

Bobby Trautman

Baseball

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In athletics, it's not an easy task ~~to~~ to be successful at every level. It takes dedication, patience, much studying, daily practice and attention to detail. Bobby Trautman must have done all that and more when looking at his distinguished baseball career.

His first taste of success came in middle school, or junior high back then, when he starred for Coach Cotton Lloyd at St. Thomas Catholic School as a 7th and 8th grader. He was voted the Lowenstein Player of the Year in 1963.

Bobby then moved up to Christian Brothers High School, and in his first season on the varsity squad, he played second base and helped lead the Purple and Gold to a state championship. As a senior, Bobby was named to the 1966 All-Memphis Team.

During his high school years, Bobby also played for Bill Speros American Legion Baseball from 1964-67. A four-year starter at second base for Coach Tony Gagliano, Bobby helped the team to win three state crowns in 1964, 1965 and 1967. Two of those years — 1965 and 1967 — Bobby and his teammates advanced to the American Legion World Series Tournament, finishing third in 1965 and fourth in 1967. In 1965, Bobby hit .417 and was named the South-Central Regional Tournament MVP. He batted .400 in the 1965 World Series Tournament and was the team's leading hitter.

After a stellar prep career, Bobby signed to play college baseball for his hometown Memphis State Tigers and Coach Al Brown. Bobby was a four-year scholarship player. His first year on campus, Bobby was a member of the Tigers freshman team. That season, he batted .447 and was named the squad's MVP.

After his athletic career, Bobby took the lessons of success from the diamond to the medical field. He graduated from LSU Medical School in 1974. Following his internship, Bobby first served as a Lieutenant Commander in the United States Public Health Service from 1975-77. Up next was a three-year dermatology residency before Bobby returned to Memphis in 1980 to open his own private practice. This year, Bobby celebrates 50 years as a physician, including 45 years in his own practice.

"Little Bobby"

Please welcome to the Hall of Fame, for baseball — Bobby Trautman.