

2018 Season Recap

By: Conner Peters, Nick Perito, & Mike Murray

The Falmouth Commodores' 2017 season was truly a spectacular sight to behold for all the fans who attended games at Guv Fuller Field. The story actually began in 2016 when the beloved hometown team fell to the Y-D Red Sox two games to one in the Cape Cod Baseball League Championship Series. During the offseason, General Manager Eric Zmuda's task was to build a team that could compete for a league championship. His first order of business was to hire a coaching staff that would construct a championship caliber team the Town of Falmouth would be excited to watch during the summer months. To this end, the Commodores re-hired Cape League legend Jeff Trundy as manager and Mike Landry as pitching coach.

The Commodores were saddened to see assistant coaches Brad Stoll and Jack Marder depart after years of hard work and dedication to the organization. With two assistant coaching positions open, Zmuda and Trundy hired Kansas native Brett Becker as third base coach and 2009 Falmouth Commodore Hunter Morris to coach first base.

The 2017 season began slowly as the team started 0-3, and were playing only .500 baseball by the end of the first month. But as June turned into July, the team ripped off six straight wins to position themselves for a chance at winning the Western Division Regular Season Crown at the all-star break. Speaking of the All-Star game, the Western Division All-Stars were managed by Falmouth's own Jeff Trundy! Accompanying him were five of his players, chosen to represent the Commodores and showcase their talent. Those players were second baseman Clayton Daniel from

Jacksonville State, shortstop George Jancha from Texas A&M, first baseman Alec Bohm from Wichita State, starting pitcher Kyle Bradish from New Mexico State, and relief pitcher Mitch Miller from Clemson.

Throughout the 2017 season, the Commodores routinely showcased their ability to hit for both average, and for power. In a collective effort, by the end of the season the Dores' ranked second in the league for overall batting average, batting .267 as an entire club. Leading the way were the bats of Alec Bohm, Clayton Daniel, George Janca, and Josh Breaux, to name just a few. Alec Bohm ranked second in the league for batting average, logging 154 at-bats with an average of .351. Meanwhile, Marty Bechina finished second among Cape League home run leaders with 8 long balls. The Commodores' success at the plate translated into great offensive production, as the team scored a total of 224 runs on the season, tying the Brewster Whitecaps to lead the league. Combined with solid pitching from both the starters and the bullpen, the team quickly became a serious contender to win the Western Division.

As hoped, the Commodores did just that, finishing the season with a 24-19-1 record, and winning the Western Division Regular Season Title for the second consecutive year! Along the way, Jeff Trundy accomplished a milestone only few Cape League coaches have reached by winning over 400 games in his 19 seasons at the helm. The organization was also awarded the coveted President's Cup for their professionalism on and off the field.

Unfortunately, the Commodores season came to an early end when they fell to the Wareham Gateman in the first round of the playoffs. Even though the team stopped

just short of their ultimate goal, everyone involved with the Falmouth Commodores can agree that 2017 was a summer for the ages, filled with great players, cool nights at Guv Fuller Field, and the creation of plenty of baseball memories.