

CLASS OF 1947



Ollie Carnegie

- OUTFIELDER -
Buffalo 1931-41, 1945

- * Alltime IL Home Run, RBI King
- * 1938 IL Most Valuable Player
- * Led IL in HR, RBI in 1938, 1939

5'7" Ollie Carnegie holds the career records for home runs (258) and RBI (1,044) in the International League. Considered the most popular player in Buffalo history, Carnegie first played for the Bisons in 1931 at the age of 32. The Hayes, PA native went on to establish franchise records for games (1,273), hits (1,362), and doubles (249). His mark of 45 homers in 1938 remains the club record. Carnegie was an inaugural member of the Buffalo Baseball Hall of Fame, and is one of just three men to have his uniform number (#6) retired by the Bisons.



Charlie Keller

- OUTFIELDER -
Newark 1937-38, 1949

- * 1937 IL Batting Champion
- * Led IL in Hits, Runs 1937 & 1938
- * Member of 1937-38 Gov. Cup Champs

In 1937 the Newark Bears received 20-year-old Charlie Keller directly from the University of Maryland. In his rookie campaign "King Kong" Keller was named the Sporting News Minor League Player of the Year. In his first two seasons the powerful lefty hit .353 and .365, clubbing 35 total home runs and driving in 218 runs, leading the Bears to back-to-back Governors' Cup titles before beginning a 13-year Major League career with the Yankees and Tigers. The Middletown, MD native was a part of three Yankees' World Series winners.



Ernest Lanigan

IL Secretary
1911-29
IL Information Director
1935-42

- * Baseball Writer
- * Premier Statistician & Historian

Ernest J. Lanigan was a titan of baseball writing and record keeping for the first half of the 20th century. Lanigan was instrumental in capturing the early history of the International League and its clubs, serving as the League's Secretary and Information Director. The Chicago native was also the Press Representative for the Syracuse Stars. Lanigan wrote baseball's first comprehensive biographical encyclopedia before becoming Director of the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum. Lanigan is remembered for pushing to create the "RBI" as an official statistic.



Frank McGowan

- OUTFIELDER -
Newark 1921
Baltimore 1930-34, 1938-39
Buffalo 1934-37
- MANAGER -
Baltimore 1933

- * 1936 IL Most Valuable Player
- * Career .312 Hitter, 140 HR, 718 RBI
- * Member of 1936 Gov. Cup Champs

Frank McGowan, nicknamed "Beauty" because of his thick mane of silver hair, was the IL's most potent left-handed hitter of the 1930's. McGowan collected 222 hits in 1930 with Baltimore, and two years later hit .317 with 37 HR and 135 RBI. His best season came in 1936 with Buffalo, as the Branford, CT native hit .356 with 23 HR and 111 RBI to lead the Bisons to the Governors' Cup title. McGowan managed the Orioles in 1933, and after the organization joined the American League in 1954 he served as a scouting director for two decades.



Steve O'Neill

- CATCHER -
Reading 1925
Toronto 1926, 1929-31
- MANAGER -
Toronto 1929-31
Buffalo 1938-40

- * Player/Manager for Toronto 1929-31
- * Won 499 Games as an IL Manager
- * Hit .321 in 1929

Steve O'Neill had already established himself as the greatest catcher in the history of the Cleveland Indians before playing in his first International League game in 1925. The native of Minooka, PA played in 426 games in the IL, the bulk of which came as the player/manager of Toronto. After managing Cleveland in the mid-30's, O'Neill returned to the IL to pilot Buffalo, leading the Bisons to the Governors' Cup Finals in his first year. O'Neill ultimately managed 14 years in the Major Leagues, all winning seasons, including the 1945 World Championship with Detroit.



Ben Sankey

- INFIELDER -
Montreal 1934-39
Syracuse 1939
Baltimore 1939-41

- * 888 Career Hits, 406 Runs
- * Member of 1935 IL Pennant Winners
- * Played in 994 IL Games

After a brief Major League Baseball career with the Pittsburgh Pirates, slick fielding shortstop Ben Sankey was signed by Montreal to fill a hole in the Royals' infield. Sankey was a key component of the 1935 pennant winning club, driving in a career-best 86 runs. The Nauvoo, AL native was a fan favorite in Montreal, where he was one of the few players who learned to speak French. Sankey spent his last three IL seasons as a shortstop and third baseman with Syracuse and Baltimore. Sankey passed away on October 14, 2001 at the age of 94.

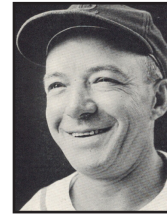


Frank Shaughnessy

- FIRST BASEMAN/MGR -
Syracuse 1921-25
- MANAGER -
Providence 1925
Reading 1926
Montreal 1934-36
League President 1937-60

- * Creator of "Shaughnessy" Playoffs
- * Managed 1935 IL Pennant Winners
- * 24 Years of Service as IL President

On July 30, 1921, Frank "Shag" Shaughnessy was appointed manager of Syracuse, beginning a 40-year tenure in the IL. As GM of Montreal in 1932, the native of Ambroy, IL introduced a playoff system that forever changed the way the League determined its championship. One year after piloting the Royals to the 1935 pennant, Shag was elected President of the International League. In 1953, he was honored as the "King of Baseball", the first former player to win the award. He retired following the 1960 season, and passed away nine years later at the age of 89.



Billy Southworth

- OUTFIELDER -
Rochester 1928-32
Toronto 1940
- MANAGER -
Rochester 1928-32, 1939-40

- * Managed 4 IL Pennant Winners
- * Managed 1939 Gov. Cup Champions
- * .333 Lifetime Average

During his first four years as player/manager of the Rochester Red Wings, Billy Southworth hit .335 and guided the team to four consecutive pennants. Rochester won over 100 games each year from 1929-31, capturing the Little World Series title twice. The Harvard, NE native was the orchestrator of the most successful era in Red Wings history. Southworth returned to Rochester in 1939 and led the team to the Governors' Cup Championship. Southworth went on to win over 1,000 games as a Major League skipper with the Cardinals and Braves.



Fred "Dixie" Walker

- OUTFIELDER -
Jersey City 1930-31
Toronto 1931
Newark 1932, 1935
- MANAGER -
Rochester 1955-56
Toronto 1957-59

- * .335 Lifetime Average in 396 Games
- * Managed 1955-56 Gov. Cup Champs
- * Member of 1932 IL Pennant Winners

Fred "Dixie" Walker played nearly 400 games in the International League before becoming entrenched in the majors, where he hit .306 in nearly 2,000 contests. Walker hit .350 with 15 HR and 105 RBI for the 1932 Newark club that won 109 games. In the mid-50's Walker returned to the IL as manager of Rochester, guiding the Red Wings to back-to-back Governors' Cup titles in his two years at the helm. In 1957 his Toronto club won the pennant by going 88-65, Walker's finest mark as a skipper in the IL. The native of Villa Rica, GA won over 400 games as an IL manager.

CLASS OF 1948



Herb Pennock

- PITCHER -
Providence 1915
Buffalo 1916

- * Posted 1.67 ERA in 1916
- * Member of 1916 IL Pennant Winners

Herb Pennock is one of the most successful left-handed hurlers of his era. "The Knight of Kennett Square" went directly from prep school to the big leagues, though he later appeared in 31 games in the International League, posting a 13-10 record. Pennock went on to record 240 Major League wins, plus a 5-0 mark in World Series play. The native of Kennett Square, PA was elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1948, the same year he earned induction into the IL Hall.



Dick Rudolph

- PITCHER -
Toronto 1907-12

- * Career Record of 120-70
- * Threw 10-Inning No-Hitter in 1910
- * Led IL with 25 Victories in 1912

New York City's Dick Rudolph pitched in over 230 games with Toronto before being sold to the Boston Braves in 1913, with whom he would win 121 games in 11 seasons. Rudolph was one of 17 pitchers allowed to continue throwing spitballs after baseball banned the practice in 1920. During his IL career, Rudolph won at least 18 games in five different seasons, highlighted by his 25-10 record in 1912, the circuit's best winning percentage (.714). On Sept. 12, 1910, he no-hit Montreal for 10 innings - the Maple Leafs won the game 2-1 in 12 frames.



Alphonse "Tommy" Thomas

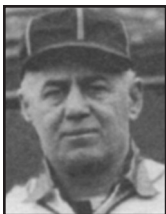
- PITCHER -
Buffalo 1918-20
Baltimore 1921-25, 35, 41, 43-44

- MANAGER -
Baltimore 1940-49

- * Led IL in Wins & Strikeouts in 1925
- * Member of 6 IL Champion Teams
- * Career Record of 138-85, 3.30 ERA

Baltimore native Alphonse "Tommy" Thomas is one of the great figures in the history of the Orioles franchise. From 1921-25, Thomas went 105-54 for five consecutive pennant winners in Baltimore. In 1925 he led the IL with 32 W, 268 K, 56 G, 354 IP, and 28 CG. Thomas returned as manager of the Orioles in the 1940's, winning 719 games. His 1944 team won both the Governors' Cup and Junior World Series championships, earning Thomas the Minor League Manager of the Year Award from *The Sporting News*. Thomas later became Baltimore's Vice-President/General Manager.

CLASS OF 1949



Ed Holly

- SHORTSTOP -
Rochester 1908-10
Montreal 1910-11
Toronto 1912-13
Newark 1918

- MANAGER -
Montreal 1928-32

- * Member of 3 IL Pennant Winners
- * Five Winning Seasons as Manager
- * 143 Career Stolen Bases

Ed Holly played in 800 games in the International League with four different clubs. The Chicago native was considered one of the top defensive shortstops of his era. He was a member of three IL pennant winners (Rochester in 1909-10 and Toronto in 1912). In 1928, Holly returned to Montreal as manager, where he guided a strong Royals team for parts of five seasons. Holly's best year as skipper came in 1930 when the Royals went 96-72 (.571), the winningest season in franchise history to that point.



Bill Meyer

- MANAGER -
Newark 1942-45

- * Managed 1942 IL Pennant Winners
- * Managed 1945 Gov. Cup Champions
- * Lifetime Winning Percentage .573

Bill Meyer is one of the most successful managers in Minor League Baseball history, winning pennants in the IL, New York-Penn League, Eastern League, and American Association. Remembered as a good teacher and compassionate man, Meyer took the Newark Bears into the postseason in three of his four seasons at the helm, winning at least 85 games each year. The Knoxville, TN native guided his club to the Governors' Cup Championship in 1945, defeating Montreal in seven games. He later managed the Pittsburgh Pirates for five seasons.



George Toporcer

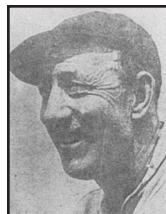
- SECOND BASEMAN -
Syracuse 1921, 1935
Rochester 1928-1934
Jersey City 1931

- MANAGER -
Jersey City 1931
Rochester 1932-34
Buffalo 1951

- * 1,172 Career Hits, 139 Stolen Bases
- * Member of 5 IL Champion Teams
- * Led IL in Runs Scored 1929 (142)

George Toporcer, better known as "Specs", spent over 32 years in baseball as a player, manager, scout, and farm director before losing his eyesight in 1951. Remembered as the first Major League infielder to wear glasses, Toporcer was the starting second baseman on the Rochester club that won four consecutive IL pennants from 1928-31. He later became the team's manager, twice guiding the Red Wings to the Governors' Cup Finals. The New York City native was the first-ever captain of the Syracuse Chiefs in 1935.

CLASS OF 1950



Jack Dunn

- SECOND BASEMAN -
Toronto 1896
Providence 1905-06
Baltimore 1907-11

- MANAGER -
Providence 1905-06
Baltimore 1907-28

- * Managed 9 IL Pennant Winners
- * Career Record 2,107-1,530
- * Led IL With 157 Hits in 1905

Jack Dunn won the IL pennant in 1905 as player/manager of Providence, two years before taking over as skipper in Baltimore. Over the next 20 years Dunn built one of baseball's most prestigious franchises, winning eight more pennants (1908, 1919-25). Also owner of the Orioles, Dunn found and developed such stars as Lefty Grove, Babe Ruth, and Jack Bentley. The Meadville, PA native posted a career winning percentage of .600 in 24 seasons before passing away after the 1928 campaign.



Jewel Ens

- INFILDER -
Providence 1913-14
Syracuse 1921

- MANAGER -
Syracuse 1942-49

- * Managed 3 Gov. Cup Champions
- * 611 Career Managerial Victories
- * Hit .335 with 19 HR in 1921

Jewel Ens was a former Syracuse third baseman who became the club's manager in 1942, leading the Chiefs to two consecutive Governors' Cup titles in his first two years. The St. Louis native led Syracuse to the Governors' Cup Finals five times during the 1940's, also winning it all in 1947. Ens also served as the team's General Manager in 1949, before passing away the following offseason. In 1964 Ens was selected as manager of the Chiefs' All-Time Team, and in 2000 he was enshrined in the Syracuse Chiefs Hall of Fame.



Dan Howley

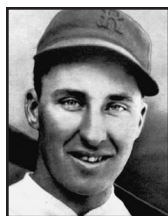
- CATCHER -
Montreal 1914-17
Toronto 1918

- MANAGER -
Montreal 1914-17
Toronto 1918, 23-26, 33, 37-38

- * Managed 2 IL Pennant Winners
- * 950 Career Managerial Victories
- * Player/Manager 1914-18

In 1914 journeyman catcher Dan Howley was appointed manager of Montreal at the age of 28. After four years with the Royals, in which he also served as the backup catcher, Howley took over in Toronto, guiding the Maple Leafs to the 1918 pennant. In 1926 "Dapper Dan" won his second pennant with Toronto, breaking Baltimore's string of seven straight titles. The native of Weymouth, MA managed over 1,800 games in the IL, going on to manage and scout in the Major Leagues before passing away in 1944.

CLASS OF 1951



James "Rip" Collins

- FIRST BASEMAN -
Rochester 1926-30

- * IL Single Season RBI Record (180)
- * .337 Avg., 85 HR, 338 RBI in 384 G
- * Member of 3 IL Pennant Winners

After winning the first base job in Rochester in 1929, James "Rip" Collins became the first player to homer at the new Red Wing Stadium, the start of an incredible two year outburst for the Altoona, PA native. Collins hit .315 and led the League with 38 HR and 134 RBI in 1929. In 1930 he enjoyed possibly the greatest season in Red Wings history. Hitting an IL-best .376, Rip clubbed 40 HR with League record 180 RBI. His RBI total, plus his 234 hits and 426 total bases, remain Rochester records. Collins played over 1,000 Major League games after his IL career.



