



2022 Cotuit Kettleers Game Notes

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2022 Schedule/Results
Overall: 14-5-4, Home: 7-4-1, Away: 7-1-3

June (13-2-2)

12	at Chatham	5-0, W
13	at Falmouth	4-0, W
14	Bourne	6-4, W
16	at Bourne	7-0, W
17	Chatham	PPD
18	at Hyannis	W, 8-2
19	Brewster (DH)	W, 1-0/W, 5-0
21	at Wareham	5-3, W
22	Falmouth	3-3, T
23	Chatham	9-2, W
24	Harwich	4-2, L
25	Y-D	5-3, L
26	at Orleans (DH)	7-3, W/0-0, T
28	Orleans	3-2, W
29	at Y-D	4-1, W
30	Wareham	6-5, W

July (1-3-2)

1	at Harwich	4-4, T
2	Hyannis	3-1, W
3	at Falmouth	5-0, L
4	Falmouth	10-7, L
6	at Brewster	1-1, T
7	Bourne	12-7, L
8	Wareham	5:00
9	Harwich	5:00
10	at Bourne	6:00
12	Hyannis	5:00
13	at Wareham	6:00
14	Orleans	5:00
15	at Brewster	5:00
16	at Harwich	5:30
17	Falmouth	5:00
19	at Hyannis	6:00
20	at Bourne	6:00
21	at Y-D	5:00
22	Chatham	5:00
23	All-Star Game (Wareham)	6:00
25	Y-D	4:30
26	at Chatham	7:00
27	Hyannis	4:30
29	at Hyannis	6:00
30	at Wareham	6:00
31	Wareham	4:30

August (0-0)

1	Bourne	4:30
2	at Falmouth	6:00
4	Playoffs Begin	

Tonight's Matchup

Cotuit Kettleers vs Wareham Gatemen

July 8, 2022 - 5:00 -Lowell Park



Cotuit
Record: 14-5-4
Home/Away: 7-4-1, 7-1-3
Up Next: 7/9 vs. HAR
MGR: Mike Roberts



Wareham
Record: 9-11-3
Home/Away: 4-5-2, 5-6-1
Up Next: 7/9 vs. Y-D
HC: Harvey Shapiro

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Leading Off

Tonight, the Kettleers host the Wareham Gatemen for the second time this season. Cotuit leads the season series 2-0 and won the first matchup at Lowell Park 6-5 on a Tommy Troy walkoff HR.

Looking Back

Cotuit dropped last night's contest against Bourne by a final of 12-7. Tommy Troy homered twice and drove in six runs in the loss.

Brooks is Ballin'

Brooks Baldwin is up to a personal-high and team-high eight-game hitting streak. Baldwin previously had a six game hitting streak to start the season. He also leads Cotuit with nine multi-hit games and three multi-RBI games.

Tommy's World

Tommy Troy kept his red-hot start going with a two homer and six-RBI game on Thursday night vs Bourne. Troy's two homers matched his career high at Stanford and six RBI eclipsed his career best. Troy is also riding a four-game hit streak and leads Cotuit in a many offensive categories.

Success in June

Cotuit's 13 wins in June are tied with four other teams for the most wins in the season's first month in league history. The 2002 Kettleers also won 13 games. Also included are 1996 Wareham and 1994 Orleans. All of this info comes via Bruce Hack of Sportstats.

Record-Setting Pace

With a 9-0-1 start to the season before a loss, the 2022 Kettleers tied for third all time in the most games played without a loss to begin a season. The 2002 Kettleers hold the record with 15 games played at a 13-0-2 clip to begin the season. All of this info comes courtesy of Bruce Hack of Sportstats.

400 Club

Mike Roberts captured his 400th career win on June 13th at Falmouth. With Saturday's win, Roberts is up to 412 career wins. He is one of five CCBL managers all-time with 400 or more wins and Roberts sits fifth in wins all-time.

No Runs for You

Cotuit posted six shutouts during the first month of the season as well. That number eclipsed last year's shutout total of two. The Kettleers pitching staff has been one of their strengtns and they'll look to keep that up in July.

75 Years

This season will make the 75th anniversary of Cotuit Kettleers baseball. During the year we'll commemorate the franchise, which was founded in 1947 and it's strong history. More 75-year content can be found on our website.

