



RICK PORCELLO **Seton Hall Prep** **Athlete - Baseball**

In the span of just over a decade, Rick Porcello has gone from a Seton Hall Prep star to Cy Young Award winner to 2018 World Series champion with the Boston Red Sox.

Porcello is considered perhaps the best player in the long history of the Seton Hall Prep baseball program. The 2007 graduate played three varsity seasons, pitched in 34 games, started 21, completed 14 and ended with a 20-1 record with four saves and 0.88 earned run average. He was also an outstanding hitter, with 116 hits, 69 runs, 24 doubles, 16 home runs and 87 RBI. He walked 32 times and had a .491 career batting average. During his time on the varsity, the team went 88-5-1, with two Greater Newark Tournament and three Non-Public A state championships. He was named National Player of the Year as a senior by Gatorade, USA Today and the American Baseball Coaches Association.

Rick opted to turn pro that summer after being drafted in the first round by the Detroit Tigers. He reached the majors in just two years, and debuted with a 14-9 season at age 20 in 2009, resulting in a third-place finish in the American League Rookie of the Year voting. He had double-digit win totals in each season with the Tigers before being dealt to Boston in a four-player deal at the conclusion of the 2014 season. In 2016, he posted a 22-4 record with the Red Sox that resulted in his winning the American League Cy Young Award.

This year, he was an important part of Boston's World Series-winning team. He went 17-7 during the season and then followed with starts in each round of the playoffs with relief appearances in two other games.

Porcello, who has a 135-106 career record in the majors, has not forgotten his roots. Seton Hall Prep now plays at a state-of-the-art field in West Orange that was made possible by his generous donation. That field, at the school's Kelly Athletic Complex, has been named in his honor.