Al Mamaux

- PITCHER -
Reading 1923-24
Newark 1926-33
Albany 1935

- MANAGER -
Newark 1930-33
Albany 1935-36

- * IL ERA Champion 1926-27
- * Lifetime Record 132-65, 3.05 ERA
- * Managed 2 IL Pennant Winners

Few men in IL history have enjoyed the success as both a player and a manager achieved by Al Mamaux. The Pittsburgh native was the ace of the Newark Bears for the last half of the 20's. In 1926 he won 19 games and led the League with a 2.22 ERA. The following year was his best in the IL, leading the circuit in wins and ERA (25-10, 2.61 ERA). In 1930 Mamaux took over as manager of the Bears. His team won 310 games from 1931-33, including two pennants. During and after his career in the IL, Mamaux also performed as a Vaudeville singer.



Ed Onslow

- FIRST BASEMAN -
Providence 1913-17, 1925
Toronto 1918-24
Rochester 1925-27
Baltimore 1928-29
Newark 1929

- MANAGER -
Toronto 1922
Providence 1925
Rochester 1927

- * IL Alltime Hits Leader (2,445)
- * .317 Lifetime Average, 371 SB
- * Member of 2 IL Pennant Winners

In 1913 Providence signed a first baseman named Ed Onslow, marking the first of 17 consecutive years in the IL for the native of Meadville, PA. Onslow played for five different teams and set the League's career records for seasons (17), games (2,109), hits (2,445), and triples (129). Ironically he never led the IL in any offensive category for a single season. Onslow eclipsed .300 14 times, and had 11 seasons with at least 20 stolen bases. He also won 90 games as a player/manager for Toronto and Providence.

CLASS OF 1952



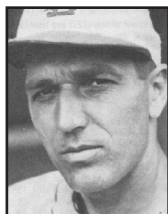
Billy Murray

- OUTFIELDER -
Buffalo 1886
Providence 1894-99

- MANAGER -
Providence 1894-1902
Jersey City 1903-06

- * Managed 4 IL Pennant Winners
- * Career Managerial Record 956-680
- * Led IL in Stolen Bases 1895-96

Billy Murray managed Providence to 3 IL pennants in nine years. In the first six seasons he also played outfield for the Grays, hitting over .300 twice and stealing more than 65 bases three times. In 1903 Murray took over the reigns of Jersey City, guiding the Skeeters to a 92-33 mark and the IL pennant in his first season. After three more winning campaigns in Jersey City, the Peabody, MA native was hired as manager of the Philadelphia Phillies, where he posted a .529 winning percentage in three years. His career mark in the IL was an amazing .584.



Jack Ogden

- PITCHER -
Newark 1918
Rochester 1919, 1933
Baltimore 1920-27, 1933-34

- * IL Career Leader in Victories (213)
- * IL Single Season CG Record (33)
- * Member of 6 IL Pennant Winners

Jack Ogden was a mainstay in the rotation of the great Baltimore Orioles' teams of the 20's. The right-hander from Ogden, PA led the League in victories four times (1920-22, 1926), including a record of 31-8 in 1921. Ogden pitched in 421 games in his IL career, posting a mark of 213-103 with a lifetime ERA of 3.36. His .674 winning percentage is the best in Minor League history for a pitcher with over 200 wins. He notched over 1,000 strikeouts and recorded over 200 complete games in the IL. His record of 33 complete games in 1921 has never been topped.



George Wiltse

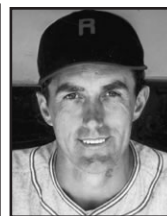
- PITCHER/FIRST BASE -
Jersey City 1915
Buffalo 1918-19
Reading 1926

- MANAGER -
Jersey City 1915
Buffalo 1918-24
Reading 1926

- * 673 Career Managerial Victories
- * 6 Straight Winning Seasons (1919-24)
- * Played in 224 Games

After a stellar Major League career in which he won in double figures eight straight years with the New York Giants, right-handed pitcher George "Hooks" Wiltse managed nine seasons in the International League, mostly with Buffalo. He retired as the winningest manager in Bisons history (he's now second only to Billy Clymer). The Hamilton, NY native earned his nickname not from his curveball, but from the way he reached out to snare line drives coming back through the box. "That's hooking them" his teammates would shout.

CLASS OF 1953



Estel Crabtree

- OUTFIELDER/INFIELDER -
Rochester 1933-40, 1942

- MANAGER -
Rochester 1940

- * .308 Lifetime Average, 542 RBI
- * Member of 1939 Gov. Cup Champs
- * 1,041 Career Hits in 934 Games

A constant in Rochester throughout the 1930's was Estel Crabtree, a fine defensive outfielder who was versatile enough to also play first and third base. The Crabtree, OH native emerged as Rochester's alltime leader in hits (1,041), RBI (542), and games (934). He clubbed 91 home runs, none more famous than a 9th inning three-run shot that propelled the Red Wings past Newark in the 1939 Governors' Cup Finals. Crabtree also served briefly as manager in 1940. In 1989 he was an inaugural inductee into the Rochester Red Wings Hall of Fame.

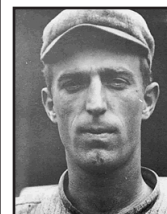


William Manley

IL Secretary/Treasurer
1929-52
IL Employee
1911-52

- * Served League for 42 Years
- * Officer of the League for 24 Years

William J. Manley served the International League for more than four decades, spanning the administrations of seven League Presidents. Manley first joined the circuit when it was known as the Eastern League in 1911 under President Ed Barrow. In 1929 Manley replaced Ernest Lanigan as the International League Secretary, and also served as League Treasurer until his death on November 1, 1952. Three months later Manley was elected posthumously to the International League Hall of Fame.



Fred Merkle

- FIRST BASEMAN -
Rochester 1921-25
Reading 1927

- MANAGER -
Reading 1927

- * Led IL in RBI 1922-23
- * .341 Lifetime Average, 62 HR
- * Eclipsed 200 Hits Each Year 1921-23

Fred Merkle was a veteran of 1,630 Major League games when he joined Rochester in 1921. The Watertown, WI native hit better than .340 each of his first four IL seasons, leading the circuit in RBI in 1922 (130) and 1923 (166). Merkle, forever remembered for his "bonehead" play during the 1908 National League pennant chase, forged out five great years in the IL at the end of his playing career. In 1927 he was given a chance to manage woeful Reading, only to be replaced shortly after a 31-game losing streak. Merkle was inducted into the IL Hall of Fame in 1953, three years before his death at the age of 67.

CLASS OF 1954



Joe Boley

- SHORTSTOP -
Baltimore 1919-26

- * .313 Lifetime Average, 1,404 Hits
- * Member of 7 IL Pennant Winners
- * Played in 1,197 Games

Joe Boley was the shortstop for the Baltimore club that won seven consecutive pennants from 1919-25. Boley was an outstanding fielder who played an average of 150 games per season in each of his eight years in the IL, hitting less than .300 only once. After "RBI" became an official statistic in 1922, Boley drove home at least 90 runs every year through 1926. The native of Mahanoy City, PA was sold to the Philadelphia Athletics in 1927, where he anchored an infield that helped win three pennants and two World Series from 1929-31.

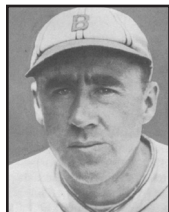


Fred Hutchinson

- PITCHER -
Buffalo 1940-41

- * 1941 IL Most Valuable Player
- * Led IL in Victories 1941 (26)
- * .354 Lifetime Average in 189 AB

On his way to becoming a valuable member of the Detroit Tigers pitching staff in the 1940's and 50's, Fred Hutchinson played two seasons with the Buffalo Bisons and left quite a mark on the IL. The Seattle native was the League's MVP in 1941, posting a 26-7 record with a 2.44 ERA while hitting .392. After the remarkable season, Hutchinson put his promising career on hold to serve four years in the Navy during World War II, but went on to win 95 games with the Tigers. Hutchinson became one of baseball's most beloved managers until his death in 1964.



Bill Kelly

- FIRST BASEMAN -
Buffalo 1922-26, 1928, 1930
Newark 1927
Rochester 1928
- MANAGER -
Springfield 1951-52
IL Umpire 1934, 1937-39

- * Led IL in Home Runs 1924, 1926
- * Led IL in RBI 1924-26
- * .316 Lifetime Average, 156 HR

"Big Bill" Kelly was one of the great IL sluggers of the 1920's, playing in over 1,000 games, mostly for Buffalo. Kelly reached his prime in 1924, hitting .324 with 28 HR and 155 RBI. He followed that up with a .318-26-125 season in 1925 and a .330-44-151 campaign in 1926. Kelly is the only man in the history of the International League to serve as a player, manager, and umpire. He has also been inducted into the Buffalo and Syracuse Halls of Fame. Kelly passed away in his hometown of Syracuse in 1990 at the age of 91.

CLASS OF 1955



Jack Berly

- PITCHER -
Rochester 1928-30,34-35,40-41
Baltimore 1935-36
Toronto 1936-40

- * 103 Career Victories, 742 Strikeouts
- * 3.68 Career ERA
- * Member of 4 IL Pennant Winners

Jack Berly played eleven seasons in the International League, ultimately winning over 100 games. The native of Natchitoches, LA joined the Rochester Red Wings in 1928 and became a major contributor to three pennant winners under Billy Southworth. Berly returned to Rochester twice more in his career, also pitching for the 1940 pennant winning club. Berly was used as both a starter and a reliever during his career, succeeding in both roles. Four times he posted an ERA under 3.50, including 2.49 in 1930 and 2.21 in 1939.



Luke Hamlin

- PITCHER -
Toronto 1933, 1943, 1945-48

- * Lifetime Record 91-58, 600 K
- * 1947 IL ERA Champion (2.22)
- * Career ERA 3.06

Interspersed with a Major League career in which he played 265 games with the Tigers, Dodgers, Pirates, and Athletics, Luke Hamlin pitched 171 games in six different years with Toronto. The Ferris Center, MI native was known as "Hot Potato" because of the way he juggled the ball when preparing to pitch. Hamlin won 21 games in his first IL season in 1933, then matched that total 10 years later when he returned to the Maple Leafs. During his career in the IL he tossed 105 complete games, including 13 shutouts.



Merwin Jacobson

- OUTFIELDER -
Rochester 1916
Toronto 1917, 1927-28
Baltimore 1919-24, 1933
Jersey City 1925
Newark 1928-29

- * IL Batting Champion 1920 (.404)
- * Member of 7 IL Pennant Winners
- * .317 Lifetime Average in 1,698 Games

Merwin Jacobson, often called "Jake", was a speedy outfielder. After winning a pennant with Toronto in 1917, Jacobson joined the Orioles and sparked the club to six pennants from 1919-24. The New Britain, CT native led the League with 203 hits in 1919, before completely dominating the circuit in 1920. That season he hit .404, one of just two men to hit .400 in the IL during the 20th century. Jacobson also led the League with 235 hits and 161 runs scored. He played in only 133 big league games, but was paid handsomely during his IL tenure. He retired with 1,976 hits and 1,270 runs scored in the IL.

CLASS OF 1956



George Earnshaw

- PITCHER -
Baltimore 1924-28

- * Career Record 78-48 in 174 Games
- * Member of 2 IL Pennant Winners
- * 29 Wins, 200 Strikeouts in 1925

6'4" George "Moose" Earnshaw was a three-sport star in college when he signed with Baltimore. He joined the Orioles during the 1924 pennant run, going 7-0 with a 3.38 ERA. He blossomed in 1925, going 29-11, striking out 200 batters, and posting a career-best 3.52 ERA. The New York native won three complete games in leading the Orioles to the Little World Series title. Moose was sold to the Athletics in 1928, and the following year he led the American League with 24 victories. Moose led the A's to three pennants and two World Series championships.

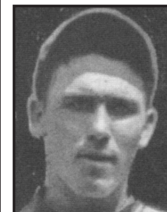


Joe McCarthy

- SECOND BASEMAN -
Buffalo 1914-15

- * IL Assist Leader 1914-15
- * Led IL in Fielding Pct. 1914
- * 280 Hits, 44 Stolen Bases

In 1914, 27-year-old Joe McCarthy joined the Buffalo club, where he played for two years as the team's starting second baseman. He hit .266 both seasons but was arguably the League's top defensive second baseman. One of the first pitchers he faced was Baltimore's Babe Ruth, whom McCarthy would later manage. McCarthy never played in the big leagues, but as a manager he won nine pennants and posted the best all-time winning percentage (.614). In 1957 the Philadelphia native was inducted in the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown.



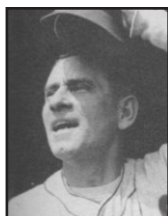
Jimmy Ripple

- OUTFIELDER -
Montreal 1929-35, 1940
Rochester 1941-42
Toronto 1942-43

- * Five Seasons Batting Over .300
- * 114 Home Runs, 735 RBI
- * Member of 2 IL Pennant Winners

In 1929 Jimmy Ripple joined the Montreal Royals at the age of 19. In his first full season he hit .312 and drove in 65 runs. The Export, PA native went on to play 1,263 games in the International League, hitting .299 for his career. He hit .333 with 115 RBI to lead the Royals to the 1935 IL pennant, then left for the Major Leagues where he played for 2 pennant winners as well as Cincinnati's 1940 World Series Champion team. Ripple hit .333 in the series, homered once, and scored the winning run in Game 7. At age 30 he returned to the IL, winning another pennant in his final season with Toronto in 1943.

CLASS OF 1957

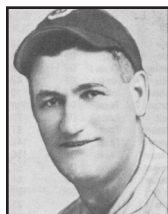


Christian "Bruno" Betzel

- MANAGER -
Montreal 1944-45
Jersey City 1946-48
Syracuse 1950-53
Toronto 1956

- * 776 Career Managerial Victories
- * Managed 3 IL Pennant Winners
- * Eclipsed 85 Wins Four Times

Christian Frederick Albert John Henry David Betzel, better known as "Bruno", spent 26 years as a Minor League manager, including 10 seasons in the International League. Overall Betzel won seven pennants with seven different teams, three of them coming in the IL - Montreal in 1945, Jersey City in 1947, and Toronto in 1956 in his final season. The native of Chattanooga, OH guided his team to the Governors' Cup Finals three times (1945, 1951, and 1956), only to lose each series. The former St. Louis Cardinals infielder passed away in 1965 at the age of 70.



