

Long Island Elite Bios

Greg Thomson:

The Levittown, N.Y. native was drafted by the Arizona Diamondbacks in the 15th round in 2005 after spending the previous three seasons in a Red Storm uniform. He was one of seven student-athletes to be drafted that season from St. John's ; it was that group of players that helped the squad finish 41-18 (19-4) to break a 27-year old school-record for wins in a single season. His name still appears in the record book, where he sits tied for second for most doubles in a season (22). In that same season he was named a Big East First Team All-Star and in 2004 he earned a spot on the NCAA All-Tournament team for his performance at the Palo Alto Regional. In both those seasons the Red Storm made Regional College World Series Appearances and as a three-year starter, Thomson posted a .344 batting average.

Prior to his collegiate and professional careers he was a four-year varsity starter for Island Trees High School and led Nassau County in batting average and RBIs in 2000. He was a part of the 2001 County Champions team and was the 2002 Diamond Award winner.

Coaching:

Since graduation, he has spent his time as a hitting instructor on Long Island, under his lesson, training and camp umbrella Common Sense Baseball. He has taken many high school players to the college level, including the last two Diamond Awards Winners. In the summer of 2010, he acted as an assistant coach of the Atlantic College Baseball League (ACBL) where he managed Division I, II, III and junior college players.

NYIT 2016: Hitting, infield/OF coach, recruiting. Team had its best season in five years.

Greg is also an owner of the Long Island Elite Travel Baseball program.

Rob Savarese:

Prior to his coaching career, Rob pitched in independent minor league baseball for eight different teams, spanning six seasons. Most recently, had a pitching stint with the road traveling Greys of the CANAM League (2015). He received a business degree from Farmingdale State College and spent three seasons with the Rams. He still ranks fifth in program history for most wins with 13 and most innings pitched with 142.1 from 2006-08.

Coaching: Briarcliffe College Pitching Coach and recruiting coordinator (2012-2015). The Bulldogs were a two-time participant in the USCAA Small School College World Series.

Last summer, the Syosset native served as the pitching coach for the West Hampton Aviators of the Hamptons Collegiate Baseball League (HCBL). Before that in the summer of 2014, he managed the L.I. Makos of the North Atlantic Collegiate Baseball League (NACBL).

2016 NYIT: Pitching coach/recruiting. Helped the pitching staff improve in every category.

Rob is the GM/Operator of the Long Island Elite Travel Baseball organization, and also serves as Common sense Baseballs pitching coordinator for private and group lessons.

Frank Cumbo:

Frank has over 25 years coaching and training baseball players at the grassroots (community), high school and collegiate levels. He played his college baseball at Fairfield University (Division 1, 1990-93) and played in the independent league with the Saint Paul Saints during the 1993-94 campaign. Coach Cumbo played his Collegiate summer ball for the Bourne Braves of the prestigious cape cod league (1991-1992), as well as semi pro ball with the Sportsfever-Therman Munson foundation (1994-1995). As a member of both the Bourne Braves and Sportsfever- Therman Munson foundation, he was among leaders in multiple offensive categories. A speedy outfielder with a strong arm, Coach Frank won multiple awards for his defense. Additionally, he's served as a manager, coach and volunteer for various elite travel teams and high schools throughout the LI, and Connecticut regions. Coach Frank Cumbo also serves as a hitting consultant/specialist for various Colleges throughout the tri state area.

Steve Fanelli:

Standout All county High school player, coach of 16U Elite tournament team. Liaison and advisor for Elite Baseball. Trainer, coach, and motivator.

Joe Fusco:

- Current D1 infielder at NYiT
- All Long Island player
- 2013 County champion at Clarke HS

Joe Morris:

- 2016 All ECC Second team selection for the QC Knights
- Current Senior at Queens College
- Three year varsity starter at Syosset HS
- Top 100 LI Senior selection

Steve Connelly- (catching)

- Current Elite Baseball coach
- Old Westbury/Nassau CC
- Top 100 High school player

- All county catcher Island Trees HS
- Common sense baseball hitting/catching instructor

Paul Perez- Pitching/Throwing

- 2016 Gary Northshore Railcats, American Association Professional Baseball
- 2016 Empire league all-star with Sullivan Explorers
- 3x CUNYAC All-star for Baruch College
- Four year starting pitcher at Baruch
- 20 Career wins
- Morez Media, and CNXNpitching.com

Justin Schloss:

- Current Elite baseball coach and trainer
- Utica College/Maritime College
- Versatile infield player and line drive hitter at East Meadow HS

Tim Ingram:

- Clarke High School
- Hamptons Collegiate baseball pitcher of the Year
- 31st Round Draft pick out of SUNY Old Westbury
- Current High A ball pitcher in Tampa Bay Rays System
- Common Sense baseball pitching instructor

Jesse Russo:

- Clarke High School
- Hofstra/SUNY Old Westbury
- Current starting infielder for the Panthers
- Skyline player of the week
- Hamptons Collegiate player of the week with Shelter Island Bucks

Kevin O'Connor:

- Harborfields High School All-State player
- Current Hofstra player, started as a freshman in 2016 for the pride

Ron Bauer:

- Hicksville High School
- Current Senior at Molloy College
- 2016 Brett Tomko Award semifinalist for top pitcher in Division 2
- All ECC first team
- Second team all east region selection by the national Collegiate Baseball Writers association

Lou Mele:

- Island Trees High School
- NCAA Division 1 Northeast All-Region second team
- Current senior 3b at NYiT

EJ Cumbo:

- Current Clarke High School player
- Starter since sophomore year
- Diamond award finalist in 2016
- Committed to play at NYiT

Matt Boyko:

- Current Clarke High School player
- Committed to NYiT as LHP

Jimmy Meehan:

- Former Clarke High school player

