43	162	59	.364
2015	Nick Solak (Louisville)	37	140	46	.329
2016	Evan Mendoza (NC State)	29	108	34	.315
2017	Grant Williams (Kennesaw St.)	38	135	44	.326
2018	Ashton Bardzell (Hartford)	39	114	36	.316
2019	Zavier Warren (C. Michigan)	42	149	47	.315
2020	No Season				
2021	Christian Knapczyk (Louisville)	31	109	35	.321
2022	Matt Shaw (Maryland)	36	136	49	.360*
2023	Derek Bender (Coastal Carolina)	31	115	43	.374

#### Hits

YEAR	PLAYER (College)	G	HITS	AVG.
1988	Mark Johnson (Dartmouth)	43	51	.313
1989	Bob Rivell (Virginia)	34	43	.358*
1990	Mike Basse (Tennessee)	40	44	.293
1991	Mark Sobolewski (Fla. Southern)	44	52	.299
1992	Bill Mueller (SW Missouri St)	43	52	.317
1993	Steve Bocca (Georgia College)	42	39	.257
1994	Mark Kotsay (Cal St-Fullerton)	39	38	.268
1995	Peter Tucci (Providence)	44	55	.325
1996	Jerry Hairston (Southern Illinois)	37	39	.281
1997	Eric Riggs (Central Florida)	42	41	.263
1998	Mike Dzurilla (St. Johns)	44	45	.268
1999	John Ballon (New Orleans)	40	45	.298
2000	J.D. Alleva (Duke)	43	39	.250
2001	Brian Burgamy (Wichita State)	44	40	.244
2002	Trey Webb (Baylor)	44	41	.222
2003	Justin Maxwell (Maryland)	43	47	.307
2004	Greg Creek (Maine)	43	39	.242
2005	Mike Hernandez (Oklahoma St)	44	40	.245
2006	Brett Bartles (Duke)	42	37	.247
2007	Ben Guez (William and Mary)	43	44	.282
2008	Jordan Henry (Mississippi)	42	60	.335
2009	Kyle Roller (East Carolina)	42	51	.342
2010	Crede Simpson (Auburn)	41	33	.244
2011	Travis Jankowski (Stonybrook)	44	57	.329
2012	Colin Moran (North Carolina)	39	50	.314
2013	Clint Freeman (E. Tenn St. U)	37	46	.322
2014	Richie Martin, Jr (Florida)	43	59	.364
2015	Corey Julks (Houston)	42	46	.279
	Nick Solak (Louisville)	37	46	.329
2016	Connor Wong (Houston)	41	51	.313
	Willy Yahn (Connecticut)	44	51	.290
2017	Grant Williams (Kennesaw St.)	38	44	.326
2018	Tyler Fitzgerald (Louisville)	43	51	.298
2019	Zavier Warren (C. Michigan)	42	47	.315
2020	No Season			
2021	Dalton Rushing (Louisville)	34	37	.314
2022	Matt Shaw (Maryland)	36	49	.360
2023	Bryce Eblin (Alabama)	32	44	.367

\* Led League





# BRAVES & THE MVP

In 2022, Matt Shaw (Maryland) became the sixth Bourne player to win the Cape Cod League's Most Valuable Player Award. Shaw joins former Braves Max Pentecost (Kennesaw State, 2013), Travis Jankowski (Stonybrook, 2011), Kyle Roller (East Carolina, 2009), Dick Licini (Notre Dame, 1968) and Ron Bugbee (UConn, 1965 – Sagamore) to win the coveted award, now named for Pat Sorenti. Shaw's .360 batting average is the second highest in Bourne Braves history.