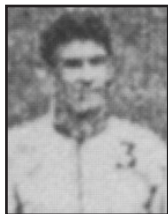
Ike Boone

- OUTFIELDER -
Newark 1931
Jersey City 1932
Toronto 1933-36

- MANAGER -
Toronto 1933-36

- * 1934 IL Most Valuable Player
- * Managed 1934 Gov. Cup Champions
- * IL Batting Champion 1931, 1934

Ike Boone is Minor League Baseball's alltime leading hitter (.370). Boone was 34 when he joined Newark for his first season in the International League. The Samantha, AL native became a Toronto Maple Leaf in 1933, and the following year was appointed player-manager. In his first year as skipper, Boone led the circuit with a .372 average and drove in 108 runs, guiding the club to the Governors' Cup Title. In 2003, Boone was inducted into the Pacific Coast League Hall of Fame, making him the only man enshrined in the Hall of both current Triple-A leagues.



James "Rube" Parnham

- PITCHER -
Baltimore 1917-20, 22-24, 26
Reading 1927
Newark 1927

- * Most Ever Consecutive Wins (20)
- * Lifetime Record 141-68, 3.42 ERA
- * Led IL in Victories 1919, 1923

James "Rube" Parnham was a 6'3" right hander who posted eight winning seasons with the Baltimore Orioles during the team's glory years. Parnham led the IL in strikeouts (187) in 1919. The unpredictable native of Heidelberg, PA quit the team twice (1920 & 1924) and sat out two entire seasons (1921 & 1925), but dominated hitters when he did play. In 1923 Parnham posted an unbelievable 33-7 record, winning his last 20 decisions to establish an alltime IL mark. No International League hurler since has reached that many victories in one season.

CLASS OF 1958



Jack Bentley

- FIRST BASE/PITCHER -
Baltimore 1916-17, 1919-22
Newark 1927-28
Rochester 1931

- * 1921 Triple Crown Champion
- * Led IL in ERA 1920 (2.11), 1922 (1.73)
- * IL Single Season Hit Record (246)

Jack Bentley may be the greatest all-around talent in the history of the International League; he certainly owns claim to the circuit's best ever single season. In 1921, Bentley became the first man to win the Triple Crown, hitting .412 with 24 HR and 120 RBI - his 246 hits is the League's alltime mark. He also posted the best winning percentage of any pitcher by going 12-1 with a 2.35 ERA. The Sandy Spring, MD native is a two-time IL RBI champ (1920-21) and a two-time ERA champ (1920,22). For his career he hit .357 with 88 HR, and went 65-19 with an ERA of 2.86.



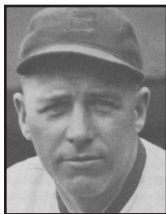
George Selkirk

- OUTFIELDER -
Rochester 1927, 1933
Jersey City 1928-31
Newark 1932-34, 1946
Toronto 1932

- MANAGER -
Newark 1946-47

- * .307 Lifetime Average in 937 Games
- * Member of 3 IL Pennant Winners
- * 90 HR, 481 RBI, 66 SB for Career

George Selkirk, a native of Huntsville, Ontario, is the only Canadian in the IL Hall of Fame. He was nicknamed "Twinkletoes" by his Newark teammates because of the way he ran with his weight on the balls of his feet. Selkirk played eight years in the IL on his way to the majors, when in 1935 he famously replaced Babe Ruth as the Yankees' right fielder. Selkirk was a key part of the new Yankee dynasty, helping win five World Series. Selkirk went on to manage in the Minor Leagues before becoming a Vice President and GM of the Washington Senators.



Jimmy Walsh

- OUTFIELDER -
Baltimore 1910-12, 1922-23
Akron 1920
Newark 1921
Jersey City 1924, 1928-29
Buffalo 1925-26
Toronto 1927

- MANAGER -
Newark 1921

- * .325 Lifetime Average, 2,158 Hits
- * Member of 2 IL Pennant Winners
- * IL Batting Champion 1925-26

Jimmy Walsh played in over 1,800 games spanning 13 seasons in the International League, hitting better than .300 ten times. Walsh played for Baltimore from 1910-12, then spent the rest of the decade in the Major Leagues, playing in two World Series. The native of Kallila, Ireland was back in the IL during the 20's, playing on two pennant winners in Baltimore. He led the League with a .357 average in 1925 and a .388 average in 1926 at the age of 41, also driving in 131 runs. Walsh played for six different IL clubs in an era when only eight teams were in the League.

CLASS OF 1959



Frederick "Fritz" Maisel

- INFIELDER -
Baltimore 1911-13, 1919-28

- MANAGER -
Baltimore 1929-32

- * IL Alltime Stolen Base Leader (384)
- * Led IL in Runs 1913, 1919, 1925
- * Member of 7 IL Pennant Winners

Fritz Maisel was a speedy shortstop/third baseman who spent three years in Baltimore on his way to the New York Yankees. After his Major League career ended, Maisel returned to the Orioles in 1919 and sparked the team to seven straight pennants. The Catonsville, MD native led the IL in steals just once (44 in 1913), but over his 13-year career he amassed more stolen bases than any man in League history. Maisel was hired as Baltimore's manager after his playing career ended, leading the club to a 374-294 record in four seasons at the helm.



William "Harry" Smythe

- PITCHER -
Baltimore 1930-33
Montreal 1934-38

- * Career Record 126-86, 3.78 ERA
- * Member of 1935 Pennant Winners
- * Led IL in Winning Pct. 1933 (21-8)

After pitching in 44 games with the Phillies over two seasons, Harry Smythe joined the Baltimore Orioles in 1930 beginning a nine-year stint in the IL for the native of Augusta, GA. Smythe had his best year in Baltimore in 1933, winning 21 games to earn him one more shot in the majors. After going just 1-3 in 16 games, Smythe returned to the IL with the Montreal Royals. In 1935 Smythe led Montreal to the pennant, going 22-11 with a 3.30 ERA and striking out a career-high 109 batters. Smythe, just 5'10" tall, used a nasty curve ball to fool opposing hitters.



George Stallings

- CATCHER -
Toronto 1887
Toledo 1889

- MANAGER -
Buffalo 1902-06, 1911-12
Newark 1908
Rochester 1920-27
Montreal 1928

- * 1,336 Managerial Victories
- * Managed 2 IL Pennant Winners
- * Three 100-Win Seasons

"Gentleman George" Stallings played briefly in the IL in the 1880's before his 22nd birthday, but his true mark on the League was made years later as a manager. The Augusta, GA native guided Buffalo to the pennant in 1904 and 1906. Stallings managed Rochester from 1920-27, winning 100 games three times but never the pennant. In 1928 he was instrumental in bringing baseball back to Montreal as the team's owner and manager. Stallings passed away the following May at the age of 61. Legend has it that on his deathbed, when asked what put him there, he groaned, "Oh, those bases on balls!"

CLASS OF 1960

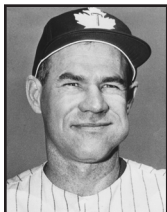


Howie Moss

- OUTFIELD/THIRD BASE -
Jersey City 1943
Baltimore 1944, 1946-48, 1951
Springfield 1951

- * 1944 IL Most Valuable Player
- * Four-Time IL Home Run Champion
- * Member of 1944 Gov. Cup Champs

"Howitzer" Howie Moss led the Orioles to the 1944 Governors' Cup Championship, hitting .306 with a League-leading 178 hits and 141 RBI. It was also the first of four years in which the Gastonia, NC native led the circuit in homers, clubbing 27 that season. In 1947, Moss hit 53 home runs, a total that has not been reached since in the International League. In his six seasons in the IL, Moss blasted 172 homers and drove in 579 runs. Despite his Minor League success, Moss appeared in only 22 games in the majors, hitting .097.



Glenn "Rocky" Nelson

- FIRST BASEMAN -
Rochester 1947-48
Montreal 1952-56
Toronto 1957-58, 1962

- * IL MVP 1953, 1955, 1958
- * Triple Crown Champion 1955, 1958
- * .314 Lifetime Average, 203 HR

Playing in over 1,000 games in the IL, Rocky Nelson cemented his legacy as one of the League's best-ever sluggers. Nelson remains the only man to win the IL's Most Valuable Player award three times. The Portsmouth, OH native hit more than 30 homers in a season four times, including 43 HR in 1958, and three times cleared 120 RBI in a single campaign, topping out at 136 in 1953. Nelson passed away on October 31, 2006 as the last living member of the International League Hall of Fame.



Jackie Robinson

- SECOND BASEMAN -
Montreal 1946

- * 1946 IL Batting Champion (.349)
- * Led IL in Runs Scored 1946 (113)
- * Member of 1946 Gov. Cup Champs

On April 18, 1946, Jackie Robinson became the first African-American to play in the International League in the 20th century. That afternoon he had four hits, including a three-run homer, stole two bases and scored four times, twice by forcing the pitcher to balk. The Cairo, GA native hit a League-best .349 that season, leading Montreal to its best-ever record (100-54). A year later Robinson broke Major League Baseball's color barrier, establishing his legacy in American history. In 1997, his #42 was retired by every team in Major League Baseball.

CLASS OF 1961



Pat Powers

- MANAGER -
Trenton 1884
Jersey City 1887
Rochester 1889
Buffalo 1891
League President 1893-1905,
1907-10

- * Managed 2 IL Pennant Winners
- * Career Winning Percentage .586
- * 17 Years of Service as IL President

In 1884, Pat Powers led Trenton to the first-ever pennant of what would eventually become the International League. In 1893, Powers was elected President of the League, immediately achieving an era of stability for a circuit that had struggled to stay afloat during the tumultuous 1880's and early 1890's. Powers also served as the first President of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues beginning in 1901. When he retired in 1910, the League had been firmly established as one of Minor League Baseball's top circuits.

CLASS OF 1962



Joe Brown

- THIRD BASEMAN -
Reading 1924-25
Newark 1926
Syracuse 1927
Rochester 1928-30, 1932-33
Jersey City 1931-33
Buffalo 1933
Toronto 1934

- * Member of 4 IL Champion Teams
- * .300 Lifetime Average, 683 RBI
- * 1,733 Career Hits, 177 SB

"Poison" Joe Brown played in 1,555 games in eleven International League seasons. The Buffalo native was considered a steady talent, rarely missing a game. In 1928 he became the foundation of the Rochester dynasty, helping the club to 3 pennants by 1930. Brown was back with the Red Wings in 1933 but was soon dealt to Jersey City, a move that came back to haunt Rochester. The Skeeters sent Brown to Buffalo in July, where his arrival sparked the club to a playoff run. The Bisons ultimately defeated Rochester in the first Governors' Cup Finals.

CLASS OF 1963



Dick Porter

- INFIELD/OUTFIELD -
Baltimore 1921-28
Newark 1935-36
Syracuse 1937-40
- MANAGER -
Syracuse 1938-40
Toronto 1948

- * IL Batting Champion 1924, 1927
- * Member of 5 IL Pennant Winners
- * .329 Lifetime Average

Dick Porter joined the Baltimore Orioles in 1921 at the age of 19 as an utility infielder and outfielder. After eight years, five pennants, and two batting titles, Porter was sold to the Cleveland Indians. The native of Princess Anne, MD spent six years with the Indians, hitting .308, before returning to the International League in 1935 with Newark. Porter, who was known as "Twitchy" because of his batting style, went on to become player-manager of Syracuse. He led the Chiefs to 239 wins in three seasons at the helm - he later won 78 as skipper of Toronto in 1948.

CLASS OF 2007

Harold Cooper, Jr.



General Manager
Columbus
1955-68

IL President
1978-90

IL Vice-President
1991-Present

- * IL Executive of the Year 1965
- * Winner of 1985 George Trautman Award
- * Winner of 1988 Warren Giles Award
- * 13 Years of Service as IL President

As a sixth grader in 1936, Columbus, OH native Harold Cooper was given an unpaid job as a clubhouse assistant with the local Minor League team, the Red Birds, partially to keep him from sneaking into the ballpark without a ticket. Harold's relationship with professional baseball and the stadium that now bears his name goes back even further when as a youth growing-up near what was then Red Bird Stadium he would deliver lunch to his grandfather who worked as the foreman for stadium construction. After advancing to the position of "paid" clubhouse boy, time at The Ohio State University and with the U.S. Coast Guard during WW II took him away from baseball and the ballpark. Returning to baseball in 1947, Harold worked in the Columbus based office of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues (Minor League Baseball) before heading to Hutchinson, KS to run the Western Association club. After great success in Hutchinson, Harold returned to Columbus and entered private business before baseball came calling.

Following the 1954 season, the Cardinals moved their American Association affiliate from Columbus to Omaha, leaving Ohio's capital city without professional baseball. When the International League's Ottawa franchise needed a new home, Cooper was instrumental in landing a slot for Columbus in the IL in 1955. He was named the first General Manager of the new Columbus Jets, a post in which he would serve for 14 seasons. Personable, well-organized and widely respected, Cooper guided his club to a tremendous amount of success both on and off the field throughout the late 1950's and 60's. In 1965 he was honored as the International League Executive of the Year, as well as The Sporting News Triple-A Executive of the Year.

Cooper stepped down as General Manager of the Jets in 1968 and entered politics for what would turn-out to be a 17-year run as a County Commissioner. Two years later, the club was forced to drop out of the League due to soaring maintenance costs in a deteriorating ballpark. In the mid '70's County Commissioner Cooper helped spearhead the effort for Franklin County to purchase Jet Stadium and perform a multi-million dollar renovation, setting the stage for the city's return to the IL in 1977. The following winter, while still a County Commissioner, Cooper agreed to become President of the International League.

During his 13-year run as IL President Cooper earned several honors and distinctions. In 1984, Columbus' Franklin County Stadium was renamed Cooper Stadium. One year later he received the George Trautman Award (named for the former National Association and Columbus Red Birds' President who first hired Cooper in 1936) given to a National Association Executive for distinguished service to baseball. In 1988 Cooper received the Warren Giles Award in recognition of outstanding service as a League President.

Since retiring after the 1990 season, Cooper has served as a valued consultant and Vice-President of the International League.

George Sisler, Jr.



General Manager
Rochester
1955-65

IL President
1966-76

General Manager
Columbus
1977-89

IL Vice-President
1990-2006

- * IL Executive of the Year 1964, 1977, 1979-80
- * 1989 "King of Baseball"
- * 11 Years of Service as IL President
- * Officer of the League for 28 Years

When George H. Sisler, Jr. became General Manager of the Rochester Red Wings in 1955, it began a tenure of five-plus decades in the International League for the St. Louis native. A classy gentleman and a proud member of a distinguished baseball family, George left his own mark on the game he loved. George graduated from Colgate University as a three-sport star on the same day his father was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame. He enjoyed a brief career as a Minor League player after being signed by the St. Louis Browns. He served in the Army during World War II and the Korean War before returning to baseball as an executive.

