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1916 Hippach Field 2016



Centennial Celebration

— JUNE 18 • 2016 —

The Town of Farmington welcomes you
to a very special evening at the Howard
Hippach Memorial Athletic Field



Photo by Sean Harris

History of Hippach Field

Written by Roger Spear

The Howard Hippach Memorial Athletic Field was opened and dedicated in June, 1916. Howard Hippach was a three sport star athlete at the prestigious Abbott School, a boys prep school in Farmington. Upon his graduation in 1914 he returned to his home in Chicago. Later that year, at the age of 18, Hippach was killed in an automobile accident. His grief-stricken parents built Hippach Field for the Abbott School as a fitting memorial to their son. The family spared no expense in constructing a magnificent facility, considered the best sports facility in Maine and among the best in New England at that time. The field and structures were designed by well known Chicago architect Arthur Woltersdorf, who in turn engaged world renowned sculptor Richard Bock to do the granite gateway bas-reliefs depicting baseball and football players. Bock worked with the best architects in the world including Frank Lloyd Wright. When the Abbott School went out of existence, ownership of the facility was transferred to the Town of Farmington in 1935.

For 100 years Hippach Field, located in the center of the Farmington community, has been a town jewel that has impacted the lives of generations of area families who have watched or participated in sporting/recreational events there including football, soccer, ice skating, tennis, basketball, swimming, track and field, and baseball. Hippach Field has a particularly rich history of baseball play. Several players developed their skills on the Hippach diamond in preparation for their eventual major league baseball careers.

On this day in June, 2016 we celebrate 100 years of the Howard Hippach Memorial Athletic Field and all the good times and precious memories it has provided us.

Program of events

6:30PM

7:00PM

Opening of program

“Take me out to the Ballgame”

Welcome

Hippach Family

Hippach Field History

“Casey at the Bat”

About the game

National Anthem

First Pitch

PLAY BALL

Program begins

Game begins

Paul Mills

Rachel Spear

Dick Davis

Paul Mills

Roger Spear

Roger Lambert

Jake “Shoeless” Newcomb

Sammie Angel

Edward Spalding (Great

Nephew of Howard Hippach)

Farmington Braves

Interesting rules of 1860’s Base Ball:

<http://www.dirigobaseball.org/about-us/1860s-rules-and-customs-base-ball>

- Fielders are able to catch the ball on a bounce, which results in the hitter being out.
- Foul balls don’t count as strikes.
- No gloves used
- Ball is furnished by the 'challenging' team, and after the game becomes property of the winning team as a trophy
- Ball is pitched underhanded in a manner 'suitable' to the 'striker'

Bug Bruiser=Sharp Grounder Cranks=Fans

Muckle=Power Hitter Show a little ginger=Play Harder

Muffin=Enthusiastic but Unskilled Player

Three Hands Dead=3 outs, side retired