Going for 18

Cotuit leads all teams in the Cape Cod Baseball League with 17 championships, with its last coming in 2019. This season they'll be aiming for their 18th championship. Head coach Mike Roberts has picked up three championships in his time leading the Kettleers.

Experience at the Helm

A familiar face is leading the charge for the Kettleers this season. Mike Roberts returns as head coach for Cotuit for his 18th season and is in search of his fourth title with the Kettleers.

Rounding out the Coaching Staff

Roberts is joined by a plethora of experienced coaches in the dugout. Andrew Shreiner leads the pitchers, Trey Holland is the bullpen coach, while Andrew Turner and Daniel Wilkerson round out the Cotuit coaching staff.

2022 Team Stats

Offense (Per Game)

Average:	.252
OBP:	.342
SLG:	.386
OPS:	.728
Runs:	100 (4.3)
Hits:	180 (7.8)
BB:	83 (3.6)
SO:	178 (7.7)
2B:	29 (1.3)
3B:	5
HR:	19
HBP:	18
SB:	39-59 (66%)
LOB:	149 (6.5)

Pitching (Per Game)

IP:	198.0
Hits:	137 (5.9)
Runs:	67 (2.9)
ER:	59 (2.6)
BB:	86 (3.7)
K:	189 (8.2)
ERA:	2.68
WHIP:	1.13
BAA:	.193

Fielding (Per Game)

DP:	15
E:	14
Field%:	.943%
CS/SBA:	9-35 (24%)

Cotuit Record When...

Home:	7-4-1
Away:	7-1-3
West Division:	8-3-1
East Division:	6-2-3
Scoring First:	12-0-2
Opponent Scores First:	2-5-1
Score less than 3 runs:	1-2-2
Score 3-6 runs:	9-1-2
Score 6-9 runs:	4-2
Score 10+ runs:	0-0
One-run games:	2-0
Give up less than 3 runs:	11-0-2
Give up 3-6 runs:	3-3-2
Give up 6-9 runs:	0-0
Give up 10+ runs:	0-2
Lights:	6-1-2
No Lights:	8-4-2
Weekdays:	8-3-3
Weekends:	6-2-1
Hit a home run:	11-2-1
Did not hit home run:	3-3-3

Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	School	Year
2	Trotter Harlan	IF	C. of Charleston	Junior
6	Justin Miknis	C	Kent State	Junior
8	CJ Kayfus	IF/OF	Miami	Sophomore
10	Calvin Harris	C	Ole Miss	Sophomore
11	Brooks Baldwin	IF/OF	UNC-Wilmington	R-Junior
12	Tommy Troy	IF/OF	Stanford	Sophomore
14	Carter Trice	IF	NC State	Sophomore
15	Caleb Lomavita	C	Cal	Freshman
16	Kade Kern	OF	Ohio State	Sophomore
17	Victor Scott II	OF	West Virginia	Junior
19	Jimmy Obertop	C/IF	Michigan	Junior
22	Eddie Park	OF	Stanford	Sophomore
23	Joey Dixon*	RHP	Stanford	Sophomore
24	Tyler Johnson	OF/IF	Coastal Carolina	Senior
25	Josh Pearson	OF	LSU	Freshman
28	Ben Johnson	RHP	Ga. Southern	Sophomore
29	Christian Little	RHP	LSU	Sophomore
30	Cameron Wagoner	RHP	Eastern Michigan	Junior
34	Jaylen Paden	RHP	Ga. Southern	Sophomore
36	Harrison Cohen	RHP	Virginia	R-Senior
38	Carson Swilling	RHP	Auburn	Sophomore
39	Daniel Brooks	RHP	C. of Charleston	Freshman
40	Ryan Bruno*	LHP	Stanford	Sophomore
41	Kade Morris*	RHP	TCU	Sophomore
42	Max Meier	RHP	Stanford	Junior
44	Kyle Karros	IF	UCLA	Sophomore
45	Will Jacobson	RHP/IF	Harvard	Junior
46	Ty Johnson	RHP	Ball State	Sophomore
47	Zach Chappell	LHP	North Florida	Senior
48	Adam Boucher	RHP	Duke	Sophomore
50	Max Gieg	RHP	Boston College	Junior
51	Paul Skenes*	C/RHP	Air Force	Sophomore

* indicates signed but not activated

Coaching Staff

Head Coach:	Mike Roberts
Pitching Coach:	Andrew Shreiner
Bullpen Coach:	Trey Holland
Bench Coach:	Andrew Turner
Assistant Coach:	Daniel Wilkerson

