



Rick Cyburt

Rick Cyburt is a 1973 graduate of Hillsborough High School. During his high school athletic career, Rick earned one varsity letter in football. It was baseball where Rick excelled, earning three varsity letters. In 1973, Rick's senior year, he pitched in the First Somerset County Baseball Finals held at Rutgers University.

His other senior year honors include: Somerset County Player of the Year, 1st Team All-Conference, 1st Team All-County, 1st Team All-Area, 1st Team All-State Group III

Upon graduation, Rick continued his academic and athletic career at Florida Southern College. During the 1974 season,

Rick was a pitcher. The following year he transferred to Atlantic community College, where he played shortstop. He continued his college career at Rider College, where he was for the 1976 and 1977 seasons.

Rick's collegiate athletic honors include:

1st Team Region XIX NJCAA – 1975, Honorable Mention All American/NJACC – 1975, MVP Rider College – 1977, All-Star Shortstop, NJ College All-Star Game 1977

In 1977 The Minnesota Twins drafted Rick. He played in the minor leagues for three season: two with the Minnesota Twins organization and one with the San Francisco organization.

Rick still resides in Hillsborough. He and his wife of 22 years Dale have two sons: Drew and Troy. Presently Troy is a starter on both the HHS football and baseball teams.

Rick is the owner of Cyburt's Liquors in Manville. He also keeps involved in baseball by his work with the in-town baseball leagues and by his service as a volunteer coach for the Hillsborough High School baseball program, assisting his former high school coach and current HHS head coach, Norm Hewitt.

A Raider Historical Footnote: On April 5, 1971, the Hillsborough High School baseball team traveled to play Bridgewater East High School in the first Hillsborough High School varsity baseball game. This game marked the start of current Raider Head Baseball Coach Norm Hewitt's varsity coaching career. The first batter in this game was Rick Cyburt, a sophomore third baseman.

It is an honor to induct Rick Cyburt into the Hillsborough High School Athletic Hall of Fame.