



## Dennis Lubert

Year of Induction: **2011**

Year of Graduation: **1978**

Dennis Lubert, JCHS Class of 1978, was the ace of the Johnson City pitching staff during his four years of varsity baseball from 1975 to 1978. In fact, Mr. Lubert was so dominant on the mound that he just may be the finest pitcher the Wildcats have ever featured.

Mr. Lubert earned seven varsity letters during his high school career, three for golf, including a 2nd team All-STAC recognition in 1977, and four for baseball. In his four years as a varsity pitcher, Dennis compiled an amazing record of 33 wins and only 2 losses. Highlights during his high school career include: throwing a perfect game during the 1977 season, throwing a no-hitter during the 1978 season, recording 102 strikeouts in 53 innings and a 0.39 ERA in 1978. On April 14th, 1978, Dennis struck out 19 batters in one game. He was an All-STAC performer in 1977 and 1978, and he was the 1978 runner-up as the Press & Sun Bulletin Athlete of the Year. Dennis followed up his outstanding high school seasons with several amazing seasons as a member of the Johnson City Post 758 Legion team. He was named the league's Most Valuable Pitcher in 1977 and its Most Valuable Player and Most Valuable Pitcher in 1978 when he recorded a .405 batting average and a 0.32 ERA. His accomplishments with the Wildcats and Post 758 earned Dennis a full baseball scholarship to South Carolina University.

The skills that Mr. Lubert honed in Johnson City served him well in college and beyond. His post-high school accomplishments include:

- An 11-0 record with a 0.77 ERA for the Broome Rangers summer league team
- A 6-1 record pitching in the Alaskan Summer League
- Throwing 186 pitches in a complete game victory against the Miami Hurricanes, the #1 ranked team in the country at that time
- Pitching in the College World Series in 1981 and 1982
- Leading the South Carolina Gamecocks with 12 wins, 10 complete games, and 90 strikeouts in 1981

Dennis' career at South Carolina earned him a place on the all-time records list in several categories:

- 5th All Time in career shutouts with 4
- 5th All Time in career complete games with 18

- 6th All Time in career games won with 31
- 7th All Time in career innings with 340

Dennis was drafted in the 4th round of the MLB draft in 1981 by the New York Yankees, but he decided to return to South Carolina for his senior season. He was then drafted in the 11th round by the Atlanta Braves in 1982. He would pitch in the Braves minor league system for two seasons before ending his professional career.

The Johnson City Athletic Hall of Fame is proud to welcome one of the most successful pitchers in the history of JC Baseball, Dennis Lubert, JCHS Class of 1978.