Sisler worked in the St. Louis Cardinals' organization in a variety of administrative and scouting roles. He would eventually become an icon in Red Wings' history while serving as General Manager from 1955-65. George resigned his position as Red Wings' GM following the '65 season to become President of the International League, a post in which he served proudly for 11 years. In 1976 when an opportunity arose to bring baseball back to Columbus, OH he was recruited by long-time friend Harold Cooper to come to Columbus and head the operation of the newly formed Columbus Clippers. The new GM of the Clippers hired a staff and laid the groundwork for one of Minor League Baseball's most successful franchises. Under Sisler's guidance, Columbus was awarded the Larry MacPhail Promotional Trophy in 1977, 1979, and 1984.

Sisler was no stranger to awards and honors. The four-time IL Executive of the Year was also recognized three times by The Sporting News as the Triple-A Executive of the Year (1962, 1977, and 1979). In 1989, his final season with the Clippers, Columbus won the first-ever Triple-A Bob Freitas Award, presented to the organization demonstrating long-standing excellence of operations in the ballpark and in the front office. That winter Sisler was also honored as the "King of Baseball" for his longtime dedication and service to the game.

Known as an innovative thinker, George was a long-time member of the Official Playing Rules Committee for all of professional baseball. George pushed for the designated hitter rule long before it was adopted in the American League and was also instrumental in the adoption of the suspended game rules implemented throughout Minor League Baseball for many years. Coincidentally, Major League Baseball implemented portions of the suspended game rules during the 2007 season.

Sisler continued to serve as a consultant to the Clippers as well as a Vice-President of the International League until his passing on December 31, 2006. The International League will forever be indebted to George Sisler, Jr. for the 52 years in which he served the League and its clubs, helping bring about a long period of success and prosperity unmatched in the 124-year history of the League.

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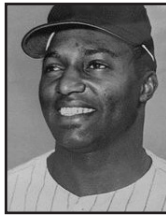


Tommie Aaron

- INFIELDER -
Atlanta 1965
Richmond 1966-67, 1971-72
- MANAGER -
Richmond 1977-78

- * 1967 IL Most Valuable Player
- * Managed 1978 Gov. Cup Champs
- * Played for 1967 IL Pennant Winners

Tommie Aaron is the only man in the history of the International League to earn MVP honors and manage a Governors' Cup champion club. His five years as an IL player were highlighted by his .309 effort for the 1967 pennant winners. Ten years later he became the first African-American manager in League history, and in 1978 he piloted the Braves to the franchise's first Governors' Cup championship. The Mobile, AL native had his #23 retired by the Richmond Braves, and the team's MVP Award is now named in his honor.



Don Buford

- THIRD BASEMAN -
Indianapolis 1963

- * 1963 IL Most Valuable Player
- * Led IL in Avg., H, R, 2B, SB in 1963
- * Played for 1963 Gov. Cup Champs

In his one and only season in the International League, Don Buford led the League in average (.336), hits (206), runs (114), doubles (41), and stolen bases (42), a clear choice for MVP as he led the Indians to the Governors' Cup championship. The native of Linden, TX was named the 1963 Sporting News Minor League Player of the Year. Buford began his 10-year Major League career the following season. He remains the last IL player to amass 200 hits in a single season.



Luke Easter

- FIRST BASEMAN -
Ottawa 1954
Buffalo 1956-59
Rochester 1959-64

- * .292 Lifetime Avg., 195 HR, 671 RBI
- * Led IL in HR and RBI in 1956 & 1957
- * Played for 2 Gov. Cup Champs

After a successful career in the Negro and Major Leagues, Luke Easter made his IL debut in 1954 at the age of 39, ultimately playing in the League past his 49th birthday. The native of Jonestown, MS became a legend in Buffalo and Rochester - both clubs retired his number and made him an inaugural inductee into their respective Halls of Fame. Easter is remembered for his massive home run power and colorful style of play. In June of 1957 he became the first player to hit a ball over Offermann Stadium's scoreboard, a feat he repeated later that season.



Dale Alexander

- FIRST BASEMAN -
Toronto 1927-28
Newark 1934

- * 1928 Triple Crown Champion
- * Led IL in Hits and Doubles in 1928
- * .352 Lifetime Avg., 57 HR, 364 RBI

Dale Alexander, nicknamed "Moose", was a tremendous slugger during his three years in the IL. The Greenville, TN native was the second man in League history to win the Triple Crown (.380, 31 HR, 144 RBI) in 1928 with Toronto, while also leading the League in hits and doubles. After a successful stint in the majors, Alexander returned to the IL in 1934 and enjoyed a fine season in Newark (.336, 14 HR, 123 RBI). In his three IL campaigns Alexander averaged over 200 hits and 120 RBI per season.



Gene Cook

General Manager
Toledo
1978-98
Exec. Vice-President
Toledo
1998-2002

- * 1980 IL Executive of the Year
- * Increased Attendance over 200%
- * Led Efforts to build Fifth Third Field

Made General Manager of the struggling Toledo franchise in 1978, Gene Cook saw the team's annual attendance grow from less than 100,000 before his arrival to over 300,000. Cook achieved one of the great marketing moves in sports history when he enlisted Toledoan Jamie Farr to promote the Mud Hens on M*A*S*H. While he didn't live to see it happen, Cook had the vision and led efforts to build a downtown ballpark for the Mud Hens. Cook also served 15 terms on Toledo City Council.

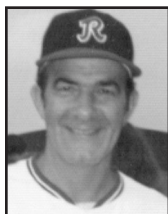


Ralph Garr

- OUTFIELDER -
Richmond 1969-70

- * Led IL in Hitting in 1969 & 1970
- * Led IL in Stolen Bases in 1969 & 1970
- * .356 Lifetime Avg., 102 Stolen Bases

Monroe, LA native Ralph Garr enjoyed a pair of spectacular seasons in the International League, winning the batting and stolen base crowns both years and earning a spot on two IL Postseason All-Star teams. Garr is one of only five back-to-back hitting champions in League history. His .386 effort in 1970 was the highest in the IL since 1938, and it has not been matched since. Garr owns the Richmond career and single-season batting records, and his 63 steals in 1969 is the third-best mark in team history. He is also a member of the Atlanta Braves Hall of Fame.



Joe Altobelli

- FIRST BASEMAN -
Columbus 1957, Toronto 1959
Montreal 1960, Syracuse 1961
Rochester 1963-66
- MANAGER -
Rochester 1971-76
Columbus 1980
General Manager, Rochester
1991-94

- * Led IL in HR and RBI in 1960
- * Managed 3 Gov. Cup Champions
- * 1971, 1976, 1980 Manager of the Year

Joe Altobelli is known as "Mr. Baseball" in Rochester, where he has served the club as a player, manager, general manager, and radio broadcaster. The Detroit native won a HR championship and a Governors' Cup crown as a player before going on to manage three more Governors' Cup Champions. The three-time IL Manager of the Year is Rochester's alltime leader in victories (502) and was an inaugural member of the Red Wings Hall of Fame in 1989. His #26 was the first uniform number ever retired by the Red Wings.



Russ Derry

- OUTFIELDER -
Newark 1942-43
Rochester 1947-52

- * Led IL in HR in 1949 and 1950
- * Led IL in RBI in 1950
- * IL Record for OF Assists (29 in 1949)

Rochester's alltime home run king is Russ Derry with 134. He also established single season franchise records for homers (42) and walks (134) in 1949 that still stand. The native of Princeton, MO remains a fan favorite in Rochester, where he was voted to the All-Century Team in 2000. Derry was a member of two IL Postseason All-Star teams, two pennant winners, and the 1952 Governors' Cup champions. He still holds the League record for assists by an outfielder, throwing out 29 runners during his remarkable 1949 campaign.



Frank Gilhooley, Sr.

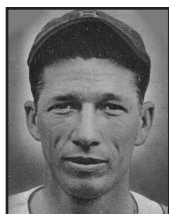
- OUTFIELDER -
Montreal 1913
Buffalo 1914-15, 1920-21
Reading 1922-23
Toronto 1924-26
Rochester 1927
Jersey City 1928-29
- MANAGER -
Jersey City 1928-29

- * .324 Lifetime Avg., 354 Stolen Bases
- * Played for 2 IL Pennant Winners
- * Led IL in Hits (1922) & SB (1914-15)

5'8", 155-pound Frank Gilhooley, known as "Flash", played the first 13 seasons in the International League in 1913 at the age of 19. After winning back-to-back stolen bases crowns with Buffalo, Gilhooley earned a trip to the majors. In 1920 he returned to the IL, enjoying his first of three consecutive 200-hit seasons. The Toledo native topped out at a League-best 230 hits in 1922 with Reading. Gilhooley collected over 2,000 hits in the IL for a .324 lifetime average in over 1,600 games. He also stole 354 bases, just 30 shy of the League record.

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Robert "Lefty" Grove

- PITCHER -
Baltimore 1920-24

- * 108-36 Record, 2.97 ERA, 1,108 K
- * Played for 5 IL Pennant Winners
- * Led IL in Strikeouts 1921-24

Lefty Grove was one of the most dominant hurlers pitching for the League's greatest team in history. In less than five full seasons, he won 108 games and amassed over 1,100 strikeouts. His 330 punchouts in 1923 remains the IL single-season record. Believed to be the best lefthanded pitcher at any level, the Lonaconing, MD native was finally sold to the AL's Athletics in 1925 for more than the Yankees had paid for Babe Ruth. He went on to win seven strikeout titles and over 300 games in the majors on his way to the National Baseball Hall of Fame.



Tommy Lasorda

- PITCHER -
Montreal 1950-55, 1958-60

- * 1958 IL Most Valuable Pitcher
- * Played for 3 Gov. Cup Champs
- * 107-57 Record, 3.45 ERA

Before his managerial career led him to the National Baseball Hall of Fame, Tommy Lasorda was one of the most dominant lefthanded pitchers in International League history. His Royals clubs won four pennants and three Governors' Cup championships. Lasorda, a native of Norristown, PA, was a member of both the 1953 and 1958 IL Postseason All-Star teams. His best season came in 1958, when he led the League with 18 victories while posting a 2.50 ERA on his way to the Most Valuable Pitcher Award. Lasorda is the winningest pitcher in Royals history.

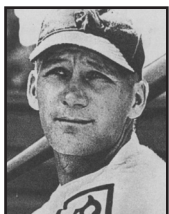


George Puccinelli

- OUTFIELDER -
Rochester 1931-33
Newark 1933
Baltimore 1934-35, 1937-38

- * IL Alltime Batting Leader (.334)
- * 1935 Triple Crown Champion
- * Played for 2 IL Pennant Winners

George Puccinelli is one of the greatest hitters in IL history. He is one of just six men to win a Triple Crown and one of just five to hit 50 HR in a season, both accomplished during his MVP campaign of 1935 (.359, 53 HR, 172 RBI). The San Francisco native also led the League in hits (209), runs (135), and doubles (49) in 1935. Over his seven-year career in the IL Puccinelli hit 172 HR with 710 RBI, and retired with a lifetime average of .334, the highest in League history among players with at least 3,000 at-bats. His .391 average in 1932 remains the Rochester record.



Joe Hauser

- FIRST BASEMAN -
Baltimore 1930-31

- * IL Single-Season HR, R, TB King
- * Led IL in Home Runs 1930 & 1931
- * 94 HR, 273 RBI in 2 Seasons

After injuries derailed his Major League career in the late 1920's, Joe Hauser came to the IL where he led the circuit in HR two straight seasons. His 1930 campaign set three IL single-season records that still stand - 173 runs, 443 total bases, and an amazing 63 home runs. The Milwaukee native is one of only five men to eclipse 50 HR in an IL season, and he easily outdistanced the rest (54 HR is the 2nd-best in history). Hauser later hit 69 HR in an American Association season, and remained professional baseball's only player to twice hit 60 HR until 1999.



Ben Mondor

Owner & Chairman
Pawtucket
1977-Present

- * 1978 & 1999 IL Executive of the Year
- * 1991 President's Trophy Winner
- * Increased Attendance Nearly 1,000%

After retiring from the business world in 1977, Ben Mondor acquired a bankrupt organization known as the Rhode Island Red Sox. During the next 30+ years, he turned it into one of the most successful franchises in Minor League Baseball. The Quebec native helped raise attendance from 70,000 to over 688,000 in 2005. Mondor is rightfully credited with saving baseball in Pawtucket, and has won countless awards and honors including the 1999 Sporting News Minor League Executive of the Year Award and induction into the Boston Red Sox Hall of Fame.

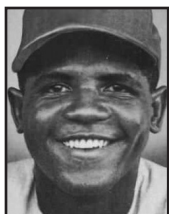


George Quellich

- OUTFIELDER -
Rochester 1924-26
Baltimore 1926-27
Reading 1927-31
Newark 1931
Albany 1932-33

- * IL Record 15 Consecutive Hits
- * .321 Lifetime Avg., 152 HR, 728 RBI
- * Seven Seasons Hitting over .310

George Quellich played largely in the shadow of other IL greats in the 1920's and 30's, never playing for a championship team and never leading the League in any offensive category despite putting up outstanding numbers for several seasons. His best year came in 1929 with Reading when he hit .347 with 31 HR and 130 RBI, along with setting a professional baseball record that still stands. From Aug. 9-12, he collected 15 consecutive hits (including five homers). Immediately following the end of his streak, the Johnsville, CA native went 13-18.

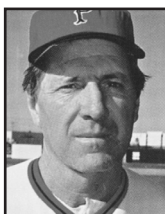


Frank "Pancho" Herrera

- FIRST BASEMAN -
Syracuse 1955, 1966
Miami 1957-58
Buffalo 1959, 1962
Columbus 1963-66

- * 1959 Triple Crown Champion
- * Postseason All-Star 1959, 1962, 1965
- * 3-Time IL Home Run Champion

Frank Herrera, better known as "Pancho", was one of the IL's leading sluggers of the late 1950's and early 1960's. He is one of only six men in League history to win the Triple Crown, achieved during his MVP season of 1959 (.329, 37 HR, 128 RBI). Herrera is one of just three players to lead the IL in homers three times; he is also a two-time RBI champion. The native of Santiago, Cuba played over 1,100 games in the International League with four different clubs. He retired in 1966 with a lifetime average of .290 to go along with 187 HR and 660 RBI.