Front Office/Support Staff

President:	Terry Moran
General Manager:	Bruce Murphy
Dir. of Baseball Operations:	Peter Flaherty
GM/Scout Liason:	Will Thompson
Athletic Trainer:	Rachel Jordan

Pronouciations

#30 - Wagoner (Wag-ner)
#34 - Paden (PAY-den)
#42 - Meier (MY-er)
#48 - Boucher (Boo-shay)
#47 - Chapell (like "chapel")
#50 - Gieg (gig... like gigabyte)
#51 - Skenes (Ski-nz)

2022 CCBL Standings

West

Cotuit Kettleers..... 14-5-4 (32 Pts)
 Hyannis Harbor Hawks.....11-7-5 (27 Pts)
 Bourne Braves.....9-8-6 (24 Pts)
 Wareham Gatemen.....9-11-3 (21 Pts)
 Falmouth Commodores.....9-12-2 (20 Pts)

East

Y-D Red Sox.....12-8-3 (27 Pts)
 Brewster Whitecaps.....11-8-4 (26 Pts)
 Orleans Firebirds.....9-11-3 (21 Pts)
 Harwich Mariners.....7-12-4 (18 Pts)
 Chatham Anglers.....5-14-4 (14 Pts)

Scouting the Opposition

At a Glance

Opponent: Wareham Gatemen
 Record: 9-11-3 (5-2-3 L10, Streak: 2W)
 Last Game: W 12-10 @ Hyannis on 7/6
 Next Game: July 9 vs. Y-D
 Last Matchup: 6/30/22; 6-5 Cotuit Win

Team Leaders

AVG: Hogan Windish (.287)
 H: Hogan Windish (25)
 R: Hogan Windish (16)
 HR: Hogan Windish (5)
 RBI: Hogan Windish (15)
 2B: Hogan Windish (7)
 BB: Jack Housinger (15)
 SO: Blake Wright (24)

IP: Michael Sansone (18.2)
 SO: Michael Sansone (24)
 ERA: Four Tied (0.00)
 W: Cameron Weston (3)
 SV: Three Tied (2)

Opponent Team Stats

Offense (Per Game)

Average:......229
 Runs:..... 95 (4.1)
 Hits:.....168 (7.3)
 RBI:.....77 (3.3)
 BB:..... 86 (3.7)
 SO:.....210 (9.1)
 2B:..... 29 (1.3)
 3B:..... 0 (0.0)
 HR:..... 11 (0.4)
 HBP:.....23 (1.0)

Pitching (Per Game)

IP:..... 193.2
 Hits:.....179 (7.5)
 Runs:.....96 (4.2)
 ER:..... 87 (3.8)
 BB:..... 72 (3.1)
 K:..... 197 (8.6)
 ERA:.....4.05
 WHIP:.....1.30

Ketts' Leaders

AVG: Tommy Troy (.407)
 OBP: Tommy Troy (.467)
 SLG: Tommy Troy (.926)
 OPS: Tommy Troy (1.393)
 AB: Brooks Baldwin (90)
 R: Victor Scott (11)
 H: Brooks Baldwin (32)
 2B: Brooks Baldwin (5)
 3B: Brooks Baldwin (2)
 HR: Tyler Johnson (5)
 RBI: Brooks Baldwin (14)
 BB: Victor Scott (14)
 HBP: Four Tied (2)
 SO: Brooks Baldwin (26)
 SB: Victor Scott (11)

*Minimum ABs to qualify is ten

APP: Will Jacobsen (6)
 IP: Kade Morris (16.2)
 W: Harrison Cohen (2)
 BB: Adam Boucher (11)
 SO: Harrison Cohen (11)
 SV: Max Gieg (1)
 ERA: Ben Johnson (0.00 ERA)
 WHIP: Max Gieg (0.73)
 BAA: Dalton Rogers (.063)
 SO/9: Cameron Wagoner (15.75)

Today's Probable Pitcher

Harrison Cohen

RHP, George Washington, Graduate in 2022

2022 CCBL Stats: 4 APP (4 GS) 1-0, 1.10 ERA, 16.0 IP, 12 H, 11 K, 3 BB, 2 ER, 2 R, 1 HR, 0 BK, 6.1 K/9
 2022 @ GW: 7-7, 3.92 ERA, 14GS, 87.1 IP, 82 H, 93 K, 28 BB, 38 ER, 49 R, 6 HR, 9.6 K/9

2022 Game Log

Date	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR
6/13	5.0	2	0	0	0	2	0
6/19	4.0	2	0	0	1	3	0
6/26	2.1	3	2	2	1	3	1
7/2	5.0	5	0	0	1	3	0



--HAT TRICK: 2022 marks the start of Cohen's third stint with the Kettleers after pitching in Cotuit in 2019 and 2021.

