

Tom Baxter

Class of 1973



In 1973, Tom pitched the Bees to the NJSIAA baseball championship. Through the season, he won 11 straight games as the Bees won the Hudson County title. Then he added five more victories in the state tourney. His 16 consecutive conquests, during which he struck out 158 batters in 115 innings and allowed only eight earned runs, tied the county record. He also batted .537 while driving in 27 runs and scoring 22 more. Despite being drafted by the New York Mets out of high school, he chose to play for the Miami Hurricanes. In 1974, he helped lead the team to a runner-up finish in the College World Series, posting an 8-3 record with a 2.25 ERA. Tom Baxter eventually became a long-time pitching coach at Rutgers University.