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**MUSEUM'S HOT STOVE LEAGUE LECTURE
RECALLS KENNEBUNK BIG LEAGUER COLBY JACK COOMBS**

KENNEBUNK, MAINE – With the Super Bowl over and March Madness yet to get underway, sport fans yearning for a fix are invited to the Brick Store Museum's Program Center at 4 Dane Street, Kennebunk, on Saturday, February 28 at 2PM for a free "Hot Stove League" lecture and book signing with author John P. Tierney.

Tierney will share his experiences in researching and writing his new book, *Jack Coombs: A Life in Baseball*, about Kennebunk's very own fabled major league ballplayer and coach. Tierney will offer highlights of "Colby Jack" Coombs' illustrious career as the pitching ace for Connie Mack's Athletics, winners of back-to-back world championships in 1910 and 1911. Coombs had debuted for the Athletics in 1906, fresh from Colby College in an era when few big leaguers were college graduates. Once his playing days were over, Coombs went on to a long coaching career at Duke University and wrote one of the most highly regarded instructional books on baseball ever published. The ball fields at both Duke and Colby are named for him.

Joined onstage by Coombs descendant and Kennebunk local, Nelson Wentworth, the Museum's "Hot Stove League" program will include personal recollections before opening it up to the audience for questions and a discussion of whether Colby Jack should be inducted in the National Baseball Hall of Fame for his pitching prowess and records that stand to this day. A book signing will follow, with Tierney's book on sale for \$25 plus tax. Museum members receive a 10% discount. This event is made possible by the Museum's John Rogers Memorial Lecture Fund.

About the Author

John P. Tierney is a member of the Society for American Baseball Research and a resident of Southborough, Massachusetts. His research on Coombs brought him to Kennebunk on several occasions and helped inform the Brick Store Museum's 2007 baseball exhibition, *Kennebunk's Big Leaguers*, about both Jack Coombs and his prolific pitching nephew, Bobby Coombs.

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The Brick Store Museum is located at 117 Main Street in Kennebunk's historic district. For more than 70 years, the Museum has been dedicated to preserving and exhibiting the region's rich cultural and artistic heritage. Its galleries and research archives are open to the public year-round: Tuesdays – Fridays, 10 – 4:30 and Saturdays, 10 – 1. Admission is by donation, suggested \$5 per person. Visit www.brickstoremuseum.org or call 207-985-4802 for further information.

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