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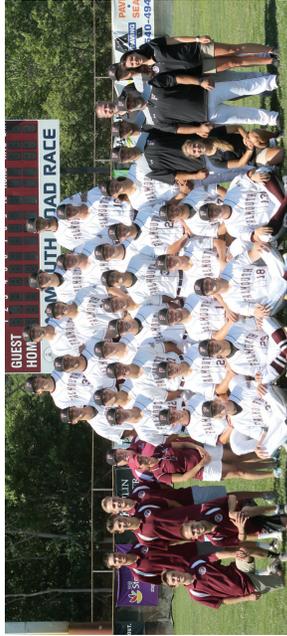


COMMODORES CONNECTION

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FALMOUTH COMMODORES 2018 SEASON IN REVIEW

By Greg Levinsky



Nearly 50 players suited up for the Falmouth Commodores across 44 regular season contests, and for a team that began the summer in the depths of the Cape League standings, the 2018 Falmouth Commodores are certainly a team to remember.

Head coach Jeff Trundy completed his 20th year at the helm and guided the Commodores to the West Division finals. Seven Commodores participated in the All-Star Game in which Trundy and his staff coached. Two players earned individual postseason awards.

The Falmouth Commodores were recognized as the league's top franchise for the second straight summer, once again earning the coveted Commissioner's Cup.

It's not hard to understand why.

From general manager Eric Zmuda to coach Trundy and his staff, to the players, the interns and all involved – what an amazing team.

"I thought it was just a great summer," Trundy said. "We had a special group of kids and a special group of people that made this possible."

"Everyone invested their hearts and souls in providing an opportunity for our players; it's a special place and it was a special summer." The Commodores started 2-8-0 and sat in the basement of the 10-team Cape League. Instead of wilting, they soared. They finished

with a 26-21-1 overall mark, including a 24-13-1 mark over the last 38 contests and made it to the final four teams left in the playoffs. For over 75 percent of the season, the Falmouth Commodores, from top to bottom, served as the league's model franchise in so many ways.

A two-year Commodore, Mitchell Miller (West Texas A&M) exemplifies the spirit of the Falmouth Commodores. He was brilliant in his final outing, pitching 4.2 innings of one-run baseball.

For a player who spent his summer in limbo, unsure whether he would transfer schools or sign a professional contract, Miller said his two summers with the Commodores served as "the best" summers of his life.

"This coaching staff is second to none and made it fun again," Miller said. "I've had some roller coaster rides the last two years of my career, but every time I came up here it was like I was part of a family."

"Going out tonight I gave everything I had to the coaches and my brothers."

Commodores fans were treated to four walk-off victories on their home diamond at Guv Fuller Field, and watched their beloved Commodores succeed in so many ways, as a team and individually.

Adam Laskey (Duke) established himself

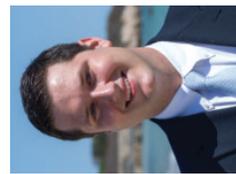
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www.falmouthcommodores.com

COMMODORES DRAFTED BY MLB IN 2018

- ALEC BOHM
- Phillies – round 1, pick 3
- BRADY SINGER
- Royals – round 1, pick 18
- TREVOR LARNACH
- Twins – round 1, pick 20
- CADYV GRENIER
- Orioles – CBA, pick 37
- JOSH BREAUX
- Yankees – round 2, pick 61
- DURBIN FELTMAN
- Red Sox – round 3, pick 100
- KYLE BRADISH
- Angels – round 4, pick 121
- COLE SANDS
- Twins – round 5, pick 154
- JACOB BIRD
- Rockies – round 5, pick 156
- MATT MERCER
- Diamondbacks – round 5, pick 159
- BRUCE MONTES DE OCA
- Mets – round 9, pick 260
- MATTHEW DUCE
- Cardinals – round 9, pick 273
- TYLER HOLTON
- Diamondbacks – round 9, pick 279
- DEACON LIRUT
- Dodgers – round 10, pick 314
- HUNTER STEINMETZ
- Blue Jays – round 11, pick 326
- JACSON MCGOWAN
- Rays – round 11, pick 330
- JAMES MCARTHUR
- Phillies – round 12, pick 347
- ZACK LEBAN
- Marlins – round 12, pick 357
- THOMAS PONTICELLI
- Indians – round 12, pick 373
- PARKER MCFADDEN
- Orioles – round 16, pick 475
- LEE SOLOMON
- Padres – round 25, pick 741
- DERRICK ADAMS
- Royals – round 27, pick 812
- COBI JOHNSON
- Blue Jays – round 30, pick 896
- CLAYTON DANIELS
- Cubs – round 31, pick 938
- JOSH WATSON
- Brewers – round 33, pick 1055
- MITCHELL MILLER
- Angels – round 31, pick 931

