

History of Concord Quarry Dogs

Concord Baseball Association, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) charitable non-profit that was originally formed to organize and run the 1994 13-year-old Babe Ruth Baseball World Series. That was followed by several northeast US regional Babe Ruth League tournaments and the 2000 18-year-old Babe Ruth Baseball World Series.

Leading up to the 2000 World Series, in an arrangement with the City of Concord they engaged in the seating project at the Memorial Field baseball diamond, now known as the Doane Diamond. At the time, Babe Ruth League Inc, headquartered in New Jersey, indicated that for the City of Concord to be considered as a host for future World Series, the seating needed an overhaul. Concord Baseball Association arranged for a discounted price on the materials for the aluminum seating, paid for by the city, arranged for contributions of equipment and labor, including utilizing the state prison's minimum-security unit residents and the county attorney's diversion program participants, and accepted an offer from the National Guard to transport the aluminum seating. Cobb Hill Builders employees volunteered to build the existing press box as a community project, and much more. This project was overseen by Bob Ireland, a director of CBA at the time, who also performed much of the work himself.

During the summer of 2000 the Association became aware of the New England Collegiate Baseball League (NECBL) and invited officials to visit during the 16 days of the World Series. CBA pivoted to operating a team in the NECBL rather than an every-four-year rotation for Babe Ruth World Series, and ran the Quarry Dogs for five seasons. The team played at Memorial Field's Doane Diamond for an additional two seasons before being sold again to an organization that moved the team to Holyoke, Massachusetts.

Several former Quarry Dogs players at one point reached the Major Leagues, including Concord native Matt Tupman, and Matt Blake who is the pitching coach for the NY Yankees. The most notable names that played on the Doane Diamond were part of Team USA that played a game against the Quarry Dogs in July 2003.

The Team USA roster included:

- Dustin Pedrioa - who played 13 seasons for the Boston Red Sox
 - Sam Fuld - a New Hampshire Native who played 13 seasons in MLB and is now with the Philadelphia Phillies – 3 years as General Manager and now president of business operations
 - Rickie Weeks - 2nd overall pick in 2003 draft who played 14 seasons in MLB, selected Rookie of the Year in 2005 and selected as an All-Star in 2011
 - Carlos Quentin - 1st round pick in 2003 draft who played 13 seasons in MLB and was selected to the 2011 All-Star team
 - Aaron Hill – the 13th overall pick in 2003 draft who played 13 seasons in MLB, was selected as an All-Star, and formerly with AA NH Fisher Cats
 - Huston Stree - a 1st round pick in 2004 draft who played 13 seasons in MLB
 - Eric Patterson - 5 seasons in MLB, including 2010 with the Red Sox
 - Landon Powell - originally a 1st round pick of Red Sox who played three seasons in MLB
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