2022 Cape League Playoff MVP Bryce Eblin

#### Home Runs

YEAR	PLAYER (College)	G	HR
1988	Mark Johnson (Dartmouth)	43	3
1000	Warren Sawkiw (Wake Forest)	30	3
1989	Todd Taylor (Fla Southern)	37	4
1990	Chuck Lane (C. Connecticut)	37	7
1991	Bob Higginson (Temple)	42	5
1992	Stuart Thompson (Alabama-Birm)	36	1
	Scott Boretti (Davidson)	12	1
1993	Scott Sidwell (Tulane)	37	3
1994	Mark Kotsay (Cal St-Fullerton)	39	2
	Chris Bisson (Connecticut)	34	2
	Jason Lecronier (McNeese St)	23	2
	Gar Vallone (UCLA)	32	2
1995	Peter Tucci (Providence)	44	11*
1996	Brett Bredensteiner (St. Louis)	42	2
1997	Brandon Inge (Virginia Comm.)	42	5
1998	Mike O'Brien (Rutgers)	44	3
1999	Joe Ballon (New Orleans)	40	4
2000	Joe Benick (Virginia)	42	7
2001	Conor Jackson (California)	42	3
	Chad Oliva (Jacksonville)	44	3
2002	Brian Lipman (Troy State)	43	2
	Ryan Morgan (Boston College)	44	2
2003	Ryan Morgan (Boston College)	38	3
	Cliff Remole (Georgia Tech)	41	3
2004	Micah Owings (Georgia Tech)	16	2
2005	Brad Lincoln (Houston)	39	6
2006	Mitch Moreland (Miss. State)	43	4
2007	Josh Satin (California)	41	4
2008	Marc Krauss (Ohio)	37	3
2009	Kyle Roller (East Carolina)	42	10*
2010	Daniel Bowman (Coastal Carolina)	35	5
2011	D.J. Hicks (Central Florida)	42	7*
2012	Mason Robbins (S. Mississippi)	32	7
2013	Max Pentecost (Kennesaw St.)	35	6
2014	Zander Wiel (Vanderbilt)	22	5
	Blake Davey (Connecticut)	42	5
2015	Reid Humphreys (Miss. State)	39	5
2016	Connor Wong (Houston)	41	3

YEAR	PLAYER (College)	G	HR
2017	Zack Susi (Connecticut)	23	3
	Scott Schreiber (Nebraska)	36	3
	Andrew Fregia (Sam Houston St.)	33	3
2018	Jared Triolo (Houston)	42	4
	Spencer Brickhouse (E. Carolina)	40	4
2019	Judd Fabian (Florida)	35	6
2020	No Season		
2021	Dalton Rushing (Louisville)	34	6
2022	Dalton Rushing (Louisville)	34	6
2023	Derek Bender (Coastal Carolina)	31	4
	Garrett Michel (Virginia Tech)	33	4



### **MVP TIMES TWO**

In 2009, Kyle Roller (East Carolina) became the first Bourne Brave to win the Pat Sorrenti MVP award since Dick Licini (Notre Dame) in 1968. Roller finished second in the league in hitting with a .342 batting average and led the league in homers with 10 and RBI with 33. Roller also became just the second player in Cape League history to win the "Star of Stars Award" given to the Most Valuable Player of the league playoffs as well. Roller joins former Cotuit Kettleer and Cape League Hall of Famer Josh Paul (Vanderbilt) as the only other player to win both prestigious awards in the same season.

