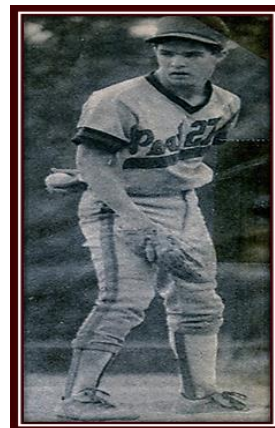




Chris Allen



Chris remembers as a young child hearing the National Anthem before a ball game. He figured that ball game must have really been something special if they played the Anthem before every game. He was hooked. Sports would fulfill the rest of his life. As a child he played baseball, football and basketball. He admits that there was something about baseball that he really loved. He credits his parents for his early development in baseball. His mom for always being there to support him and his dad for all the rest. His dad "Henry" was a very good athlete himself. He had the opportunity to play at a higher level after high school but met Chris' mom and as he says the rest is history. Chris' brother was 5 years older than him and so were most of the neighborhood kids, so his dad spent a lot of time with him to make sure he had the skills to compete with the older boys. He recalls his dad coaching him from T-ball to the Dixie Majors and even while playing American Legion baseball. His dad was truly his role model.

From the youth league fields in Madison Heights, Chris played baseball at ACHS from 1988-91 Chris excelled on the baseball field. Gathering numerous awards along the way. He was named Honorable Mention All-Western District, He made the All-District Team and in 1991 he was named High School Co-MVP. He pitched 3 no-hitters during his JV and Varsity years and in his final high school game he pitched a one hitter against Altavista. After graduation from ACHS he took his skills to the next level. He played at Ferrum College from 1992-95. Just as in high school he continued to accumulate one award after another. He made the All-Conference team in the Shrine Invitational Tournament in Marletta GA. and was named All Conference pitcher. While playing at Ferrum the team won the regular season conference 2 years, they were ranked # 1 in the country most of 1992 and was Regional runner-up in 1992 and 93. His junior year he averaged more than 13 strikeouts a game and was ranked in the top 10 pitchers in the country. After 2 operations he returned his senior year and pitched against and beat the #1 team in the country.

After college he played at the professional level in Parkersburg West Virginia for the Ohio Valley Red Coats. He finally got a check for playing the game he had grown to love. A very small check but never the less a check. The main thing about playing at the professional level, he had the opportunity to watch the General Manager of the team and how he operated. He realized that this man really enjoyed his job. It was at that point the he decided that he wanted to become a professional baseball executive one day. Goal accomplished.

Chris has managed to work in baseball his entire life. He got his first General Manager job at the young age of 27. For the past 18 years he has continued to build on that start. In 2016 he won Executive of the Year for Professional Baseball, by Ballpark Digest and won the employee of the year for the Southern League. He currently serves as President/COO of Boyd Sports, LLC and Operations. Under his guidance are 3 major league teams. The Tennessee Smokies: Chicago Cubs AA League, Johnson City Cardinals: Rookie League St. Louis Cardinals and Greenville Reds: Rookie League for the Cincinnati Reds. While juggling a very busy schedule, Chris manages to take the time to support whatever sports his children are participating in and hopefully instill the passion for sports in them that his dad instilled in him.

To sum it all up. **"JOB WELL DONE HENRY ALLEN"**