



May 5th, 2023

Dear Friends of Warwick Baseball,

Thank you for attending today. The Warwick Wildcats Baseball program has a rich and storied history that compares to the finest in New York State. It is with great honor that we present the 2023 Baseball Hall of Fame inductees:

*Head Coach Rob Lattimer
Craig Campbell 1988
Colby Weaver 1991
John McCombs 1998
Shawn Walsh 2004*

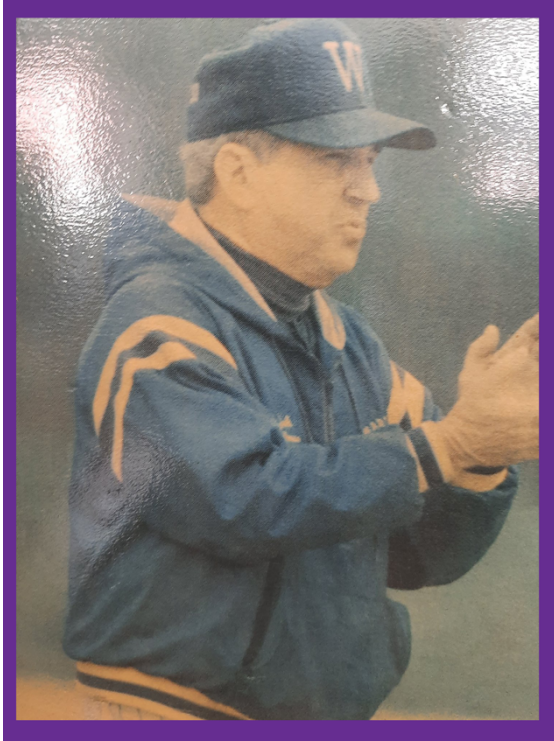
The accomplishments of these great players and Coach Lattimer will forever be a part of the Warwick Baseball Program and serve as a benchmark for all who follow. Today we honor and pay tribute to them for all they have meant to our program over the years.

Sincerely,

*Eric Rosa
Head Baseball Coach*



Rob Lattimer



For 33 years coach Rob Lattimer *was* Orange County baseball. His stats back that up. But his words would never craft a statement like that. He'd more likely be praising his assistant coaches, John DeVries and Butch Steen, or giving credit to the long line of talented players that learned so much from him. Described by the media as classy, unselfish, and filled with humility, Coach Lattimer taught his teams to play in his likeness. To play with style and grace and to handle winning, and losing, with class. He was a player's coach. You knew where you stood with him. You knew what your role on the team was. As a player that's all you can ask for and he provided that. His understanding of the game at this level was unparalleled. He was once quoted as saying "how well your team plays depends on the balance you have within all your positions and the consistency you have at the plate. We try to have

no weaknesses." His players and teams were always put in the best position to win. Then after another 'W' for Warwick, he'd give everyone else the credit. That was his way, win with class and then push the praise towards his players.

He'd come straight from teaching Phys Ed class at the high school to the ball field where he'd run an organized, yet fun practice. He prepared his teams to do what Warwick did best under his watch – and that was win and win a lot. Exactly 480 times during those 33 years. He retired as the winningest coach in Section IX history. He was a 4-time Sunday Record Coach of the Year, as well as the Orange County League Coach of the Year in 1967. 8 of his players were honored with Player of the Year awards. 4 more went on to play professionally. Countless more played at the college level. His teams averaged an astonishing 8 runs a game for over 3 decades. He had a run of 22 straight winning seasons. 15 of his 33 teams won at least one championship. He won 11 Orange County Championships, 6 Section IX Championships. They were 3-time Capital Region Champions. 3 of his teams reached the New York State semifinals and one had an appearance in the State Championship.

Coach Lattimer *was* Orange County baseball. He was calm, caring, and competitive. The perfect coach for multiple generations of Warwick student-athletes and the first Head Coach to be inducted into the Warwick Baseball Hall of Fame.