-LAST TIME: In his last start, Cohen twirled five innings of scoreless ball while walking one and striking out three. ^s

-TO THE DECISION: In rare fashion, Cohen received a decision in all 14 of his starts for George Washington.

-ACCOLADES: 2nd Team All Conference

-LINE LEADER: In 2022, Cohen led George Washington in wins, WHIP, strikeouts and innings.

-INNINGS EATER: Cohen led all Kettleers with 87.1 innings in the spring season in 2022.

Transactions

Date	Player	Transaction
Jun. 13	Cam Hill	Released
Jun. 15	Mitch Jebb	Released
Jun. 15	CJ Kayfus	Activated
Jun. 15	Zach Cole	Signed/Activated
Jun. 17	Peyton Williams	Released
Jun. 17	Kyle Karros	Activated
Jun. 18	Jake Berger	Released
Jun. 18	Joe Williams	Released
Jun. 18	Tyler Johnson	Signed/Activated
Jun. 20	Josh Pearson	Activated
Jun. 22	Ethan Chenault	Released
Jun. 23	Christian Little	Signed/Activated
Jun. 24	Chris Stuart	Released
Jun. 24	Ben Johnson	Activated
Jun. 24	Mark McLaughlin	Activated
Jun. 24	Kade Morris	Inactivated (Team USA)
Jun. 26	Graham Pauley	Released
Jun. 27	Tommy Troy	Activated
Jun. 28	Isaiah Coupet	Released
Jun. 29	Dalton Rogers	Activated
Jun. 29	Kenya Huggins	Released
Jun. 29	Cam Collier	Released
Jun. 30	Eddie Park	Activated
Jun. 30	Chandler Simpson	Released
Jun. 30	Cody Schrier	Signed/Activated
Jul. 1	Tyler Bosma	Released
Jul. 1	Jackson Kelley	Released
Jul. 1	William Privette	Released
Jul. 1	Max Meier	Signed/Activated
Jul. 2	Cameron Wagoner	Signed/Activated
Jul. 2	Carson Swilling	Activated
Jul. 4	Zach Cole	Released
Jul. 4	Zach Chappell	Signed/Activated
Jul. 5	Ryan Ritter	Released
Jul. 5	Jimmy Obertop	Signed/Activated
Jul. 5	Jaylen Paden	Activated
Jul. 6	Dalton Rogers	Released
Jul. 6	Mark McLaughlin	Released
Jul. 6	Trotter Harlan	Signed/Activated
Jul. 6	Calvin Harris	Signed/Activated
Jul. 6	TJ Brock	Released
Jul. 6	Cody Schrier	Released

MULTI-HIT/RBI GAMES/STREAKS

Mutli-Hit Games	2	3	4	Total
6 Miknis, Justin	1	-	-	1
8 Kayfus, CJ	-	1	-	1
9 Collier, Cam	1	-	-	1
11 Baldwin, Brooks	7	2	-	9
12 Troy, Tommy	2	2	-	4
14 Trice, Carter	1	-	-	1
15 Lomavita, Caleb	1	-	-	1
17 Scott, Victor	-	1	-	1
18 Pauley, Graham	1	-	-	1
24 Johnson, Tyler	1	-	1	2
44 Karros, Kyle	3	-	-	3

Mutli-RBI Games	2	3	4+	Total
6 Miknis, Justin	2	-	-	2
11 Baldwin, Brooks	2	1	-	3
12 Troy, Tommy	-	1	1 (6)	2
14 Trice, Carter	-	1	-	1
17 Scott, Victor	1	-	-	1
24 Johnson, Tyler	1	1	-	2

Hitting Streaks	Longest	Current
6 Miknis, Justin	2	2
8 Kayfus, CJ	3	-
11 Baldwin, Brooks	8	8
12 Troy, Tommy	4	4
14 Trice, Carter	4	-
15 Lomavita, Caleb	3	-
16 Kern, Kade	2	-
17 Scott, Victor	4	-
22 Park, Eddie	2	-
24 Johnson, Tyler	5	-
44 Karros, Kyle	2	-

