Todd Frazier has been one of the state’s most well-known athletes from the time he was 12 years old.

He first gained acclaim as a star on the Toms River East American team that won the 1998 Little League World Series. He was the winning pitcher, went 4-for-4 and hit a home run in the championship win over Japan.

At Toms River South, where he graduated in 2004, Todd was an All-State performer who set numerous school season and career records in categories including home runs, runs scored, stolen bases and walks. He also helped TRS win two Group 3 state championships. He also was a 1,000 point scorer in basketball.

Todd’s next stop was Rutgers, where he was a three-year starter. He led the Scarlet Knights to a Big East championship, and in 2007 was chosen Big East Player of the Year and was named an All-American.

He was a first-round draft pick by the Cincinnati Reds in 2007, and debuted with the team in 2011. While with the Reds, he finished third in the 2012 National League Rookie of the Year voting, and was a two-time NL All-Star. He also won the Home Run Derby at the 2015 All-Star game. Todd was traded to the Chicago White Sox following the 2015 season, and then to the Yankees prior to the trade deadline in July, 2017. He then signed a free agent deal earlier this year with Mets, and just completed his first year with the team.