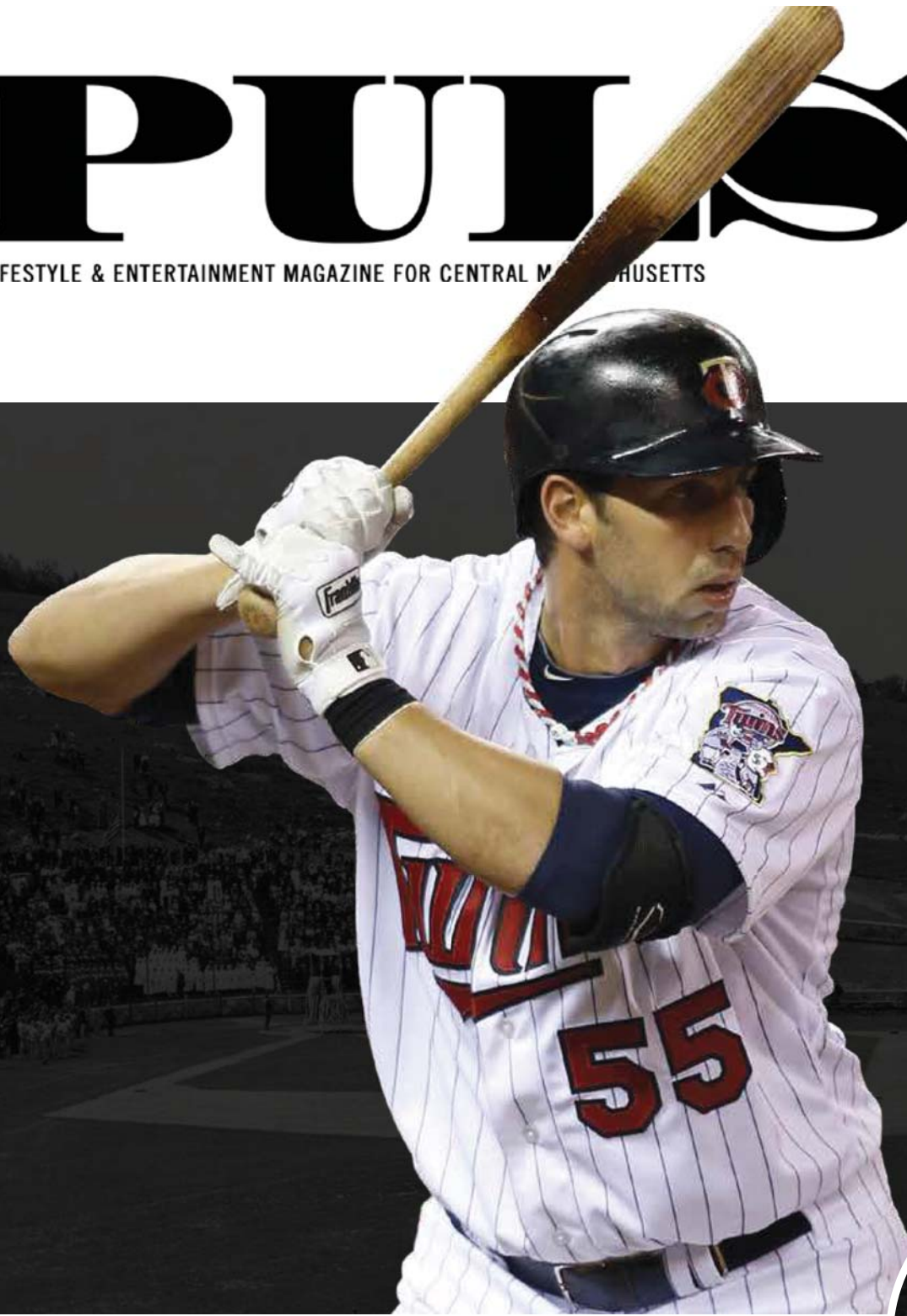


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OUT OF THE PARK

A look at the past, present and future of Worcester Baseball



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LUXE LIST: 5 STYLE FINDS FOR AN EXCEPTIONAL SUMMER SEASON

MERILEE KERN

As summer rolls back around, now is a great time to spearhead a renewed effort to look and feel your best. To achieve this worthy goal, you'll want to spruce up your seasonal style—whether that means your clothes, accessories, beauty regime or all of the above! Toward this end, below are a few fab finds that can give you more panache this summer.