Joe Morgan

- INFIELDER -
Charleston 1961
Atlanta 1962-63
Jacksonville 1964-65
- MANAGER -
Columbus 1970
Charleston 1971, 1973
Pawtucket 1974-82

- * 1964 IL Most Valuable Player
- * 1973 & 1977 IL Manager of the Year
- * Played for 1962 Gov. Cup Champs

Joe Morgan is the only man to win the IL's Most Valuable Player and Manager of the Year awards. As a player, Morgan won a Governors' Cup with Atlanta and a pennant during his MVP season in Jacksonville. He went on to win 845 games as an IL skipper, including a franchise record 601 for Pawtucket. The Walpole, MA native guided his clubs to the playoffs five times, winning pennants in 1973 with Charleston and 1977 with Pawtucket. He was the 1973 Sporting News Minor League Manager of the Year.



Jim Rice

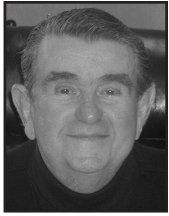
- OUTFIELDER -
Pawtucket 1973-74

- * 1974 Triple Crown Champion
- * .340 Avg., 29 HR, 103 RBI in 127 G
- * Played for 1973 Gov. Cup Champs

Late in the 1973 season 20-year-old outfielder Jim Rice was promoted to Pawtucket, giving the eventual Governors' Cup champs a taste of great things to come. Rice hit a game-winning homer to help Pawtucket defeat Tulsa in the Junior World Series. The following year the Anderson, SC native won the IL's MVP Award and Triple Crown title (.337, 25 HR, 103 RBI), despite playing for a last place club and being promoted to Boston in mid-August. Rice is Pawtucket's all-time hitting leader (.340). He is one of just six men to win the Triple Crown, and the last to do so.

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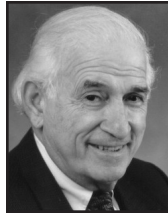
Dave Rosenfield

General Manager
Tidewater/Norfolk
1963-Present
(1963-68 in Carolina League)

IL Vice-President
1977-Present

- * 4-Time IL Executive of the Year
- * 2004 "King of Baseball"
- * 1993 President's Trophy Winner

Dave Rosenfield came to the Tides in 1962, and a year later began his tenure as GM that has lasted 45 years. He led the club's ascent to Triple-A status in 1969. In 1975 Rosenfield won the first of four IL Executive of the Year Awards. In the 1990's the Tides won a pair of honors that demonstrate the success he has brought to the organization - the 1993 President's Trophy and the 1994 Triple-A Bob Freitas Award. In 2004 Rosenfield was honored as the "King of Baseball" for his longtime dedication and service to the game.



Anthony "Tex" Simone

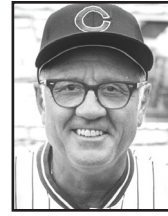
General Manager, Syracuse
1970-96

COO, Syracuse
1997-Present

IL Vice-President
1998-Present

- * 4-Time IL Executive of the Year
- * 1987 President's Trophy Winner
- * Inducted in 2 Syracuse Halls of Fame

In 1961 Tex Simone joined the grounds crew at MacArthur Stadium, beginning his career with the Chiefs. In 1970 he was appointed General Manager and won his first of four IL Executive of the Year Awards. Simone, a Syracuse native, has been honored by seemingly every organization in the city. In 1997 he was promoted to Chief Operating Officer the same year that the team opened P&C (later renamed Alliance Bank) Stadium on Tex Simone Drive. Simone has been inducted into both the Syracuse Baseball and Greater Syracuse Sports Halls of Fame.



Frank Verdi

- INFIELDER -
Syracuse 1953, 1961-62
Columbus 1955-56
Rochester 1957-59

- MANAGER -
Syracuse 1961-62, 1968-70, 1972
Toledo 1965
Tidewater 1977-80
Columbus 1981-82
Rochester 1984-85

- * Managed 3 Gov. Cup Champs
- * 1970 IL Manager of the Year
- * Won 938 Games as an IL Skipper

Frank Verdi played for three different IL clubs and later managed five clubs between 1961-1985. In his 15 years as an IL manager, he led his teams to six playoff appearances and three Governors' Cup championships. He guided Syracuse to back-to-back crowns in 1969-70, earning Manager of the Year honors in 1970. In 1981 he guided the Clippers to the postseason title. Known as "old school", Verdi instilled a hard-nosed work ethic in his players, preparing a countless number for Major League success.



Hank Sauer

- FIRST BASE/OUTFIELD -
Syracuse 1942-43, 1946-47

- * 1947 IL Most Valuable Player
- * Played for 3 Gov. Cup Champs
- * Led IL in RBI, Hits, Runs in 1947

Hank Sauer won Governors' Cup championships in three of his four seasons in the IL with Syracuse. His 1947 campaign with Syracuse went down as one of the great seasons in League history. That year the Pittsburgh native hit .336 and blasted 50 HR (one of only five players to ever reach 50 HR in a season). Sauer also led the League with 141 RBI, 182 hits, and 130 runs scored. His totals in homers, RBI, runs, and total bases remain Chiefs' records. In 1998 Sauer became the first player in Syracuse history to have his uniform number retired.



Bobby Tiefenauer

- PITCHER -
Rochester 1951-53, 1960
Toronto 1957-58, 1963
Charleston 1961
Atlanta 1963, 1965
Toledo 1965

- * 82-41 Record, 2.42 ERA
- * 1958 IL ERA Champion
- * Played for 1952 Gov. Cup Champs

Bobby Tiefenauer is one of the greatest relievers in International League history. The knuckleballer from Desloge, MO pitched in over 400 games in the IL, mostly out of the bullpen. He played for one Governors' Cup champion and two pennant winners. He led the League in games pitched in 1957 and 1958, and winning percentage in 1958 and 1960. In his amazing 1958 campaign, Tiefenauer posted a 17-5 record with a League-best 1.89 ERA in 64 appearances, all in relief. For his career he allowed only 262 runs in nearly 1,000 innings of work.



Hobart "Rabbit" Whitman

- OUTFIELDER -
Newark 1923-25
Providence 1925
Reading 1926, 1928-32
Buffalo 1926-27
Jersey City 1927, 1933
Montreal 1928
Albany 1932-33

- * .326 Lifetime Avg. in 1,514 Games
- * Led IL in Hits in 1929 (230)
- * 9 Consecutive Seasons Hitting .300+

Hobart "Rabbit" Whitman was a career Minor Leaguer who spent 11 of his 14 seasons in the IL. He played in seven different IL cities. Despite his impressive averages (peaking at .356 in 1924), he never led the League in hitting. The 5'9", 160-pound outfielder from Tobaccoville, NC may have been the most difficult man to strikeout in League history. Two separate years he struck out only three times - 1925 (514 at-bats) and 1928 (575 at-bats), and two times he fanned only five times in a season - 1927 (561 at-bats) and 1932 (628 at-bats).



Morrie Silver

President
Rochester
1957, 1962-63, 1965
General Manager
Rochester
1966-68

- * Helped Save Baseball in Rochester
- * Silver Stadium Named in His Honor

When the St. Louis Cardinals decided in 1956 they no longer needed a team in Rochester, Morrie Silver was the leader who stepped up to save baseball for the city. Engineering the "72-Day Miracle", Silver spearheaded a community stock drive, raising \$500,000 to purchase the club. Following his historic career as President and later General Manager of the club, Rochester renamed Red Wing Stadium as "Silver Stadium" in his honor. A capacity crowd of many of baseball's biggest dignitaries, including the Commissioner of Baseball, turned out to pay tribute.



Ollie Tucker

- OUTFIELDER -
Buffalo 1930-35
Syracuse 1935

- * .322 Lifetime Avg., 110 HR, 539 RBI
- * Played for 2 Gov. Cup Champs
- * Buffalo Single-Season Record 52 2B

Ollie Tucker was a key component of the Buffalo offensive attack in the early 1930's, combining with Ollie Carnegie to form the "Home Run Twins". Tucker remains one of the franchise's most productive hitters of alltime, currently ranking 3rd in RBI, 4th in homers and doubles, and 6th in hits. In 1932, while hitting .321 with 27 HR and 120 RBI, he led the League with 52 doubles, still a Bisons record. The native of Radiant, VA was inducted into the Buffalo Baseball Hall of Fame in 1986.



Archie Wilson

- OUTFIELDER -
Buffalo 1951
Baltimore 1953
Toronto 1954-60

- * 1951 IL Most Valuable Player
- * Postseason All-Star 1951, 1955, 1956
- * Led IL in RBI (112), Hits (191) in 1951

Outfielder Archie Wilson stormed onto the IL scene in 1951 when he hit .316 with 28 HR and 112 RBI to win the circuit's MVP Award in his very first season. After a year in the majors, Wilson played the 1953 season with Baltimore, hitting .301. He then joined Toronto in 1954 for a seven-year stretch with the Maple Leafs in which he played for four IL pennant winners and a Governors' Cup champion. The Los Angeles native played in over 1,000 games in his IL career, hitting .299 with 129 HR and 656 RBI. He was named to three IL Postseason All-Star Teams.

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Russell "Buzz" Arlett

- OUTFIELDER -
Baltimore 1932-33
Syracuse 1937

- * IL Home Run Champion 1932-33
- * 54 HR in 1932, 2nd-most in IL History
- * 290 RBI in 310 IL games

In two amazing seasons with Baltimore, Buzz Arlett clubbed 93 homers and drove in 290 runs. His 54 long balls in 1932 is the second-most in IL history. The Elmhurst, CA native twice hit four homers in a single game, a feat accomplished only seven other times in the International League. Arlett paced the circuit in home runs and runs both years, while also leading the RBI chase in 1932. Nearly 50 years after his retirement in 1937, the Society for American Baseball Research named Arlett the Most Outstanding Player in the history of Minor League Baseball.



Charles "Red" Barrett

- PITCHER -
Syracuse 1938, 1942
Buffalo 1951
Toronto 1952

- * 1942 IL Most Valuable Player
- * Led IL in ERA in 1938
- * Played for 1942 Gov. Cup Champs

On his way to a long Major League career, Red Barrett enjoyed two masterful seasons for Syracuse. He led the IL with a 2.34 ERA in 1938, winning 16 of 19 decisions. He returned to the Chiefs in 1942, leading Syracuse to the Governors' Cup as the IL's MVP. The Santa Barbara, CA native led the League in wins, innings pitched, complete games, and shutouts, missing another ERA title by just 0.06. Barrett later pitched in 28 games with the 1951 Bisons and one with Toronto the following year. He was inducted into the Syracuse Baseball Wall of Fame in 1998.



Walter Cazen

- OUTFIELDER -
Baltimore 1935-36
Syracuse 1936-37, 1942-45
Rochester 1940

- * Led IL in Hits and SB in 1945
- * Played for 1942-43 Gov. Cup Champs
- * Holds Syracuse Career Record for SB

Walter Cazen played nearly 800 games in the IL over eight seasons. He still ranks among the top Chiefs players of all-time in steals (1st), triples (2nd), hits (5th), doubles (6th), and runs (6th), earning him a place in the Syracuse Baseball Wall of Fame. His last year in baseball was arguably his best, as the native of Niagara Falls hit .329 and led the League with 204 hits and a franchise record 74 stolen bases, a number reached only three times in the following 60 years of IL baseball. Cazen died the next May after contracting Tuberculosis.

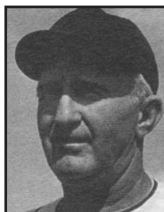


Steve Demeter

- THIRD BASEMAN -
Buffalo 1955
Toronto 1960-63
Rochester 1964-68
Syracuse 1969
- MANAGER -
Charleston 1974-75

- * 159 HR, 778 RBI in 11 Seasons
- * Postseason All-Star 1955, 1966, 1967
- * Played for 3 Gov. Cup Champs

Steve Demeter was an IL All-Star with Buffalo in 1955. He returned to the League five years later and became a staple of the IL in the 1960's, playing in over 1,250 games and winning three Governors' Cups during the decade. The Homer City, PA native enjoyed nine seasons with double-digit long ball totals, including 26 bombs in 1962. He led the League in RBI in 1965, hits in 1966, and the following year he paced the circuit for the third straight time in doubles. Demeter returned to the IL as a manager in 1974, taking Charleston to the playoffs one year later.



Clay Hopper

- MANAGER -
Montreal 1946-49

- * Managed 3 Gov. Cup Champs
- * Managed 2 IL Pennant Winners
- * 371-243 (.604) Record in 4 Seasons

Clay Hopper's Montreal Royals of the late 1940's are often ranked among the best Minor League teams of all time. Hopper is the only manager in IL history to win three Governors' Cups in a four-year span after his club posted an incredible 371-243 record. His 1946 team, which included Jackie Robinson, won 100 games and the first of two Junior World Series titles Hopper would bring back to Montreal. From the third base coaching box, the Portersville, MS native turned his players loose on the basepaths, leading to four of the most exciting seasons in League history.



Charles "Rube" Kisinger

- PITCHER -
Toronto 1903
Buffalo 1904-10
Jersey City 1910-11

- * Holds IL Career Shutout Record (31)
- * Played for 2 IL Pennant Winners
- * 150 Wins in 9 Seasons

Rube Kisinger joined the Buffalo Bisons in 1904, where in his first three campaigns he won 67 games and led the club to its first two pennants. Kisinger won at least 15 games in seven straight seasons with Buffalo, also delivering a 9-inning no-hitter against Rochester in 1909. The Adrian, MI native's last season in the League came in 1911. He retired with a mark of 150-108, including an International League record for shutouts (31) that still stands. Kisinger was inducted into the Buffalo Baseball Hall of Fame in 1987.

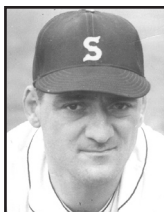


Joe Knight

- OUTFIELDER -
Hamilton 1886-88 Binghamton 1892-93
London 1889 Wilkes-Barre 1894-98
Rochester 1891 Providence 1894-97
Syracuse 1892 Ottawa 1898
Utica 1892 Buffalo 1899

- * .345 Lifetime Avg., 312 Stolen Bases
- * Led IL in Hitting in 1893 & 1894
- * Played for 3 IL Pennant Winners

"Quiet" Joe Knight joined Hamilton in 1886 as a pitcher (going 11-3), but soon his bat necessitated a permanent move to the lineup. For the next 14 years, Knight roamed IL outfields in ten cities, hitting higher than .335 ten times. The Ontario native was the class of the first generation of IL hitters, winning two batting championships. He led the circuit in hits and doubles twice, and triples once. After six games with Buffalo in 1899 (hitting .360), the 40-year-old Knight retired with 1,865 hits in 1,265 games, returning home to Canada.