#### Runs Batted In

#### **Stolen Bases**

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YEAR	PLAYER (College)	G	RBI	YEAR	PLAYER (College)	G	RBI
1988	Mark Johnson (Dartmouth)	43	23	1988	Jeff Borgese (San Jose City)	44	13
1989	Warren Sawkiw (Wake Forest)	42	25	1989	Kevin Dattola (South Florida)	39	33
1990	Mike Basse (Tennessee)	40	20	1990	Mike Basse (Tennessee)	40	28
	Chuck Lane (C. Connecticut)	37	20	1991	Steve Corradi (Massachusetts)	44	8
1991	Mark Sobolewski (Fla Southern)	44	25	1992	Brandon Moore (Auburn)	42	9
1992	Stuart Thompson (Alabama-Birm)	36	23	1993	Dave Peruzzaro (Arizona)	39	13
1993	Scott Sidwell (Tulane)	37	16	1994	Mark Kotsay (Cal State Fullerton)	39	13
1994	Mark Kotsay (Cal St-Fullerton)	39	14	1995	Peter Tucci (Providence)	44	18
1995	Peter Tucci (Providence)	44	43*	1996	Craig Brown (Tulane)	40	15
1996	Mark Mortimer (Georgia St)	44	24	1997	Bill Eaton (South Florida)	35	10
1997	Frank Torre (New Orleans)	40	20	1998	Shawn Pearson (Old Dominion)	33	19
1998	Mike O'Brien (Rutgers)	44	29	1999	Nicolas Jackson (Richmond)	43	8
1999	Joe Ballon (New Orleans)	40	25	2000	Mike Rodriguez (Miami, FL)	40	12
2000	Joe Benick (Virginia)	42	22	2001	Randy Walter (Wichita State)	42	10
2001	Chad Oliva (Jacksonville)	44	15	2002	Trey Webb (Baylor)	44	6
2002	Brian Lipman (Troy State)	43	15	2003	Justin Maxwell (Maryland)	43	9
2003	Justin Maxwell (Maryland)	43	17	2004	Greg Mangum (North Carolina)	42	10
2004	Greg Creek (Maine)	43	15	2005	Justin Henry (Mississippi)	40	15
2005	Brad Lincoln (Houston)	39	25	2006	Brian LeClerc (Florida)	26	10
2006	Mitch Moreland (Miss. State)	43	20	2007	Ben Guez (William and Mary)	44	9
2007	Brian Pruitt (Stetson)	37	27		Josh Workman (Wichita St.)	35	9
2008	Marc Krauss (Ohio)	37	34		Kevin Hoef (Iowa)	34	9
2009	Kyle Roller (East Carolina)	42	33*	2008	Jordan Henry (Mississippi)	42	12
2010	Daniel Bowman (Coastal Carolina)	35	19	2009	Scott Woodward (Cstal Carolina)	41	28
2011	Travis Jankowski (Stonybrook)	44	22	2010	Scott Woodward (Cstal Carolina)	24	20
2012	Colin Moran (North Carolina)	39	42*	2011	Travis Jankowski (Stonybrook)	44	15
2013	Max Pentecost (Kennesaw St.)	35	29	2012	John Murphy (Sacred Heart)	27	6
2014	Mark Laird (LSU)	37	22	2013	Tim Caputo (Rhode Island)	37	11
2015	Nick Solak (Louisville)	37	23	2014	Mark Laird (LSU)	37	17
2016	Connor Wong (Houston)	41	22		Richie Martin, Jr (Florida)	43	17
2017	Lyle Lin (Arizona State)	37	21	2015	Corey Julks (Houston)	42	14
2018	Jared Triolo (Houston)	42	27	2016	Jake Mangum (Mississippi St.)	35	11
2019	Zavier Warren (C. Michigan)	42	24	2017	Grant Witherspoon (Tulane)	41	10
	Jimmy Glowenke (Dallas Bptst)	39	24	2018	Tyler Fitzgerald (Louisville)	43	9
2020	No Season			2019	Jake Mackenzie (Fordham)	30	9
2021	Dalton Rushing (Louisville)	34	24	2020	No Season		
2022	Chris Brito (Rutgers)	42	22	2021	Christian Knapczyk (Louisville)	31	6
2023	Derek Bender (Coastal Carolina)	31	21		Joe Lampe (Arizona State)	32	6
				2022	Matt Shaw (Maryland)	36	21
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Derek Bender







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#### **PITCHING LEADERS**

#### Victories

YEAR	PLAYER (College)	G	WINS	PET.
1988	Chris Snyder (Tennessee)	11	5	.625
1989	Winston Wheeler (South Florida)	25	4	1.000
	Carl Majeski (Temple)	8	4	.667
	Mark Johnson (Dartmouth)	8	4	.500
1990	Bill Wissler (Pennsylvania)	11	8*	.800
1991	Bill Wissler (Pennsylvania)	11	6	.600
1992	Willard Brown (Stetson)	10	5	.833
1993	Javier Gomez (Stetson)	14	5	.500
1994	Matt Ferullo (Michigan)	10	4	.400
1995	Dan Reichert (Pacific)	11	5	.500
1996	Jeremy Jackson (Miss. State)	11	5	.625
1997	Mark Mulder (Michigan St.)	15	5	.714
	Bert Snow (Vanderbilt)	14	5	.714
1998	Jeff Carlsen (Washington)	9	4	.800
	Kevin McGerry (St. Johns)	9	4	.500
1999	Jeff Carlsen (Washington)	9	5	.714
2000	Khalid Ballouli (Texas A&M)	5	3	.600
	Luke DeBold (Miami, FL)	17	3	1.000
	Justin Pope (Central Florida)	8	3	.500
2001	Casey Shumaker (Jacksonville)	11	6	.750
2002	Matt Brown (California)	9	3	.500
2003	Eric Beattie (Tampa)	7	4	1.000
	Jeff Dagenhart (William & Mary)	9	4	.667
2004	Mike Madsen (Ohio State)	7	5	.833
2005	Gib Hobson (NC State)	8	6	.857
2006	Matt Gardner (OK State)	9	2	.290
	Mickey Storey (Fla Atlantic)	11	2	.400
2007	TJ Hose (East Carolina)	10	4	.571
	Rick Zagone (Missouri)	9	4	.800
	Steven Hensley (Elon)	9	4	.667
2008	Nick McCully (Coastal Carolina)	9	5	1.000
2009	Logan Billbrough (William/Mary)	15	4	.800
2010	Grayson Garvin (Vanderbilt)	6	5	1.000*
2011	Ryan Eades (LSU)	7	3	1.000
	Thomas Collier (San Jacinto JC)	5	3	.750
	Ryan Connolly (Coastal Carolina)	18	3	.600

