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JANUARY 30, 2015



FEATURING ...

GOOSE GOSSAGE & BRETT GARDNER



Tom McQueeney
State Farm
 Towne Center next to Lowe's & James Island

Charleston Marriott Crystal Ballroom

January 30, 2015

GOOSE GOSSAGE – A Hall of Famer and dominant relief pitcher with a trademark moustache, whose menacing glare and exploding fastball intimidated batters for more than two decades. Goose could be an intimidating presence on the mound, standing 6'3" and solidly built with a deathly scowl and a gruff demeanor. But of all his attributes, it was his overpowering, blistering fastball, which could reach 100 miles per hour, which made him one of the top relief pitchers throughout the 70s and '80s. Gossage played for nine different teams but signed with the Yankees in 1977 and spent six years as their leading closer including four All-Star appearances, 150 saves and a 2.10 ERA. He was also on the mound to clinch the World Series victory in '78 vs the Boston Red Sox. When Gossage, a nine-time All-Star, retired after the 1994 season, he had built quite a legacy, leading the A.L in saves three times, pitched in three world series, finishing a 22-year big league career ('72-'94). His lifetime stats include an incredibly durable record of 124-107 record, 3.01 ERA, 1,002 games, 310 saves, 1,809 1/3 innings pitched and 1,502 strikeouts, closing out victories convincingly. When asked how he'd like to be remembered, Gossage says, "I gave them their money's worth".

BRETT GARDNER – A three-year starter for the CofC Cougars and drafted in the third round by the NY Yankees in 2005. Gardner is one of the best defensive outfielders and quickest base runners in the major leagues. He is best known for stealing bases and being very disciplined at the plate. He makes contact with 93% of his swings, third best in the American League. In his rookie year, Gardner scored the final run of Major League Baseball in old Yankee Stadium. As a World Series Champion, Brett Gardner is our hometown hero.

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