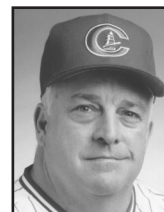


Albert "Dutch" Mele

- OUTFIELDER -
Baltimore 1939
Syracuse 1942-47, 1949-50
Jersey City 1950
Ottawa 1951

- * Played for 3 Gov. Cup Champs
- * IL Postseason All-Star in 1947
- * 115 HR, 708 RBI in 10 Seasons

New York city native Albert "Dutch" Mele was a key member of the powerhouse Syracuse Chiefs teams that won three Governors' Cups in the 1940's. Mele was a clutch performer, as evidenced by his .462 average in the 1947 Junior World Series. To this day he remains the Syracuse franchise's all-time leader in home runs (111), hits (1,082), runs (572), doubles (193), games (1,044) and at-bats (3,795). Local sportswriters in 1964 named him to the Chiefs All-Time team, and in 1999 he was inducted into the Syracuse Baseball Wall of Fame.



Carl "Stump" Merrill

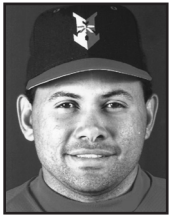
- MANAGER -
Columbus 1984-85, '90, '93-94,
'96-98, 2002

- * Managed 1996 Gov. Cup Champs
- * Columbus All-Time Leader in Wins
- * 608-515 (.541) Record in 9 Seasons

Stump Merrill has served countless roles within the Yankees organization, including five separate stints as manager of the Triple-A Columbus Clippers. Over parts of nine seasons at the helm, Merrill's teams made the playoffs four times, winning a pennant and a Governors' Cup championship along the way. Only once did he post a losing record over a complete season. Overall for his IL career, the Brunswick, ME native owns a 608-515 (.541) managing record.

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Roberto Petagine

- FIRST BASEMAN -
Norfolk 1996-97
Indianapolis 1998
Pawtucket 2005

- * 1997 & 1998 IL Most Valuable Player
- * .323 Lifetime Average, 87 HR in 400 G
- * Led IL in on-base % in 1997, 1998

Roberto Petagine's first taste of the International League came in 1996 when he hit .318 with 12 HR in 95 games for Norfolk. The next two seasons he dominated the League, hitting .323 with 55 HR and 209 RBI to become the first player in IL history to win consecutive MVP awards. A well rounded player, Petagine also led the League in on-base percentage both years, and in 1998 *Baseball America* named him the IL's best defensive first baseman. The Venezuelan native returned for 74 games in 2005 with Pawtucket, hitting .327 with 20 home runs.

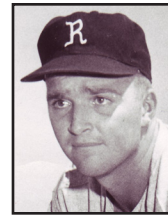


Red Schoendienst

- SHORTSTOP -
Rochester 1943-44

- * 1943 IL Most Valuable Player
- * Led IL in Avg., Hits in 1943
- * .342 Lifetime Average in 161 G

One of the most popular players in Rochester history is Albert "Red" Schoendienst. Known as "The Team", Schoendienst was MVP of the International League in 1943, pacing the circuit with a .337 batting average and 187 hits while swiping 20 bases. The Germantown, IL native started the following year by hitting .372 for the first 25 games before he was called to serve his country in World War II. He went on to a distinguished career with the Cardinals as a player and manager, earning him a place in Cooperstown as part of the Class of 1989.



Bill Short

- PITCHER -
Richmond 1959-61
Rochester 1962-66
Columbus 1967

- * 1959 IL Most Valuable Pitcher
- * Played for 1964 Gov. Cup Champs
- * 83-50 Record, 3.08 ERA in 9 Seasons

Southpaw Bill Short from Kingston, NY won 83 games in 9 IL seasons, a career bookended by All-Star campaigns. In 1959 at the age of 21, Short was the League's Most Valuable Pitcher, going 17-6 with a 2.48 ERA for the Virginians. He won 13 games in 1963 with Rochester, posting a 3.38 ERA he nearly matched a year later to help guide the Red Wings to the Governors' Cup. He led the IL with a .765 winning percentage in 1965 (13-4), and in 1967 he was again named the left-handed pitcher on the Postseason All-Star Team after winning 14 games for Columbus.

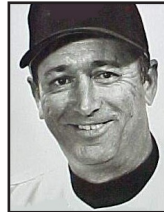


Ed Stevens

- FIRST BASEMAN -
Montreal 1944-45, 1947
Toronto 1952-56
Rochester 1957-58

- * 188 HR, 810 RBI in 10 Seasons
- * Postseason All-Star 1947 & 1952
- * Played for 4 IL Pennant Winners

"Big Ed" Stevens saw his Major League career cut short when the Dodgers replaced him with Jackie Robinson in 1947, but the Galveston, TX native enjoyed a long and prosperous career in the International League. Stevens, only 19 when he drove in 102 runs for Montreal in 1944, went on to a pair of RBI titles in the 1950's with Toronto. He played in over 1,200 IL games, turning in four seasons with at least 20 homers (plus two more with 19) and four years with at least 100 RBI. Stevens starred for four pennant winners in his career.



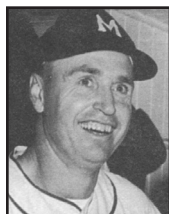
Harry "The Hat" Walker

- OUTFIELDER -
Rochester 1940, 1952-55
- MANAGER -
Rochester 1952-55
Atlanta 1963
Jacksonville 1964

- * .332 Lifetime Average in 317 G
- * Won 2 Pennants, 1 Gov. Cup as Mgr.
- * Postseason All-Star 1952

In 1940 Harry "The Hat" Walker made a brief stop in Rochester. Twelve years later at the tail-end of his playing career he returned as the team's player/manager, leading the Red Wings to the 1952 Governors' Cup and Junior World Series titles. Rochester won the pennant the following season, a year which included a franchise record 19-game winning streak. The Pascagoula, MS native went on to manage in the big leagues before winning another IL pennant in 1964 with Jacksonville. Walker was inducted into the Red Wings Hall of Fame in 1989.

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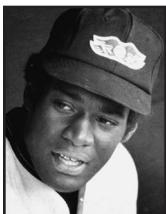
Walter Alston

- INFIELDER -
Rochester 1937, 1943-44

- MANAGER -
Montreal 1950-53

- * Managed 2 Gov. Cup Champions
- * Managed 2 IL Pennant Winners
- * 365-245 (.598) Record as Manager

Walter Alston assumed the reigns of the Montreal Royals in 1950 and proceeded to win two Governors' Cups, two Pennants, and a Junior World Series title during the next four seasons. The Venice, OH native posted a 365-245 record during his stint as manager of the Royals before beginning a 23-year tenure as skipper of the Dodgers that would earn him induction into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. Alston was the first of only two managers ever to win multiple Governors' Cups and World Series titles (Dick Williams).



Don Baylor

- OUTFIELDER -
Rochester 1968, 1970-71

- * Postseason IL All-Star 1970, 1971
- * 1970 Minor League Player of Year
- * Played for 1971 Gov. Cup Champions

In two full seasons as the Red Wings center fielder, Baylor awed fans with his combination of speed and power. In 1970, he batted .327 with 22 HR, 107 RBI, and 26 SB while leading the IL in runs, doubles, and triples to earn honors as the *Sporting News* Minor League Player of the Year. The following year he helped lead Rochester to a Junior World Series title by hitting .313 with 20 HR and 95 RBI. The native of Austin, TX was inducted into the Red Wings Hall of Fame in 1990, ten years before being selected to the franchise's All-Century Team.



Frank Carswell

- OUTFIELDER -
Buffalo 1946, 1951-54

- MANAGER -
Syracuse 1963-66
Toledo 1970

- * Led IL in Hitting & HR in 1952
- * IL Postseason All-Star 1953
- * .323 Lifetime Average

In 500 games with Buffalo from 1951-54, Carswell hit .323 with 78 HR and 342 RBI. In 1952 he fell just 12 RBI short of the Triple Crown, leading the circuit with a .344 average and 30 HR. He led the Bisons three times in hitting and twice in RBI. He remains among the franchise's top ten producers of homers (6th), RBI (9th), and doubles (10th), and was inducted into the Buffalo Baseball Hall of Fame in 1986. The native of Palenstine, TX also managed five seasons in the IL. He took Syracuse to the playoffs in each of his first three years at the helm.

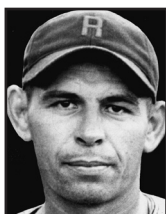


Bobby Grich

- INFIELDER -
Rochester 1970-71

- * 1971 IL Most Valuable Player
- * Led IL in Avg., HR, and Runs in 1971
- * Played for 1971 Gov. Cup Champs

Muskegon, MN native Bobby Grich spent two spectacular seasons in the IL. In 1970 he hit .383 with 9 HR and 42 RBI at second base before being promoted to Baltimore. Returning in 1971 to transition to shortstop, he delivered one of the great seasons in IL history, leading the circuit with a .336 average and 32 HR as the Red Wings surged to the Governors' Cup and Junior World Series titles. He was named IL MVP and *Sporting News* Minor League Player of the Year. He was inducted into the Red Wings Hall of Fame in 1989.



Mike Ryba

- PITCHER -
Rochester 1939-40

- * 1940 IL Most Valuable Player
- * Led IL in Wins & IP in 1940
- * Played for 1939 Gov. Cup Champions

In two seasons with Rochester, Mike Ryba posted a record of 42-20. His .677 winning percentage and 2.82 ERA rank 5th in franchise history. In 1939, he won 18 games with a 2.69 ERA to lead Rochester to its first Governors' Cup. The following year, he won the IL Most Valuable Player Award while pacing the League in victories and innings pitched, as well as complete games and shutouts for the second consecutive season. The DeLancey, PA native also briefly managed the Red Wings during the pennant-winning campaign of 1940.



Bob Seeds

- OUTFIELDER -
Montreal 1935-36
Newark 1937-38
Baltimore 1941-42

- * Played for 2 Gov. Cup Champions
- * .305 Lifetime Average
- * 7 HR, 17 RBI in 2-Game Stretch

Journeyman "Suitcase" Bob Seeds played in over 600 games in the IL. He was a key member of the Newark club that won consecutive Governors' Cups in 1937-38. He hit .305 with 20 HR for the 1937 champs, but it was in 1938 that he displayed an almost unbelievable amount of power. In early May he had arguably the greatest two-game stretch in IL history, going 9-10 with 7 HR and 17 RBI in Buffalo. In just 59 games that year before being sold to the NY Giants, the Ringgold, TX native hit .335 with 28 HR and 95 RBI.



Coaker Triplett

- OUTFIELDER -
Buffalo 1946-51
Ottawa 1952

- MANAGER -
Buffalo 1951

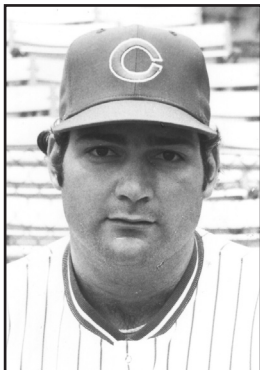
- * Led IL in Hitting in 1948
- * Played for 1949 IL Pennant Winners
- * .324 Lifetime Average

In six seasons with Buffalo, Triplett never hit below .300. He paced the team in hitting three times, including an IL-best .353 mark in 1948. He led Buffalo to the Pennant in 1949 by slamming 22 HR with 102 RBI. During his last year in Buffalo, he was made manager part way through the season and guided the Bisons to a playoff berth. The Boone, NC native retired in 1952 following a brief stint with Ottawa. He is tied for 10th all-time in Buffalo history with 69 HR and 5th all-time with 359 RBI, and is a member of the Buffalo Baseball Hall of Fame.

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Steve Balboni



- FIRST BASEMAN -
Columbus 1981-83

- * IL Home Run Champion 1981, 1982
- * 1981 IL Postseason All-Star
- * Clippers All-time Home Run Leader

Steve Balboni entered the International League in 1981 with a ton of expectations. The former All-American from Eckerd College in Florida had been selected by the Yankees in the second round of the 1978 draft. He was named Most Valuable Player of the Florida State League in 1979 and of the Southern League in 1980, having led both circuits in home runs and RBI.

Upon joining the Clippers for his third professional season, Balboni continued to display the power that earned him the nickname "Bye Bye". In 125 games, Balboni slugged 33 long balls and drove in 98 runs, both International League bests. Columbus won the pennant by 5.0 games before going on to defeat Rochester and Richmond in the Governors' Cup playoffs.

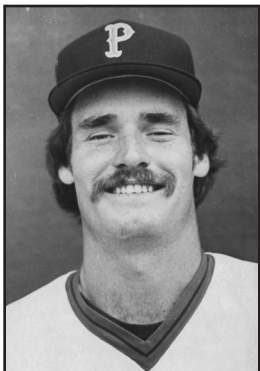
The next season Balboni nearly matched his incredible power numbers despite playing in 42 fewer games. His 32 home runs were again enough to pace the League while Balboni added 86 RBI and a .284 batting average before receiving a promotion to New York.

Back in Columbus for much of the 1983 campaign, Balboni cemented his legacy as one of the great power hitters in League history. He crushed 27 more home runs to bring his career total with the Clippers to 92, still the franchise record. The Columbus team won another pennant in 1983, Balboni's last season in the International League.

Balboni enjoyed a distinguished tenure as a Major League player, seeing action in eleven seasons with the Yankees, Royals, Mariners, and Rangers. He hit 181 big league home runs, highlighted by the franchise-record 36 homers he hit for Kansas City during the 1985 World Championship season.

His achievements in the International League have endured long past his retirement. Balboni was inducted into the Columbus Baseball Hall of Fame. He is also the only player in IL history to homer twice in an inning on two separate occasions. The first instance came on July 6, 1981 against Rochester, and then on June 28 of 1982 he did it again at Pawtucket. In the twenty years that followed, an IL player homered twice in an inning just two times.

Wade Boggs



- THIRD BASEMAN -
Pawtucket 1980-81

- * IL Batting Champion 1981
- * .322 Lifetime Average, 105 RBI, 118 R
- * Led IL with 167 hits in 1981

Wade Boggs reached the International League in 1980 at the age of 21, where he immediately established himself as one of the best hitters in Triple-A Baseball. A ground out in his final at-bat of the 1980 season cost him the League's batting title as his .306 average was just a fraction of a point behind IL leader Dave Engle of Toledo.