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YEAR	PLAYER (College)	G	WINS	PET.
2012	Chad Green (Louisville)	7	4	.570
2013	Jaron Long (Ohio State)	6	5	.833
2014	Ryan Kellogg (Arizona State)	7	4	.570
2015	Bryan Baker (N. Florida)	13	3	.230
2016	Ronnie Rossomando (UConn)	13	4	.310
	Chad Luensmann (Nebraska)	15	4	.310
2017	Danny Bies (Gonzaga)	7	3	.430
	Brian Eichhorn (Georgia So.)	7	3	.430
2018	Mike Ruff (Florida Atlantic)	12	4	.250
2019	Harrison Rutkowski (Rutgers)	7	3	.428
	Nick Dombkowski (Hartford)	8	3	.375
	Jared Poland (Louisville)	8	3	.375
	Ryan Cusick (Wake Forest)	7	3	.428
2020	No season			
2021	Michael Sansone (Fairfield)	6	5	.667
2022	Nigel Belgrave (Maryland)	11	3	.270
	Kyle Grundy (Louisville)	9	3	.333
2023	Tristan Smith (Clemson)	6	3	.500







Ryan Kellogg



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#### Earned Run Average (Minimum 22 Innings Pitched) Saves

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YEAR	PLAYER (College)	G	IP	R	ER	ERA	YEAR	PLAYER (College)	G	SV
1988	Chris Snyder (Tennessee)	11	80	40	30	3.38	1988	Tom Drell (Florida Southern)	13	2
1989	Winston Wheeler (South Florida)	25	40.1	3	3	.067*	1989	Winston Wheeler (South Florida)	25	7
1990	Bill Wissler (Pennsylvania)	11	86.1	23	15	1.56	1990	Brian Huie (Central Florida)	16	5
1991	Bill Wissler (Pennsylvania)	11	92	22	20	1.96	1991	Bill Hardwick (Polk CC)	17	4
1992	Javier Gomez (Stetson)	13	61.2	16	14	2.04	1992	Jeff Toothaker (Massachusetts)	17	2
1993	Scott Beardsley (Mass Maritime)	15	69.2	29	17	2.20	1993	Steve Shimp (Georgia College)	13	3
1994	Matt Ferullo (Michigan)	13	61.2	16	14	2.04	1994	Dave Curley (Indian River CC)	12	3
1995	Luke Fitzpatrick	13	61.2	16	14	2.04	1995	Neil Forsythe	19	4
1996	Brent Husted (Nevada-Reno)	19	37	6	6	1.46	1996	Bret Husted (Nevada-Reno)	19	10
1997	Mark Mulder (Michigan St.)	15	73.1	19	12	1.47	1997	Chris Heck (St. Josephs)	19*	6
1998	Jeff House (Stetson)	16	37	8	5	1.22*	1998	Tiim Lavigne (Virginia)	10	5
1999	Scott Sturkie (Coastal Carolina)	15	44.2	14	10	2.01	1999	Matt Massingale (Washington)	15	4
2000	Justin Pope (Central Florida)	8	55.2	27	16	2.59	2000	Josh Brey (Liberty)	17	9
2001	Casey Shumaker (Jacksonville)	11	60.1	12	8	1.19	2001	Ryan Speier (Radford)	20	16*
2002	Matt Brown (California)	8	52.1	10	7	1.20	2002	Chris Ray (William & Mary)	20	10
2003	Eric Beattie (Tampa)	7	46.1	4	2	.039*	2003	Tim Grant (Dartmouth)	14	4
2004	Mike Madsen (Ohio State)	7	48	9	7	1.31	2004	Dan Donaldson (Texas A&M)	12	2
2005	Brad Lincoln (Houston)	9	54.2	13	8	1.32		John Goodman (Georgia Tech)	10	2
2006	Tom Farmer (Akron)	8	46.1	12	9	1.75		Andrew Slorp (Cal-Santa Clara)	11	2
2007	DJ Mitchell (Clemson)	8	49	8	4	1.47	2005	Romas Hicks (Georgia State)	23*	9
2008	Kevin Landry (William and Mary)	16	45	10	9	1.80	2006	Andrew Carignan (North Carolina)	12	3
2009	Alex Wimmers (Ohio State)	6	22	3	3	1.23	2007	Jordan Flasher (George Mason)	18	9
2010	Grayson Garvin (Vanderbilt)	6	36.2	3	3	0.74*	2008	Eric Pettis (UC Irvine)	19	8
2011	Ryan Eades (LSU)	7	32.1	4	3	0.84	2009	Stephen Harrold (UNC Wilmington)	15	6
2012	John Farrell (William and Mary)	15	24	7	6	2.25	2010	Tony Zych (Louisville)	17	12*
