



# STEVE “DUKE” PURDY HHS/BMHS ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2024



One of the greatest teams in Howe High/Billerica Memorial High School sports history was the 1983 boys baseball team coached by Jon Sidorovich. This team featured three of the best pitchers in the MVC. One of those pitchers was Steve “Duke” Purdy. MVC teams feared the sight of Purdy on the mound because of his blazing fastball, which was clocked in the 90 mph range.

Duke, a three-year varsity baseball player, was the captain of the team his senior year, 1983, when BMHS won the Division 1 state championship. That same season, Duke was selected a first-team All-MVC pitcher, all-conference Lowell Sun and Boston Globe All-Scholastic selection, and MVP pitcher of the North-South All-Star Game. His senior year, Duke compiled a perfect 8-0 record with three of those wins coming in the state tournament championship playoff run.





Steve continued his baseball career at Northeast Oklahoma as well as the University of Kansas. Later on, he was drafted by the Kansas City Royals and played for their triple-A affiliate. Steve lives in South Carolina with his wife and four children.