Boggs would get his batting crown the next season, improving his average to .335 and leading the League with 167 hits. In another close race, he narrowly beat out Richmond's Brett Butler for the title. In addition to batting average and hits, Boggs also established career-high totals that season in doubles (41), home runs (5), RBI (60), and walks (89). He also played a key role in one of the most famous games in IL history when his PawSox defeated Cal Ripken, Jr. and the Rochester Red Wings in 33 innings, baseball's "Longest Game". After Rochester had taken a 2-1 lead in the top of the 21st, Boggs tied it with a RBI hit in the bottom of the frame to send the game towards baseball lore.

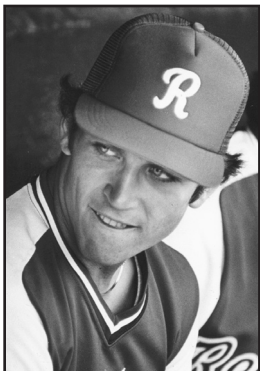
In 1982 Boggs began a 18-year Major League career that would eventually land him in Cooperstown. He won five American League batting titles with the Boston Red Sox, including four in a row from 1985-88. He made the first of twelve All-Star appearances in 1985. After eleven seasons with the Red Sox, Boggs signed with the New York Yankees, with whom he would win two Gold Gloves and a World Series title in 1996.

The last two years of his big league career were spent with the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. On August 7, 1999 he became the only player in history to hit a home run for his 3,000th hit, and his uniform number 12 was later retired by Tampa Bay.

In 1999, the *Sporting News* ranked Boggs among the 100 greatest baseball players of all-time, and he was a nominee for the Major League Baseball All-Century Team. He is the only player in MLB history with 200 hits and 100 runs in seven straight seasons.

No Pawtucket player since Boggs has won the International League batting title.

Cal Ripken, Jr.



- THIRD BASEMAN -
Rochester 1981

- * 1981 IL Rookie of the Year
- * 1981 IL Postseason All-Star
- * Rochester All-Century Team (2000)

Cal Ripken, Jr. arrived in Rochester in 1981 for what would be his only season at the Triple-A level. He had been one of the Double-A Southern League's best hitters in 1980 (25 home runs and 78 RBI), but the 35 errors he committed at shortstop and second base prompted the organization to try him at third base with the Red Wings.

Considered to be one of baseball's brightest prospects, Ripken excelled in his role for the Red Wings. He launched 58 extra-base hits, including 23 home runs, and even earned a brief promotion to Baltimore during the strike-shortened 1981 season. Before his call to the Orioles, Ripken played in each of Rochester's 114 games, including the longest game in baseball history. In the infamous contest against Pawtucket, Ripken started at third base and played every one of the game's 33 innings. His fifteen plate appearances is tied with two of his teammates for the most ever in a single game.

Ripken finished the season with a .288 average. He was named the International League Rookie of the Year and the third baseman on the League's Postseason All-Star Team.

In 1982 he joined the Orioles full-time and achieved instant success as the American League Rookie of the Year, beating out Boston's Wade Boggs for the honor. The next year he led the Orioles to a World Series championship, winning the first of two American League Most Valuable Player Awards.

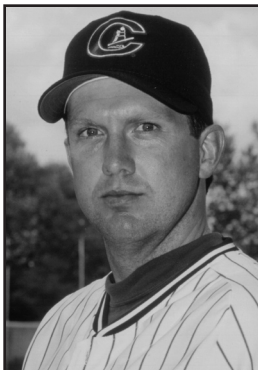
In May of his first season, he began the consecutive games played streak that didn't end until September of 1998. Baseball's "Iron Man" played in 2,632 consecutive games to shatter the record set by Lou Gehrig.

Ripken is a 19-time Major League All-Star and a member of the 3,000-hit club. He was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 2007 with 98.53% of the vote, the third highest total in history. He is a best-selling author and the President of Ripken Baseball, Inc., an organization that helps grow baseball at the grass roots level. His uniform number 8 was retired by the Orioles, and he was named by Major League Baseball to the All-Century Team in 1999.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE HALL OF FAME

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2012

Dave Eiland



- PITCHER -
Columbus 1988-91, 94-97
Charlotte 1993
Durham 1998-2000

- PITCHING COACH -
Scranton/WB 2007

- * 1990 IL Most Valuable Pitcher
- * Three-Time Governors' Cup Winner
- * Career Record 82-42, 3.44 ERA, 21 CG

Dave Eiland was born in Dade City, Florida in 1966. He would eventually star at the collegiate level for both the University of South Florida and the University of Florida before being drafted by the New York Yankees in 1987.

Eiland pitched in over 180 games in the International League between 1988 and 2000, along the way compiling a record of 82-42 with a 3.44 ERA. This was intermingled with a Major League career in which he played 248 games with the Yankees, Padres, and Devil Rays over the same time span.

Eiland was the IL's Most Valuable Pitcher in 1990, leading the circuit in wins, complete games, and shutouts. He went on to become the League's most accomplished starting pitcher of the 1990's, leading the IL in wins, innings pitched, complete games, and strikeouts. He was a member of Governors' Cup champion clubs in 1991 and 1996 with Columbus, as well as 1993 with Charlotte.

During his time in the Major Leagues, Eiland was part of some unique moments. He is the only pitcher in big league history to give up a home run to the first batter he ever faced (Paul Molitor) and also hit a home run in his first at-bat (four years later in San Diego). In 1999 while a member of the Devil Rays, Eiland was selected to act as a body-double for Kevin Costner in the film *For the Love of the Game*.

Following his retirement, Eiland became a pitching coach in the Yankees organization. In 2007 he served in that role for the IL's Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Yankees, helping lead the club to a division title thanks to the League's 3rd-best ERA (3.64) that season.

The next year Eiland was promoted to New York, where he spent three seasons as the pitching coach for the Yankees. After one year in Tampa Bay serving as an advisor for the Rays, Eiland was hired to be pitching coach for the Kansas City Royals for the 2012 season.

Bill Evers



- MANAGER -
Columbus 1995
Durham 1998-2005

- * Managed Two Gov. Cup Winners
- * Durham All-Time Leader Wins (613)
- * 2001 IL All-Star Manager

Newport Richey, Florida's Bill Evers had a brief playing career in the Cubs organization during the late 1970's. He batted .250 over four seasons and hit a total of eleven home runs.

Evers would later return to the game as a manager, beginning a two-year stint in the Midwest League in 1987. After three seasons in the Texas League, Evers made his Triple-A managing debut in 1992 with Phoenix in the Pacific Coast League. In 1995 he piloted his first International League club, guiding Columbus to a 71-68 record.

Evers then joined the newly-announced expansion Tampa Bay Devil Rays as one of the team's original field personnel members. He managed the organization's first game in 1996 in the rookie-level Gulf Coast League.

In 1998 Evers became the first-ever manager of the Triple-A Durham Bulls. During the franchise's first eight seasons at the Triple-A level, Evers guided the Bulls to seven winning seasons, six playoff appearances, five division titles and two Governors' Cup championships.

Evers became the first skipper in IL history to sweep consecutive Governors' Cup finals when Durham took three straight from Buffalo in 2002 and Pawtucket in 2003. The second championship club won all six of its postseason games, becoming just the fifth team in the Governors' Cup era to sweep through the playoffs. Overall, Evers posted a playoff record of 25-13.

Following the 2005 season, Evers left the Bulls as the franchise's all-time leader in managerial victories and owning the second-most career victories amongst active Minor League skippers. Evers joined Tampa Bay's Major League staff. He is currently the field coordinator for the organization.

Mike Tamburro



General Manager
Pawtucket
1977-85

President
Pawtucket
1985-Present

- * 5-Time IL Executive of the Year
- * 1990 and 2003 Bob Freitas Award
- * 1990 President's Trophy

Mike Tamburro came to Pawtucket in 1977 at the urging of team owner Ben Mondor, who had recently acquired the troubled Boston affiliate. Tamburro, who had been honored in 1976 as "General Manager of the Year" with Elmira of the New York-Penn League, helped create an incredible turn-around as Pawtucket became one of the strongest and most successful franchises in professional baseball. Under Tamburro's leadership, the PawSox have gone from drawing 70,000 fans in 1977 to over 688,000 fans in the club-record setting season of 2005. One of his major achievements was spearheading a \$16 million renovation of McCoy Stadium for the 1999 season.

In 2003 the PawSox welcomed their 10 millionth fan to McCoy Stadium during Tamburro's tenure. In 2004, the same year Pawtucket played host to the Triple-A All-Star Game, the PawSox led the entire International League in attendance for the first time ever. They would repeat the feat two more times in the next four seasons.

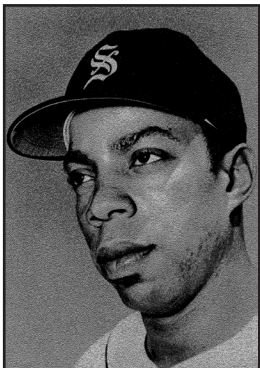
The International League began recognizing an Executive of the Year in 1964, and since that time no one has received the honor more than 5-time IL Executive of the Year Mike Tamburro. Tamburro has been a positive force for all of Minor League Baseball during his three-plus decades in Pawtucket. He is a member and former Chairman of the Minor League Baseball Board of Trustees. He served as Chairman of the Presidential Search Committee that was charged to find a new President of Minor League Baseball in 2008.

Tamburro will long be remembered for coining his team's nickname "PawSox" when a uniform crisis in his first season led to the restitching of "Boston" uniforms with the six-letter moniker that has become synonymous with the franchise. Tamburro is involved with a number of community charities. He is a trustee of Big Brothers of Rhode Island as well as Memorial Hospital, and helped create the Pawtucket Red Sox Charitable Foundation that supports numerous groups throughout New England. He is the former Director of the Cox Charities of New England and of the Providence Journal Summertime Fund. He has served as Vice President of the Pawtucket Education Foundation and the Vice President of the Boys and Girls Club of Pawtucket.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE HALL OF FAME

CLASS OF
2013

Mack Jones



- OUTFIELDER -
Toronto 1962-63
Syracuse 1964

- * 1964 International League All-Star
- * Led IL in HR, RBI, and R in 1964
- * Syracuse Baseball Wall of Fame (1998)

Mack "The Knife" Jones was a native of Atlanta, Georgia. He was signed by the Milwaukee Braves as a non-drafted free agent in 1958, beginning a career in baseball that spanned 14 years.

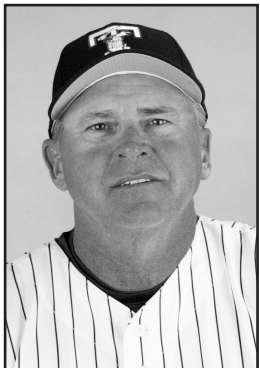
He played portions of the 1960 and 1961 seasons with Braves affiliate Louisville of the American Association. Jones made his big league debut on July 13, 1961 and tied a modern-era record by collecting four hits in his very first game. During the following two seasons, he spent time both with the Braves and with their International League affiliate in Toronto. In 91 games with the Maple Leafs between 1962 and 1963, Jones hit for a .316 average with 17 home runs and 45 RBI.

The 1964 season, ultimately the last for Jones in the Minor Leagues, was played entirely as a member of the Syracuse Chiefs, a Detroit Tigers affiliate. It remains one of the best individual single seasons in team history. Jones still owns the Chiefs modern-era single-season records for runs scored (109), total bases (336), triples (18), and RBI (102). Jones led the International League that season with 39 home runs and also paced the circuit in RBI and runs, earning honors as an IL All-Star at season's end.

Mack Jones continued his hot hitting in 1965 as a member of the Atlanta Braves, where he batted .262 with a MLB career-best 31 home runs and 75 RBI. He was one of a record six Braves sluggers to surpass 20 home runs that season, along with Hank Aaron, Eddie Mathews, Joe Torre, Felipe Alou, and Gene Oliver. In 1966 the Braves moved to his hometown of Atlanta. Jones hit 23 homers that season despite suffering a shoulder injury.

Jones was traded to the Reds in 1967. He was the second player chosen by the Montreal Expos during the 1968 MLB Expansion Draft, and later became the first player in Major League history to hit a home run in Canada. The popular player had his own cheering section in the Montreal left-field stands dubbed "Jonesville". He retired after the 1971 season having played 1,002 games in the big leagues. Jones passed away in 2004 at his home in Atlanta.

Larry Parrish



- MANAGER -
Toledo 1994, 2003-06,
2008-10

- * Managed Two Gov. Cup Winners
- * Toledo All-Time Leader Wins (569)
- * 2005 IL Manager of the Year

A baseball lifer, Larry Parrish is both a student and teacher of the game who has sent many players to the major leagues. Parrish served as the Toledo manager for a record eight seasons, managing in over 1,120 games and becoming the franchise's all-time winningest skipper.

The Florida native had a memorable playing career, appearing in nearly 1,900 Major League games with the Expos, Rangers, and Red Sox. He appeared in two All-Star Games. Following two seasons in the Japanese Central League, Parrish retired in 1990 and became a full-time coach with the Detroit organization.

On May 2, 1994, Parrish took the reigns of the Toledo Mud Hens and guided the team to a 56-62 record. It would be nine years before he again donned the Mud Hens uniform. In September of 1998, Parrish replaced Buddy Bell as manager of the Detroit Tigers. He went 69-92 in 1999, his only full season as a big league skipper.

In 2003 Parrish returned to Toledo, and before long he led the Mud Hens franchise to unprecedented heights. He earned honors in 2005 as the International League Manager of the Year as well as the Sporting News Minor League Manager of the Year after guiding the Mud Hens to their first Governors' Cup title since 1967. Toledo racked up the best record in Triple-A Baseball (89-55) along the way.

He followed up the magical 2005 campaign by leading the Mud Hens to a second consecutive Governors' Cup in 2006, just the third IL championship in Toledo history. Health matters forced Parrish to sit out the 2007 season, but he was back for a third stint as the team's manager in 2008.

Parrish left the Mud Hens following the 2010 season to serve as hitting coach for the Atlanta Braves. Parrish rejoined the Detroit organization for the 2013 season as manager of the Class-A West Michigan Whitecaps.