2013	Jaron Long (Ohio State)	6	30	3	1	.030	2011	R.J. Alvarez (Florida Atlantic)	17	7
2014	Travis Bergen (Kennesaw State)	6	32	12	8	2.25	2012	John Farrell (William and Mary)	15	3
2015	Alex Robles (Austin Peay)	8	38.1	24	16	3.76		Hawtin Buchanan (Mississippi)	14	3
2016	Brady Miller (W. Oregon)	6	24.1	5	4	1.47	2013	Trace Dempsey (Ohio State)	12	4
2017	Eli Kraus (Kent State)	5	25.1	7	7	2.48	2014	Joey Strain (Winthrop)	15	6
2018	Trey Benton (East Carolina)	9	22.1	12	5	2.01	2015	Austin Conway (Indiana State)	15	10*
2019	Nick Dombkowski (Hartford)	8	34.0	11	10	2.47*	2016	Andrew Wantz (UNC-Greensboro)	11	4
2020	No Season						2017	Ryan Feltner (Ohio State)	13	8
2021	Austin Parsley (UNC-Greensboro)	7	26.1	7	6	2.05	2018	Jacob Wallace (Connecticut)	12	6
2022	Seth Keener (Wake Forest)	7	24.0	6	5	1.87	2019	Kieran Shaw (Harvard)	14	5
2023	Tristan Smith (Clemson)	6	23.0	4	4	1.56	2020	No Season		
							2021	Eric Adler (Wake Forest)	15	7

# MOUND MONSTERS

In the 2009 playoffs, the Bourne pitching staff was virtually unhittable. As a group, the Braves hurlers went 4-0 with a league best 1.38 ERA en route to the franchise's first Cape League championship. They struck out 42 batters while allowing just 26 hits and only 12 bases on balls.



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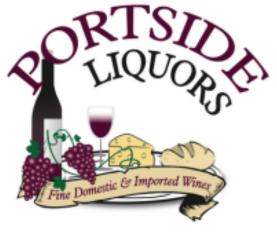
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#### Strikeouts

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YEAR	PLAYER (College)	G	IP	SO			
1988	Chris Snyder	11	80	51			
1989	Craig Connolly (Pennsylvania)	10	62	59			
1990	Carl Majeski (Temple)	10	66.2	81			
1991	Bill Wissler (Pennsylvania)	11	92	74			
1992	Willard Brown (Stetson)	10	66.2	86*			
1993	Scott Beardsley (Mass Maritime)	15	69.2	63			
1994	Matt Ferullo (Michigan)	10	81.2	65			
1995	Dan Reichert (Pacific)	11	71.2	69			
1996	Dan Reichert (Pacific)	13	62	56			
1997	Brain Rogers (The Citadel)	12	74.1	81			
1998	Danny New (Grayson CC)	11	61.2	45			
1999	Chris Capuano (Duke)	10	61.1	60			
2000	Justin Pope (Central Florida)	8	55.2	59			
2001	Joe Blanton (Kentucky)	11	68	77*			
2002	Matt Brown (California)	8	52.1	59			
2003	Kyle Schmidt (Georgia Tech)	8	49	63			
2004	Kyle Schmidt (Georgia Tech)	10	46	41			
2005	Brad Lincoln (Houston)	9	54.2	56			
2006	Mickey Storey (Florida Atlantic)	11	47	48			
2007	DJ Mitchell (Clemson)	8	49	58*			
2008	Bryce Stowell (UC-Irvine)	9	45.2	58			
2009	Bryan Morgado (Tennessee)	8	32.1	47			
2010	Michael Morin (North Carolina)	8	38.1	38			
2011	Kevin Brandt (East Carolina)	7	33.1	30			
2012	Mike Mayers (Mississippi)	6	28	42			
2013	Jake English (Fla Gulf Coast U)	12	21	33			
2014	Jimmy Herget (South Florida)	7	33	37			
2015	Keegan Akin (Western Michigan)	8	33.1	39			
2016	Brendon Little (North Carolina)	13	22	29			
2017	Danny Bies (Gonzaga)	5	32	27			
2018	Austin Pope (Fairfield)	7	26	35			
2019	Ryan Cusick (Wake Forest)	7	35.2	33			
2020	No Season						
2021	Austin Parsley (UNC-Greensboro)	6	26.1	36			
2022	Ryan Fischer (New Jersey Tech)	8	27.2	32			
2023	Tristan Smith (Clemson)	6	23.0	33			

