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**MICKY COCHRANE  
BASEBALL HALL OF FAME CATCHER**

**Gordon Stanley “Mickey” Cochrane was born in Bridgewater on April 6, 1903. While at Boston University, Mickey Cochrane lettered in five sports: baseball, football, basketball, hockey and boxing. He is known as the greatest catcher of his era. He played and managed professional baseball for thirteen years with the Philadelphia Athletics and the Detroit Tigers winning five pennants, three World Series and two American League Most Valuable Player awards. Known as a fiery competitor, he was a close friend of Ty Cobb. His career ended suddenly in 1939 when he was hit by a pitch and knocked unconscious with a fractured skull. He never batted again. He was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame located in Cooperstown, New York in 1947, making him the only Plymouth County native to be elected to Cooperstown. There is a plaque in his honor at the youth baseball fields on Bedford Street (Rt. 18) in his hometown of Bridgewater.**

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