Margaret Pattillo

POP BAG USA CUSTOMIZABLE HANDBAGS

Handbag purveyor Pop Bag USA was born in Tuscany and produced in Florence, Italy by local craftsmen whose unique and unparalleled workmanship ensure the utmost standards with the highest quality pebbled and Saffiano leather options. As the movement toward sustainable fashion grows, Pop Bag is an ideal purse for longevity. With four customizable components—a front, back, strap, and interior pouch—a choice of leather, and a multitude of modern finishes for you to choose from, the possibilities for expression are endless. Design the bags based on your destination, mood or the season. Change colors, materials and hardware. Or, if you want it done for you, there are ready-to-wear bags from totes, mini-bags and backpacks to phone bags and envelopes. popbagusa.com.

SKIN ACTIVES' 'DOUBLE ACTION HAIR SERUM'

For those unhappy with their thinning or grey hair, the Double Action Hair Serum from Skin Actives may just be the answer. This serum is specifically formulated to help replenish thinning and gray hair to give it more youthful flare. The product's key ingredients, Keratinocyte Growth Factor (KGF), Methionine Sulf-oxide Reductase (MSR) and nourishing actives, work together to create hair that looks thicker, stronger and healthier while also maintaining its natural color in the process. Skin Actives says that users begin to see results in just two to six months. Now that'll put a spring in your step! skinactives.com.

DR. MED. CHRISTINE SCHRAMMEK SKINCARE LINE

For those focusing on skin health and wealth this season, next are medically-inspired skin care products from the Dr. med. Christine Schrammek collection by Kosmetik, an elite, 60-year-old German skincare company. Each item in this highly effective product in the line was specially designed for all skin types by dermatologist Dr. Schrammek-Drusio. The company offers a skin care portfolio with seven product lines addressing different skin types and concerns, with each combining innovative and proven ingredients to optimize skin health. drschrammekusa.com.



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FIND U RINGS ONLINE JEWELRY STORE

To amp up your fashion accessory game—especially on the engagement and wedding ring front—is FindURings.com, an online jewelry store allowing consumers to benefit from its deep industry knowledge about the modern-day ring marketplace. They have their own processing plants and offer tailor-made services to ensure whichever wedding, engagement or fashion ring design you select meets your distinct needs and desires. Plus, all of their rings are made at their own factory with no outside agent, so prices will be more favorable to a budget-conscious shopper. Whether you're seeking unique tungsten wedding bands; titanium, sterling silver, stainless steel or ceramic rings, FindURings.com has fashionable styles for both men and women alike. findurings.com.

NOVICA ARTISAN FAIR-TRADE MARKETPLACE

If you crave distinctive style and worldly sophistication and enjoy shopping for a cause, then NOVICA—the largest online fair-trade marketplace featuring beautiful hand-crafted products from all over the world—is for you. Their curated cache of artisans have been hand-selected, with many having overcome amazing odds by selling their goods. For example, the Blue Jasmine Batik Silk Scarf, designed by Java artisan Yuni Kristina, has expanded business into a global marketplace thanks to the help of NOVICA's team. Originating in Indonesia, batik is a technique of wax-resist dye applied to whole cloth, or cloth made using this technique. Kristina hand-stamps the blue patterns on the ivory textile and adds red and black designs in batik. Also noteworthy are glass-blowing artists Javier Gutiérrez and Efrén Canteras, who have worked together to preserve Mexico's blown glass artistry. NOVICA features many other authentic crafts from around the globe and the company has sent more than \$89.9 million to their artisans to date. novica.com.



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