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# SEASON RECORDS - TOP 5

# INDIVIDUAL

#### **Batting Average**

YEAR	PLAYER (College)	G	AB	Hits	AVG.
2023	Derek Bender (Coastal Carolina)	31	115	43	.374
2023	Bryce Eblin (Alabama)	32	120	44	.367
2014	Richie Martin, Jr (Florida)	43	162	59	.364
2022	Matt Shaw (Maryland)	36	136	49	.360*
1989	Bob Rivell (Virginia)	34	120	43	.358*

#### Hits

YEAR	PLAYER (College)	G	н
2008	Justin Henry (Mississippi)	42	60
2014	Richie Martin, Jr (Florida)	43	59
2011	Travis Jankowski (Stonybrook)	44	57
1995	Peter Tucci (Providence)	44	55
1992	Bill Mueller (SW Missouri St.)	43	52

#### **Runs Batted In**

YEAR	PLAYER (College)	G	RBI
1995	Peter Tucci (Providence)	44	43*
2012	Colin Moran (North Carolina)	39	42
2008	Marc Krauss (Ohio)	37	34
2009	Kyle Roller (East Carolina)	42	33*
2013	Max Pentecost (Kennesaw St.)	35	29

#### Home Runs

YEAR	PLAYER (College)	G	HR
1995	Peter Tucci (Providence)	44	11*
2009	Kyle Roller (East Carolina)	42	10*
2011	D.J. Hicks (Central Florida)	42	7*
2000	Joe Benick (Virginia)	42	7
1990	Chuck Lane (Central Conn.)	37	7





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11	68	77*
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# Stats 1988-2023

#### INDIVIDUAL PITCHING

#### Victories

YEAR	PLAYER (College)	G	W	L
1990	Bill Wissler (Pennsylvania)	11	8	2
2005	Gib Hobson (NC State)	8	6	1
2001	Casey Shumaker (Jacksonville)	11	6	2
1991	Bill Wissler (Pennsylvania)	11	6	4
2008	Nick NcCully (Coastal Carolina)	9	5	0

#### Earned Run Average

YEAR	PLAYER (College)	G	IP	R	ER	ERA
2013	Jaron Long (Ohio State)	6	30	3	1	0.30
2003	Eric Beattie (Tampa)	7	46.1	4	2	0.39
2003	Kyle Schmidt (Georgia Tech)	8	49	7	3	0.55
1989	Winston Wheeler (S.Florida)	25	40.1	3	3	0.67
2010	Grayson Garvin (Vanderbilt)	6	36.2	3	3	0.74*

#### Strikeouts

YEAR	PLAYER (College)	G	IP	<b>SO</b>				
1992	Willard Brown (Stetson)	10	66.2	86*				
1997	Brian Rogers (The Citadel)	12	74.1	81				
1990	Carl Majeski (Temple)	10	66.2	81				
2001	Joe Blanton (Kentucky)	11	68	77*				
1991	Bill Wissler (Pennsylvania)	11	92	74				
Saves	Saves							
YEAR	PLAYER (College)	G	sv					
2001	Ryan Speier (Radford)	20	16*					
2010	Tony Zych (Louisville)	17	12*					
2015	Austin Conway (Indiana State)	15	10*					
	Austin Conway (Indiana State)	15	10					