Reached Base Streaks	Longest	Current
6 Miknis, Justin	4	2
8 Kayfus, CJ	6	-
11 Baldwin, Brooks	8	8
12 Troy, Tommy	4	4
14 Trice, Carter	5	-
15 Lomavita, Caleb	3	-
16 Kern, Kade	3	-
17 Scott, Victor	6	-
22 Park, Eddie	3	3
24 Johnson, Tyler	7	-
44 Karros, Kyle	5	2

The Last Time (Cotuit in 2022)...

Cotuit won five or more straight games June 12-22 (8)
 Cotuit scored 10 or more runs in a game None
 Cotuit shut out an opponent @Orleans; June 26
 Cotuit shut out consecutive opponents vs Brewster; June 19
 Cotuit was shut out@ Falmouth July 3
 Cotuit swept a doubleheader vs Brewster; June 19

A Kett had a multi-home-run gameTommy Troy, July 7 vs. Bourne
 A Kett hit a grand slam None
 Cotuit hit back-to-back homers None
 A Kett had four or more RBI in a game Tommy Troy; July 7 vs Falmouth (6)
 A Kett had four or more hits in a game Tyler Johnson; July 4 vs Falmouth (4)
 A Kett stole three or more bases in a game Victor Scott: June 23 vs. Chatham
 A Kett had a five game hitting streak Brooks Baldwin (8); June 29 - July 8
 A Kett had a ten game hit streak None

A Kett had ten or more strikeouts None
 A Kett pitched a complete game None
 Pitched a combined nine-inning shutout June 16; at Bourne
 Pitched a no-hitter None

Head Coach Mike Roberts



Coach Roberts, has led the Kettleers to the 2010, 2013 and 2019 Cape Cod Baseball League Championship, claiming the Arnold Mycock Trophy. In 2012, the team won the President's Trophy for the best regular season record in the league at 30-14. This was the first time the Kettleers had reached 30 wins under Coach Roberts' leadership.

From 1978 through 1998, Roberts was the head coach at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Then he went on to UNC-Asheville, where he coached in the spring of 2000. All totaled, Roberts' UNC teams made nine NCAA post-season and two College World Series appearances. Five times his teams captured the ACC Regular Season Championship and four times the ACC Tournament Championship. Ten of Roberts' former players have been first round draft picks. Sixteen of his former players at UNC have played in Major League Baseball. His greatest individual coaching success is his own son, Brian Roberts, the two time all-star 2nd baseman who played for the Baltimore Orioles and New York Yankees.

Walt Weiss, who played for Coach Roberts at UNC-CH went on to become the American League Rookie of the year in 1988, manage the Colorado Rockies and is currently the bench coach for the 2021 World Series champion Atlanta Braves. Several former players are collegiate head coaches (Mark Kingston, South Carolina; Chad Holbrook, College of Charleston; Todd Interdonato, Wofford). Some, like Willie Stewart, are assistants, and several others work in professional baseball or are professional baseball athlete's advisors. "I am pleased so many of the excellent student/athletes I have recruited through the years continue to enjoy a career helping young men try to reach their academic, athletic, and career goals."

Every summer in Cotuit the goal is to win a Cape League Championship. We strive to accomplish this goal with mature college student-athletes from around the nation who embrace fundamental practices and love playing at picturesque Elizabeth Lowell Park. Many of the Kettleers players become involved in our wonderful community with activities such as the Cotuit library reading program and the ever-growing Kettleers baseball clinics. The athletes provide excellent leadership to young people during the summer as they are also building close relationships, many which last a lifetime, with their host families.

Prior to managing Wareham to the Western Division regular season title in 2000, Roberts had led Wareham to the same title in 1984. Each of those two seasons, Roberts' Cape League teams led the entire League in stolen bases and continued this tradition with the 2012 Kettleers. In 2000, Roberts' Wareham team tied the Cape League all-time single season stolen base record with 134 stolen bases.

In the off-season, Coach Roberts has studied part-time for his Doctorate in Sports Administration at the University of New Mexico, does base stealing clinics, writes, and produces baseball videos. He has written 2 books on base stealing. The first titled "You Can't Steal Second Base and Keep Your Foot on First!" published in Dec. 2008 and the 2nd book titled "Baserunning" was published in Dec. 2013. He is now working for the Pittsburgh Pirates as well as consulting with many colleges and high schools on base stealing and base running.

