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MATT CIMO
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Longtime Auburn High School coach, Matt Cimo, was born in Pana, Illinois to Ernie and Earlene Cimo and was raised in Lockport, Illinois along with his brothers, Brad and Jay Dee. While growing up in Lockport, Cimo was a standout basketball and baseball player at Joilet Catholic High School. He was inducted into Joilet Catholic's Hall of Fame in 2018. After high school, Cimo continued his playing career at Eastern Illinois and was part of a NCAA Division II national championship. While in college, Cimo also had the privilege of playing in the esteemed Cape Cod League and in the Alaskan League. Cimo credits his college coach, Tom McDevitt with teaching him the "little things" in life and the game of baseball that make you a winner.

After his junior year, Cimo was drafted in the 14th round by the San Francisco Giants. He went on to play nine years in the minor leagues for the Chicago Cubs, Philadelphia Phillies, and Baltimore Orioles. Coach Cimo won a minor league championship with the Orioles and competed in three more minor league championship series to go along with his three All-Star appearances.

Following a career ending injury, Coach Cimo began his teaching and coaching career at Auburn High School in 1992. He is currently in his 29th year at the helm. In his time at Auburn, Cimo's teams have amassed a 560-324 record. Coach Cimo and longtime assistant, Tommy Carter, have lead Auburn to eight Final Fours, and five state championship appearances, winning three state titles. Cimo's accolades include being a four-time winner of the Alabama Coach of the Year Award, three-time National Federation of High School Sports Coach of the Year, ABCA Southeast Coach of the Year, and a one-time winner of the highly esteemed Alabama Baseball Coaches Association's Sammy Dunn Award.

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