PROFILE CHRIS FITZGERALD, GENERAL MANAGER



The Commodores welcome Chris Fitzgerald as the new General Manager (GM) of the team for the 2019 season. Last season, Chris was Assistant GM, and he serves on the Commodores Board of Directors. A native of Falmouth, Chris attended Falmouth schools. He has been involved in baseball all of his life, including serving as a board member and coach of Falmouth Youth Baseball, head coach of the Sandwich High School Junior varsity baseball team, and GM of a local American Legion team. He has a longstanding involvement with the Cape Cod Baseball League (CCBL), and first attended a Commodores game as a youngster in 1996. Chris replaces Eric Zmuda, GM since 2013, who is now Commissioner of the CCBL. As GM, Chris is instrumental in working with Manager, Jeff Trundy, in identifying and inviting players from colleges and universities across the country. He is also responsible for baseball operations and is a primary contact with the players. You will see Chris at Guv Fuller Field for all of the Commodores home games. Outside of baseball, Chris is a local real estate agent, with offices on the Cape and in Boston.

2019 GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, June 24

At the acclaimed Ocean Course (dubbed the "Pebble Beach of the East") The Country Club at New Seabury 95 Shore Drive West, Mashpee, MA 02649

12pm Registration

1pm Shotgun Start / Scramble Format

5:30pm Dinner (cash bar) / Golf Prizes / Raffle / Silent Auction at Popponesset Inn, New Seabury

Cost: \$195/player or \$700/foursome (Register a foursome and save \$80)

Hole Sponsor: \$150

Includes: Dinner, Reception, Greens Fees and Golf Carts. Prizes for Top 3 Teams.

Dinner-Only Option: \$50 per person

Contact: Rob Gillis 508-568-3451 or rgillis@mycapeclubbank.com



GEORGE CREIGHTON SCHOLARSHIP

The Falmouth Commodores award scholarships to high school seniors who are residents of Falmouth. This scholarship is awarded each year in memory of George Creighton, a long-time volunteer and past president of the Falmouth Commodores.

2018 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

BRIDGET BIRWINCHAM

Falmouth High School. Bridget is attending Boston University where she is studying business and competing in division 1 swimming.

EMMA SHANK

Falmouth High School. Emma is attending Villanova University in Pennsylvania. She is majoring in applied mathematics and minoring in statistics.

IAN MELKONIAN

Falmouth High School. Ian is attending Suffolk University in Boston. He is in the Honors Business Program at the Sawyer Business School, where he is majoring in business management with a concentration in entrepreneurial studies.

TYLER MCKENZIE

Falmouth High School. Tyler is attending Southern New Hampshire University where he is majoring in sports management.

KIDS CLUB

The Falmouth Commodores are the first and only team in the League to have a Kids Club! The goal is to provide kids with fun, exclusive activities before and after home games, and facilitate interaction between the kids and the stars of the summer – the baseball players! This year we have even more exclusive activities planned...