Several base stealing videos were filmed at beautiful Elizabeth Lowell Park in Cotuit in 2011 and a hitting video was filmed at Lowell Park in 2012. His son Brian, who led the American League in stolen bases in 2007, contributed to the first book and the DVD which shows clips of Brian stealing bases for the Orioles.

Mike currently works for the Pittsburgh Pirates. He is an adjunct Sports Management professor for Spring Arbor University in Michigan after completing three years as Director of Sports Management at Asbury University in Wilmore, KY. He has consulted for two sports industry training and technologies companies as the Director of Baseball Development for SmartKage in Tyngsborough, MA. He holds a similar role with Athletes' Performance (name is currently TeamExos), driving the Business Development for Baseball with minor league and major league baseball athletes. AP is featured often in publications and on ESPN as the premier athletic training center for Elite Athletes in the USA and around the world.

In Jan. 2014, Coach Roberts was voted into the American Baseball Coaches Association Coaches Hall of Fame and was inducted in Orlando, Florida on Jan. 3, 2015. In January 2009, 2011, 2017 and recently again in January 2022 Coach Roberts was a platform speaker at the annual ABCA convention which hosts around 6,000 coaches.

Coach Roberts daughter, Angie lives in the Dallas area with husband David and boys Tyler and Brock. They have enjoyed visiting Cotuit almost every summer since 2004. His son, Brian lives in Sarasota, FL with wife Diana and boys Jax, Nash, and Cru.

Kett's Honors

June 28, 2022:

Chandler Simpson
CCBL Player of the Week

Jackson Kelley
CCBL Pitcher of the Week

2021 Kett's Drafted

John Rhodes
Jake Smith
Justin Meis
Ben Rice
Andre Granillo
River Town
Brooks Baldwin
Alaska Abney
Ryan Long
Mikey Perez

2021 CCBL All-Stars

Luke Gold
Eric Brown
Jake Brooks

Seventeen year old Cam Collier is one of the top draft prospects in the nation

By Clara Richards | Washington University in St. Louis

Cam Collier hates the ocean, but his first day on the Cape, he went kayaking anyways. He and his fellow classmate from Chipola College paddled out from shore. Collier fell in a few times, getting dunked in the cold June water of the Cotuit shores, before retreating to land.

"I didn't know he couldn't swim that well," his teammate Kenya Huggins said. "But I was right there, and I didn't even have to jump in to save him."

It's a good thing for the Cotuit Kettleers that Collier is better at baseball than he is at kayaking.

His at-bats are electric. During the home opener, along the green outfield of Lowell Park, Collier swings long and hard in the bottom of the fourth. He makes contact, his arms extended and body twisted with the momentum of his motion. The bat fractures under his hands, the wood stems cracking under the force of the pitch as he makes contact with the ball. Undeterred, Collier scrambles towards first base. His splintered bat lands along the base paths along with the ball skidding across the dirt, and the crowd of Kettleers fans around him inhales.

Yet, in a cloud of dust, he beats the throw. So many players before him have done the same, slung a wood bat across the infield in the maroon pinstripes of the Kettleers jerseys. Bradley Zimmer did when he played at Lowell Park. Jared Walsh, first baseman for the Angels, scuffed the dirt in 2013 when he crouched at the plate for the Kettleers. Scouts study Collier's stats on the benches behind home plate, click their stopwatches and try to see how his buttery swing might measure up in the majors. Some days, the major league onlookers head out early to catch games further down the Cape, but the benches stay packed for the entire outing — the July draft is approaching.

On the field at Lowell Park, it's easy to forget that Collier is seventeen. He blends in completely with the rest of the team of collegiate stars from around the nation. It's only when you see him leaving practice, occasionally riding a bike down the streets of Cotuit, weaving around a little, that you remember that he's a little younger than the rest of the group. For all intents and purposes, he should just be a high school senior, going to prom and walking down a long aisle in his cap and gown with the rest of his classmates. But it's not. Collier reclassified for the 2022 draft and attended Chipola Junior College. It's a choice that he said was the best decision he's ever made. On the first day of the draft, he'll be seventeen years and 239 days old.

