



Christopher Edmondson

Year of Induction: **2021**

Year of Graduation: **2006**

Christopher Edmondson graduated from Johnson City Senior High School in 2006 and belongs to a family committed to athletics through participation, coaching and various supporting roles. Edmondson was a three-sport athlete during his high school years, finding success in hockey, football and baseball, making him a well-rounded athlete.

Edmondson's roots to athletics began at an early age in all three sports which nurtured his athletic abilities and fanned his drive for success. His love for baseball began in the Johnson City Little League program and he continued by playing legion ball as he transitioned into high school modified, junior varsity and varsity baseball. Fall found Edmondson playing pee-wee football through the Johnson City youth program. And when the weather turned to snow and ice, he could be found playing ice hockey from a very young age through his high school years.

While Edmondson played both high school football in 2004 and 2005 and ice hockey throughout his school years, it was baseball where he defined himself as an excellent athlete. In the decade from 1996-2006, Edmondson led the Wildcats in the following statistical categories: triples (13), home runs (10), hit by pitch (13), stolen bases (43). In addition, he was in these top 5 categories: games played (72), at bats (225), runs (75), hits (86), singles (51), runs batted in (63), walks (39), on-base percentage (.502), slugging percentage (.689) and total bases (155). However, it was his 2006 senior year which produced incredible statistics: at-bat (99), doubles (6), home runs (5), RBI (31), bases on balls (20), on-base percentage (.586), slugging percentage (.849), total bases (62), and stolen bases (30). That year the Wildcat baseball team finished with a 19-5 record and ranked 6th in New York state. They were Section IV champions and Sub-Regional Champions.

Edmondson went on to play Division I college baseball for LeMoyne College during all four years. While there, he set some single season records. In 2008, he had 22 doubles, which were the most doubles in a single season in program history. That same year he set the third most home runs (14) and RBIs (64) in program history as well as the second most total bases (146) in LeMoyne's baseball program history.

Edmondson's LeMoyne career statistics put him in the college record books. He is 1st in the following: homeruns (44), RBIs (178), total bases (425), intentional walks (14). He is 3rd in games played (197) and doubles (49). He is also 6th in at-bats (683) and triples (10) and 7th in hits (224). And last but not least, he is 9th in slugging percentage (.622).

In recognition of his achievements in collegiate baseball in 2008, Edmondson was named Division I - 3rd Team All-American and Division I Independent Player of the Year. In 2010, he was drafted in the 43rd round of the Major League Baseball draft by the Saint Louis Cardinals.

Edmondson devoted four years in the St. Louis Cardinals Minor League organization (seasons 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013). Continuing to stack up impressive career statistics, Edmondson had 289 total games played, 278 hits, 156 runs, 59 doubles, 12 triples, 28 home runs, 168 RBIs, with a .264 average. While with the Cardinals organization, he was part of two championship teams. One championship was with the Johnson City Cardinals of the Appalachian League and the other was with the Quad Cities River Bandits of the Midwest League. He spent one year with the Rockland Boulders, an independent professional organization. This

year proved to be another successful year in the statistics book for Edmondson. With 36 games played, he had 52 hits, 40 runs, 15 doubles, eight home runs, 25 RBIs, 19 stolen bases with an average of .413 and a slugging percentage of .738.

Coaches played an important part in his high school athletic career. Baseball coaches Mike Moran, Ed Fetsko and Joe Guccia influenced Edmondson. His high school varsity baseball coach, Joe Guccia, has stated, "Chris is one of the most successful players in the history of JC baseball. He was a role model for his teammates because of his work ethic and competitive spirit. He was the most feared hitter in Section IV in 2006...." Edmondson has been guided by the philosophy shared with him by his father, "See ball, hit ball." These two simple phrases have not only guided his baseball career but the simplicity of it has guided his life.

Currently, Edmondson resides in Whitman, Massachusetts with his wife, Kim. He is a physical education teacher at the South Shore Educational Collaborative in Hingham, Mass. and works with all K-12 students.

Johnson City is proud to welcome athlete Christopher Edmondson into its athletic hall of fame.