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#### **BOURNE BRAVES - YEAR-BY-YEAR**

YEAR	POSITION	w	L	т	PTS	MANAGER	POST SEASON
1988	Fifth	12	29	3	27	Jim Watkins	
1989	First	24	17	3	51	Jim Watkins	(0-2, lost Hyannis semis)
1990	Fourth	19	24	1	39	Jim Watkins	
1991	Third (tied)	20	20	4	44	Bob Gendron	
1992	Third	19	23	1	39	Bob Gendron	
1993	Fourth	15	28	1	31	Bob Gendron	
1994	Fifth	12	28	3	27	Nina Giarratano, Bob Stead	
1995	Fourth	18	23	3	39	Bob Stead	
1996	Fifth	18	25	1	37	Bob Stead	
1997	Second	25	17	2	52	Kevin O'Sullivan	(0-2, lost Wareham semis)
1998	Second	20	21	3	43	Jayson King	(1-2, lost Wareham semis)
1999	Third	23	20	1	47	Mike Rikard	
2000	Fifth	13	29	1	27	Mike Rikard	
2001	Second	23	18	3	49	Spencer Graham	(0-2, lost Wareham semis)
2002	Fourth	16	24	4	36	Matt Noone	
2003	First	23	19	1	47	Harvey Shapiro	(2-3, lost Orleans finals)
2004	Fifth	19	24	1	39	Harvey Shapiro	
2005	First	26	17	1	53	Harvey Shapiro	(3-2, lost Orleans finals)
2006	Fifth	9	32	0	18	Harvey Shapiro	
2007	First	25	17	2	52	Harvey Shapiro	(0-2, lost Falmouth semis)
2008	Third	23	20	1	47	Harvey Shapiro	(lost Falmouth, 1-game playoff)
2009	First	25	17	2	52	Harvey Shapiro	(4-0, CAPE LEAGUE CHAMPIONS)
2010	First	24	20	0	48	Harvey Shapiro	(0-2, lost Wareham quarterfinals)
2011	Third	22	20	2	46	Harvey Shapiro	(0-2, lost Wareham quarterfinals)
2012	Fourth (tied)	17	27	0	34	Harvey Shapiro	(2-3, lost Wareham semi-finals)
2013	Fourth	21	21	1	43	Harvey Shapiro	(3-3, lost Cotuit semi-finals)
2014	Firs	28	15	1	57	Harvey Shapiro	(1-2, lost Cotuit quarterfinals)
2015	Second	22	20	2	46	Harvey Shapiro	(2-2, lost Hyannis semi-finals)
2016	Third	21	21	2	44	Harvey Shapiro	(3-2, lost Falmouth semi-finals)
2017	Third	22	22	0	44	Harvey Shapiro	(1-2, lost Brewster finals)
2018	Fifth	18	25	1	37	Harvey Shapiro	
2019	Fourth	18	24	2	38	Harvey Shapiro	(1-2, lost Falmouth quarterfinals)
2020	No Season						
2021	First	24	9	3	51	Harvey Shapiro	(2-3, lost Brewster finals)
2022	First	23	14	7	53	Scott Landers	(6-1, CAPE LEAGUE CHAMPIONS)
2023	Fourth	23	20	1	47	Scott Landers	(6-2, CAPE LEAGUE CHAMPIONS)





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#### **BOURNE BRAVES - MANAGER RECORDS**

MANAGER, SEASON	YEARS	GAMES	w	L	т	POST SEASON RECORD
Jim Watkins, 1988-90	3	132	55	70	7	0-2, 1 Division Title
Bob Gendron, 1991-93	3	131	54	71	6	
Nino Giarratano, 1994	1	19	5	14	0	Jim Watkins
Bob Stead, 1994-96	3	112	43	62	7	
Kevin O'Sullivan, 1997	1	44	25	17	2	0-2
Jayson King, 1998	1	44	20	21	3	1-2
Mike Rikard, 1999-00	2	87	36	49	2	Nina Giarratano, Bob Stead
Spencer Graham, 2001	1	44	23	18	3	0-2
Matt Noone, 2002	1	44	16	24	4	Bob Stead
Harvey Shapiro, 03-2021	18	783	388	373	22	28-31, 1 Cape League Championship, 7 Div. Titles, 4 Runners-Up
Scott Landers, 2022-Pres	2	88	46	34	8	12-3, 2 Cape League Championships, 1 Division Title





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