Even though he got his GED, Collier spent very little time sitting in a physical classroom. His freshman year of high school was shut down by COVID-19, and then he stayed online to play travel ball. His classic high school experiences, like school dances and big football games, came in fragments — he went to a high school prom while attending JuCo, and he attended a friend's high school football game.

Initially, he felt like he was missing out. "But then I went to prom, and I got that experience. And it was pretty boring," he said. "So I don't mind what I'm missing anymore."

In three games with the Kettleers so far, he's notched three hits and scored one run, with a batting average of .333. He's recorded an on-base percentage of .375 and played two games at third base, a contributor to the Ketts' opening win streak. For Collier, playing on the Cape has been an adjustment. He's had to adapt to higher velocity from pitchers, more movement on breaking balls and playing with wood bats against top-tier competition.

"It's been an eye-opener," he said, describing his at-bats as "not terrible, but not where I want them to be, either."

"I do think that he's going to have some success, like all the players," Cotuit head coach Mike Roberts said about his youngest player. "The question mark that I'll find out in the next few weeks is how each player handles struggles, whether they're 17 or 23. Because that's called how you handle failure."

Roberts has only coached one other seventeen-year-old in his time in summer ball, Robert Stock from the University of Southern California. Stock eventually went on to get drafted in the second round, debuting in the majors in 2018 for the Padres. In Cotuit, though, Stock was just truly just a high schooler. In the middle of July, Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows was released, and the teenager stayed up all night reading. When the rest of the team would head down the street to the Coop for lunch, Stock would stay in the dugout and pull out the 900-page novel.

"That's my other 17-year-old," Roberts said.

Cotuit's head coach has only had a few weeks to get to know Collier, but his early impressions have been of a quiet, eager-to-learn student. As a college professor, Coach Roberts has a unique metric to judge his new athletes: eye contact. If he has eye contact, he might have a chance to have brain contact, he tells his players.

"Really good eye contact with Collier," Roberts said. "He's interested in getting better. It's extremely mature for 17-year-old to come in and practice and compete against players up to 23, 24 years of age, because of COVID. I admire him because of that."

In the opening day matchup, the team was attempting to put together its identity as a group. The dugout was quiet compared to a rowdy college team bench, yet Collier was yelling from the right side of the dugout. "Come on, Loma," he called out to the catcher, who he met two weeks ago. He nods his head at a fellow Ketts fan who boos the umpire. "Where did that miss?" It's the same energy of a student volunteering to answer a question in a silent classroom.

His contributions have impressed his new teammates. "He looks the part, plays the part," said Kentucky shortstop and Ketts returner Ryan Ritter. "It's the first time I've played with him, but I've always heard a lot about him. And he really is living up to his name."

In an interview setting, Collier is thoughtful and reflective. Yet in the dugout and while he's on the field, he's fast to speak up and support his teammate. Watching him do his drills and stride up to the cage, he's all in; you can see the frustration on his face when he takes a big hack and doesn't feel the crack of the ball. By all accounts and purposes, he doesn't have to be in Cotuit, playing in the Cape Cod League, at all — his draft stock would be high regardless, after a stunningly good year at Chipola College.

He's here anyway. "I'm not really someone who likes to sit at home when I can be playing baseball games," he said.

And that's Cam Collier—someone who will take risks, who wants to be on the field, taking hacks and learning from the best. On national television, he's a thoughtful and measured talking head, giving polished quotes about growing up with a dad who played in the majors. His dad, Lou Collier, was a utility player who played eight seasons of big-league ball. "Growing up, I learned all the right stuff, just being able to pick his mind and being able to go to the park with him," he said on MLB Network.

Yet he's also a teenager who almost quit baseball when he was thirteen and fourteen. He's an adrenaline junkie, someone who loves the Six Flags near his dad's home in Georgia. As soon he was tall enough to be allowed past the gate, he spent afternoons as a kid buckled into the steepest rides. When asked if he ever had a rebellious phase, where he didn't want to listen to his dad, he laughed a little. "To be honest, I'm still kinda in it."

CBS has him listed in the sixth overall draft slot, while a MLB mock draft by Jim Callis has him going at seventh to the Chicago Cubs. Last week, Collier flew across the country to the MLB Draft Combine, where he went through a variety of tests and interviews.

For his part, all he can do is focus on his next at-bat, the majority of the decision out of his control. The seventeen-year-old can't remember the last time that he spent a day without a baseball in his hand.