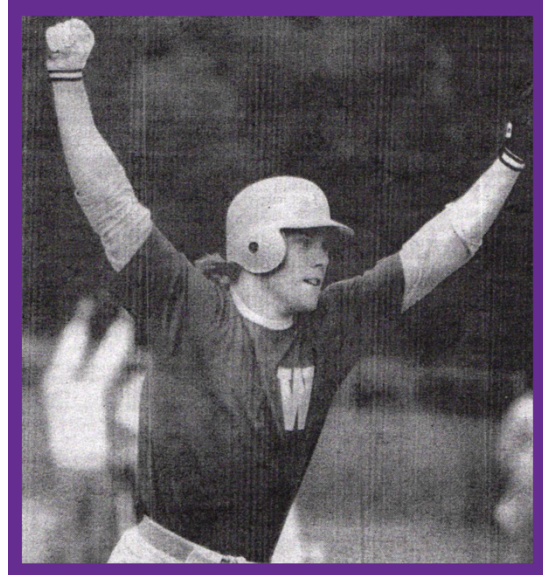


Craig Campbell Class of 1988

Our second inductee this afternoon is as big of a local legend as there has ever been. Craig Campbell, the sweet swinging, five-year varsity starter and four-time first team all-star, had an incredible Warwick baseball success run.

Craig tallied 25 rbi's as an 8th grader, hit 9 home runs and drove in 48 runs as a freshman, cracked 7 home runs and scored 32 runs as a sophomore, and batted a school record of .593 as a junior.

In the Summer between his junior and senior year of high school, Craig played for the under 18 Team USA baseball team that toured all of Europe. Campbell led the team in hitting with a .630 batting average.



At this point, Craig was drawing serious interest from powerhouse Division 1 college programs as well as professional baseball organizations. His senior year he hit .439 with 39 rbi's and 46 runs scored. He was named the Times Herald Record player of the year as his season and incredible career was highlighted by a Section winning walk off home run after pitching 8 scoreless innings.

Upon graduating, Craig turned down a scholarship offer from North Carolina to attend Morris County Community College in the hope to be drafted by a major league team. He hit .403 his freshmen year, and, in a reminder how tough baseball truly is, injured his back one week before the draft. Word of his injury spread throughout his pre-draft workouts and unfortunately Craig went undrafted.

Craig ultimately did sign a pro contract, but his back pain became too much to overcome. In all, Craig has had 6 back surgeries, which prevented him from attending today. He will be remembered not only as arguably the best overall player in school history, but also one of the best players in Section history.

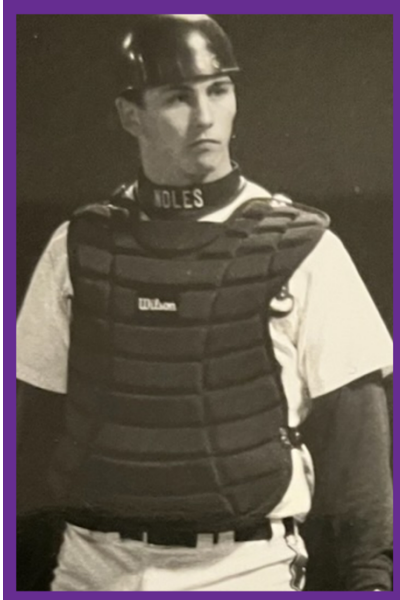
We congratulate and welcome Craig Campbell into the Warwick Baseball Hall of Fame.

Career Stats:

.418 avg. 30 home runs* 175 rbi* 165 runs scored* 71 stolen bases* 35 doubles* 15 triples*
***=school record**



Colby Weaver Class of 1991



Colby Weaver, considered the best catcher in Warwick Baseball history, was truly a game changer at the plate and behind it. The emotional leader of a talented squad, Colby was the fiery back stop for Warwick's 3 Section IX titles in his four years.