THE COST OF MEMBERSHIP IS \$20 PER CHILD FOR THE 2019 SEASON. BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- Commodores Kids Club Membership Card
 - Falmouth Commodores Sticker & Lanyard
 - Run the Bases at select games
 - Stand with Players for National Anthem at select games
 - Disney Theme Night – July 13
 - Super Hero Night – July 20
 - Trick or Treat at the Field – Friday July 31
 - One-time 20% discount in the Commodores Souvenir Shack
- And more...Go to falmouthcommodores.com/kids-club/ to sign up and for the most up-to-date information.

HALL OF FAME INDUCTION – 2018



Former Commodore Arthur (Ace) Adams was elected to the Cape Cod Baseball League (CCBL) Hall of Fame in the Class of 2018.

"Ace" Adams was a Commodore from 1973 to 1974, a product of the University of Michigan. He enjoyed a 42-year coaching career at the collegiate and professional levels, and also served as an assistant coach with the CCBL in Falmouth, Chatham, and Cotuit during those years. From 1992 to 1993, Ace was the field manager for Falmouth, earning the title of one of the most colorful characters to play and coach in the Cape League. Ace's father also played on the Cape and met Ace's mom at the Old Falmouth Heights Field.

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\$200 for 5 people (each additional person \$25 – maximum number of occupants: 10)

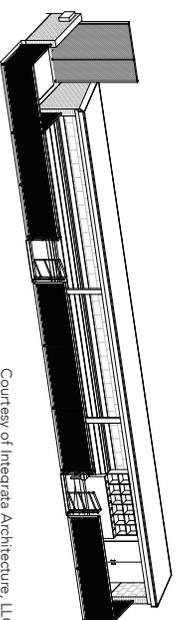
Includes:

- Seating for 6 people (standing room for additional 4)
 - Complimentary hot dog or hamburger and drink
 - Free program book
 - Game stat sheet
- To check availability and reserve your VIP seating for a 2019 Falmouth Commodores home game, contact Linda Peters at info@falmouthcommodores.com

GUY FULLER FIELD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The Falmouth Commodores, working with the Falmouth Departments of Recreation and Public Works, are supporting a multi-phase program to replace and improve the physical facilities at Guy Fuller Field. Phase 1 was completed in 2017 and consisted of a total renovation and expansion of the Eric Palmer press box behind home plate, with 100% of funding provided by the Commodores and their financial and in-kind donors.

Phase 2 is much more expansive and includes new safety netting, which will be attached to a new brick wall, covering the first and third baselines, totally new and redesigned (architectural drawings donated by Integrara Architecture + Construction) dugouts on both the home and visitors sides (see diagram), and new visitors bleachers. This is being financed by a grant from the Falmouth



Courtesy of Integrara Architecture, LLC

PROPOSED DUGOUTS
GUY FULLER FIELD
FALMOUTH COMMODORES STADIUM, MA
INTEGRARA ARCHITECTURE, LLC
1000 STATE STREET, SUITE 100
FALMOUTH, MA 01905

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



The Abern family with Matt Rehnb.

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

Host families are vital to the Commodores organization. With a roster of 30 players, it takes a number of dedicated and generous individuals to provide a loving summer home environment for these young men. The experience is one-of-a-kind, and

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as the Cape League's top arm, and earned the league's PFC. Whitehouse Pitcher of the Year Award for his efforts. Maverick Handley (Stanford) was selected by the league's umpires for the Silva Sportsmanship Award.

Seeded third in the four-team West Division, the Commodores swept second-seeded Hyannis in the division semifinals. "They never gave up," Trundy said. "That characteristic, that part of their personality will serve them well for the rest of their lives."

The 2018 campaign came to a close just under two months after it began, and no one could have asked for a better team. "I was struggling a little bit and I came up here and it was immediately like I was a kid again," Miller said. "It was awesome."

Thank you all for following along.

BASEBALL CLINICS

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

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(EXCEPTIONS: Session 2, M-W+P and Session 6, M-Tu) June 25 (Session 1) through August 1 (end of Session 6)

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

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falmouthcommodores.com/clinic

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