In his junior year he batted .373 with 6 home runs and helped lead the Wildcats to reach the NY state quarter finals. As a senior Colby batted .395 and dominated defensively. He completely shut down the opposing teams' running game throwing out an astounding 12 of 14 would-be base stealers. During Warwick's postseason run to the NY State semifinal, Colby batted over .500 in helping the Wildcats to an incredible 25-3 record.

With his Division 1 level bat, glove, and arm leading to high level college recruitment, Colby selected Florida State University as the next stop in his baseball life. He went from playing for hall of fame coach Rob Lattimer to playing for the legendary college coach, hall of famer Mike Martin.

His first start came in only his 14th game as a freshman. Inside the famous Metrodome, with his proud step-father in the stands, Colby went 2-3 with a double against Mississippi State. From that game forward he was the starting catcher or DH for the powerhouse Seminoles for the next 3 seasons. Two of which included appearances in the College World Series

He also excelled in the classroom. Colby was a 2-time Academic All-American and the winner of FSU'S Baseball Scholar Athlete of the Year 2 of the 3 years he was enrolled.

After his junior year he was drafted by the Atlanta Braves and played 3 seasons in pro ball. During his time with the Durham Bulls he was involved in a collision at home plate that resulted in multiple injuries, including a torn labrum and a blown out left knee. This unfortunately ended his career in baseball.

His intensity, competitiveness, and sheer will to win will always be remembered by those who played with him and against him. A tremendous player at all levels of baseball, Colby is most deserving of this honor, and we congratulate him on this induction into the Warwick Baseball Hall of Fame.



John McCombs Class of 1998

John McCombs, a 1998 Warwick Valley graduate, is considered one of the best athletes in school history. As a basketball player, John was a three-time school MVP, holds the record for points in a game at 40, and is also the school's all-time leading scorer.

As a baseball player, his favorite sport, John excelled at possibly an even higher level. His first season as a sophomore, he was the team's leading hitter and batted over .400 in the postseason in helping the Wildcats win the section title. His junior year he batted .448 and belted 8 home runs and was a 2nd team All Star. As a senior, McCombs put up numbers that match legendary Warwick

sluggers Craig Campbell and Tony Rivera. He batted .495 with school records in home runs with 14 and hits in a season with 45. He also drove in a school and New York State record 67 runs. John also went 6-1 on the mound and received the Times Herald Record Player of the Year award. Famed coach Rob Lattimer called him the most consistent long ball hitter he's ever coached. His three-run home run to beat Valley Central is the only ever hit ball to land on the roof of the high school.

John went on to accept a scholarship to play college basketball, but he will also be remembered as one of the best to ever wear a Warwick baseball jersey.

A tremendous player and a supporter of Warwick sports, we congratulate John on an incredible career and welcome one of Warwick's all-time greats into the Warwick Baseball Hall of Fame.

Career Stats:

*.439 avg. * 24 home runs 111 rbi*

**=school record*



Shawn Walsh Class of 2004



Our final inductee today is Warwick Valley class of 2004 graduate Shawn Walsh. The “Big Swede” was one of the most powerful hitters in school history.

His sophomore year Shawn batted .391 with 6 home runs. As a Junior and 2nd Team Section All Star, Shawn hit .407 and smashed 9 home runs.

In an incredible senior year not only was he a First Team All Star selection in football, but he was also a First Team pick in baseball, when he cracked 12 home runs in only 19 games. The two-way star delivered on the mound as well with a 1.96 ERA and 78 strikeouts in 59 innings.

Shawn went on to accept an athletic scholarship to Iona College where he still holds the program record in saves and appearances.

Shawn graduated Iona College in 2008 with a degree in Criminal Justice and is now a father of 3, working as a New York State Court Officer.

We congratulate Shawn and his family and welcome him to the Warwick Baseball Hall of Fame.

Career Stats:

.409 avg. 27 Home runs



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Hall of Fame**

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