Don Richmond



- THIRD BASEMAN -
Toronto 1946
Baltimore 1949
Rochester 1949-54
Syracuse 1954-55
Miami 1956

- * 1950 & 1951 IL Batting Champion
- * 1950 & 1952 IL All-Star
- * Rochester Hall of Fame (1990)

Don Richmond was born in 1919 in northern Pennsylvania, just south of Elmira, New York. The sweet-swinging left-handed third baseman began his professional baseball career in 1940 close to home, playing in Batavia, New York and then Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

When the United States entered World War II, Richmond put baseball on hold for four years. He returned to the game in 1946, hitting .292 for Toronto during his first season in the International League. Richmond played in the Southern League in 1947 followed by a season with Toledo of the American Association. His return to the IL in 1949 saw him land in Rochester, where he would become one of the League's most feared hitters over the next five years.

Richmond won the IL batting crown in 1950, posting a .333 average and also leading the League in hits and runs scored as the Red Wings won the Pennant. He repeated as IL Batting Champion in 1951 with a remarkable .350 average.

In 1952 Richmond was once again an IL All-Star, leading the circuit with 190 hits and 40 doubles and helping Rochester secure the Governors' Cup championship. He hit .312 in 1953 to lead the Red Wings to another Pennant.

Richmond was part of yet another Governors' Cup championship in 1954, this time with the Syracuse Chiefs. His IL career concluded in 1956 with Miami. The following season Richmond returned to Batavia to serve as player-manager.

Richmond was part of the Rochester Red Wings Hall of Fame's second-ever class in 1990. He remains the franchise's only two-time batting champion. His .327 average over five seasons with Rochester is good enough for 5th on the team's career batting list. He is also 5th all-time in RBI (374), 4th in runs (480), and 3rd in hits (857).

Don Richmond played nine seasons in the International League, posting a .315 career average in just under 1,000 games. He collected over 200 doubles and scored 600 runs.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE HALL OF FAME

CLASS OF
2014

Jeff Manto



- INFIELDER /
OUTFIELDER -
Richmond 1992
Scranton/WB 1993
Norfolk 1994
Rochester 1994
Pawtucket 1996
Syracuse 1997
Buffalo 1998-2000

- * 1994 IL Most Valuable Player
- * Played for 1998 Gov. Cup Champions
- * .275, 125 HR, 426 RBI in 638 IL Games

Jeff Manto was a versatile player who starred in all three Triple-A leagues in the 1990's. Along the way he played in 298 big league games, hitting 31 home runs for the Indians, Phillies, Orioles, Red Sox, Mariners, Tigers, Yankees, and Rockies.

Manto was born in Bristol, Pennsylvania and eventually played baseball at Temple University. He was selected in the 14th round of the 1985 draft by the California Angels. He reached the Triple-A level in 1989 and got his first taste of the big leagues in 1990 with Cleveland.

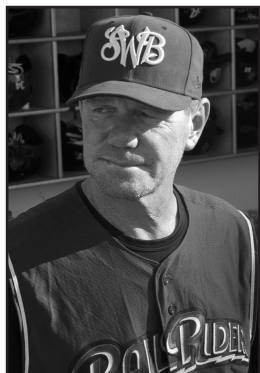
Manto totaled 30 homers in his first two IL seasons with Richmond and Scranton/Wilkes-Barre. In 1994, despite being traded midseason, he led the IL in home runs (31) and RBI (100), earning MVP honors.

His most extensive action as a major leaguer came in 1995 with the Orioles, batting .256 and clubbing 17 home runs with 38 RBI in 89 games. That season he made history by going deep in four consecutive plate appearances between June 8-10.

In June of 1997, while having a subpar season with Syracuse, Manto was dealt to Cleveland and promptly led the Buffalo Bisons to the American Association title. In 1998, when the Bisons joined the IL, Manto hit .311 with 23 HR to lead Buffalo to a Governors' Cup championship. After his career ended, Manto's #30 became just the third uniform number in Buffalo history to be retired. He is 5th on the franchise's all-time home run list, trailing four IL Hall of Famers (Carnegie, Kelly, Easter, and Tucker).

After his playing career ended, he worked as an instructor and scout, as well as manager for Class-A Lakewood. He was hitting coach for the Pittsburgh Pirates from 2006-2007, and later served in the same role for the Chicago White Sox from 2012 to 2013. Manto was named Minor League hitting coordinator for the Orioles for the 2014 season.

Dave Miley



- MANAGER -
Indianapolis 1998-99
Louisville 2000-03
Columbus 2006
Scranton/WB 2007-Present

- * Managed Two Gov. Cup Winners
- * 2007 & 2012 IL Manager of the Year
- * 3-Time IL All-Star Manager

Dave Miley was born in Tampa, Florida. He was a standout player who was selected by the Cincinnati Reds in the 2nd round of the 1980 draft out of Chamberlain High School in Tampa.

As a player, Miley spent seven seasons as a Reds Minor League catcher. The organization hired him to manage in its minor league system beginning in 1988. Miley's career in the International League began in 1998 when his Indianapolis Indians joined the IL during Triple-A realignment and expansion. In 2000, when the Reds affiliation changed, he was moved to Louisville. Over the next four years, he established then-franchise records for wins and games managed, guiding the Bats to their first Governors' Cup championship in 2001.

Miley was named manager of the Cincinnati Reds on July 28, 2003, going 125-164 over parts of three seasons as a big league skipper before being replaced in June of 2005. The following season he joined the Yankees organization to serve as its Triple-A manager, spending one year in Columbus before New York's affiliation moved to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre.

Upon joining SWB in 2007, Dave Miley delivered four straight division titles and the franchise's first Governors' Cup, his second as a skipper. He was named International League Manager of the Year in 2007 and again in 2012. Baseball America recognized Miley as the 2012 Minor League Manager of the Year, thanks in large part to guiding the Yankees to the North Division title during an entire season played away from PNC Field in Pennsylvania as the ballpark was reconstructed.

In 2013 he tied a record by managing in his third Triple-A All-Star Game. Through the end of the 2013 campaign, Miley owned a record of 1,081-890 (.548) as a skipper in the International League. He has piloted seven division winners; just three times in fourteen seasons has his club finished below .500.

Jim Weber



- BROADCASTER -
Toledo 1975-Present

- * Called over 5,000 Consecutive Games
- * 1990 & 2006 IL All-Star Broadcaster
- * Longest Tenured Broadcaster in IL

Jim Weber was raised in the south end of Toledo, Ohio. After attending Bowsher High School, he went to work for Jeep and devoted his spare time to playing in a band when he began dabbling in radio in 1969. His distinguished broadcasting career started by helping a friend who was announcing high school football and basketball games.

By the mid-1970's he helped arrange radio agreements for the Mud Hens and soon found himself as the team's play-by-play voice. While it was several years before every game during each season was aired, Weber never missed a scheduled broadcast.

In addition to his radio duties, Weber also now does television broadcasts for the Mud Hens and has been the team's traveling secretary since 1984. He has also covered Bowling Green State University sports.

Jim Weber called his 5,000th consecutive game for the Toledo Mud Hens in 2013 during his 39th season at the microphone, the longest tenure of any announcer in the International League. According to Mud Hens team historian John Husman, "It is very likely that Jim Weber has done more consecutive scheduled broadcasts, for the same team, than anyone else ever has, major or minor league. Comparisons are difficult, especially for the minor leagues, but it appears that Jim Weber's streak is unmatched."

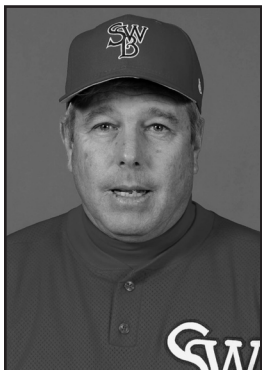
Husman's efforts to find another baseball broadcaster to call 5,000 consecutively scheduled broadcasts for one team were not successful - the closest he found being Detroit's Ernie Harwell (who missed two games between 1960 and 2002), Harry Caray (who called over 6,000 consecutive games between 1945 and 1987 but for four different teams) and Toronto's Tom Cheek (4,306 consecutive games from 1977 to 2004).

As eighteen managers and over 1,000 players have come and gone for the Mud Hens since 1975, Jim Weber has been a constant for Toledo baseball fans in good seasons and bad. He ranks the 2005 and 2006 seasons, back-to-back Governors' Cup championships for the Mud Hens, as the highlight of his career.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE HALL OF FAME

CLASS OF
2015

Marc Bombard



- MANAGER -
Scranton/WB 1997-2004
Charlotte 2007-08

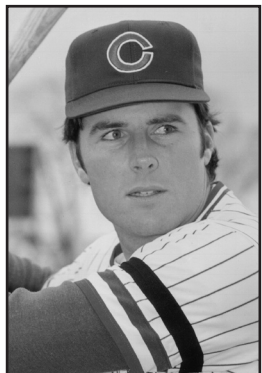
- * 2002 IL Manager of the Year
- * IL All-Star Team Manager 2000 & 2003
- * 700 Wins, 4 Playoff Appearances

Marc Bombard began his career in professional baseball as a pitcher in the Cincinnati farm system, where he played from 1971-76. Working as both a starter and reliever, he won 39 games in the minors and even tossed a perfect game in 1975, but he never reached the majors as a player. He moved into the coaching ranks as a minor league instructor beginning in 1977. He assumed his first managerial position in 1982 with Billings, and just one year later he claimed the Pioneer League Championship. "Bomby" also won a Midwest League title in 1988 with Cedar Rapids. He moved on to manage in the Milwaukee and Pittsburgh organizations before returning to the Reds in 1993.

Bombard's Triple-A managerial days began in the American Association, winning three division titles and three AA Manager of the Year Awards in four years as the skipper of Buffalo (1992) and Indianapolis (1993-95). His 1994 Indians club won the AA Championship. In 1997 Bombard joined the Philadelphia organization and began an eight-year run as the manager of the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Red Barons. Prior to his arrival in 1997, the franchise had made just one playoff appearance. During his tenure, the Red Barons reached the post-season four times and advanced to the Governors' Cup Finals in both 2000 and 2001. His 2002 club set an all-time franchise mark of 91 wins, helping him earn honors as the IL Manager of the Year and the USA Today Sports Weekly Minor League Manager of the Year. The 91 wins were the second most in the IL since 1963, and since Bombard's departure no other IL manager has guided a team to 90 wins in a single season.

After departing in 2005 to become first base coach for the Phillies, he owned the franchise's all-time record for managerial victories (574) until surpassed by IL Hall of Famer Dave Miley in 2014. Bombard later returned to the IL as manager of the Charlotte Knights for two seasons, before moving on to Round Rock of the Pacific Coast League in 2009-10.

Marshall Brant



- FIRST BASEMAN -
Tidewater 1978-79
Columbus 1980-83

- * 1980 IL Most Valuable Player
- * 1980 & 1982 IL Postseason All-Star
- * Played for 1980 & 1982 Gov. Cup Champs

California-native Marshall Brant starred collegiately for Sonoma State University before being selected by the Mets in the 4th round of the 1975 draft. The slugger powered his way through the Mets farm system in the late 1970's, enjoying two solid seasons in Tidewater upon reaching the Triple-A level.

In 1980 his contract was purchased by the Yankees. Brant joined the Columbus Clippers, and that season he hit .289 and led the League with 23 home runs, 92 RBI, and a .993 fielding percentage on his way to the Most Valuable Player Award. The following season he finished 2nd in the IL in both homers and RBI (to teammate and fellow IL Hall of Famer Steve Balboni) and once again led the Clippers to the Governors' Cup championship. In 1982 he earned honors as an IL Postseason All-Star for the second time, thanks in part to a career-best 31 long balls and 96 RBI in what proved to be his final full season in the circuit.

With other first base prospects like Don Mattingly and Steve Balboni keeping Brant from an opportunity with the Yankees, he was dealt to Oakland in 1983. He appeared in five games for the A's, recording his first MLB hits and RBI, but was released in the off-season. He prolonged his career by signing with the Nippan Ham Fighters in Japan, which was owned by the Nippan Meat Company. He played for the Fighters for two seasons before retiring from professional baseball.

Brant is the only player in Clippers history to have his uniform number retired. He remains the franchise's all-time leader in RBI (302), and is also among the leaders in home runs (86), total bases (733), runs (256), walks (196), and hits (395). He is a member of the Columbus Baseball Hall of Fame, the Sonoma State University Athletics Hall of Fame, the Santa Rosa Junior College Athletics Hall of Fame, and the Rancho Cotate High School Athletics Hall of Fame.

Don Labbruzzo



General Manager, Buffalo
1958-60, 1970

General Manager, Syracuse
1961-69

General Manager, Rochester
1977-78

- * 1959 MacPhail Promotional Trophy
- * 1972 Triple-A Executive of the Year
- * Buffalo Baseball Hall of Famer

Don Labbruzzo was a graduate of the Ohio State University and a World War II veteran who then entered a career in professional baseball that lasted for 32 years. He was the Public Relations Director for the Syracuse Chiefs in 1954 before returning to Ohio to become the Assistant General Manager of the Columbus Jets for a three-year stint beginning in 1955.

Then in 1958 Labbruzzo was hired as General Manager in Buffalo. Labbruzzo enjoyed three successful years with the Bisons, highlighted by the team being honored as the 1959 Larry MacPhail Promotional Trophy winners for excellence in the area of promotions. After guiding the Bisons to an attendance of over 1 million in three seasons (something never before done by a Triple-A club), he was let go by team President John Stiglmeier, with whom he had constantly been at odds. He then returned to Syracuse as general manager, asked by the League to help revive the franchise that had failed several times. Labbruzzo remained in Syracuse through 1969.

In 1970 Labbruzzo returned to Buffalo to try and save a failing franchise. That year Minor League President Phil Piton called him "The best front office and promotion man in the minors over the past ten years", but even Labbruzzo couldn't save baseball in Buffalo. After taxpayers voted down a new ballpark, the League forfeited the franchise and it was moved to Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. Labbruzzo, who had used his own money and borrowed on his life insurance to pay the bills, took heavy personal losses.

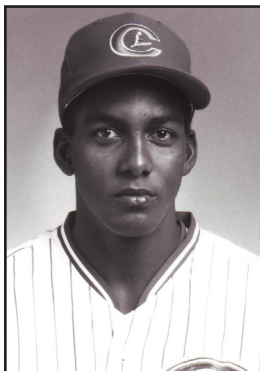
He would later serve as Executive Vice President of the Louisville Redbirds of the American Association, where he helped the team set attendance records in 1982 and 1983.

Labbruzzo returned to his hometown upon retiring, where he performed volunteer work for the Youngstown State University Athletic Department. He passed away in 1999 at the age of 81.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE HALL OF FAME

CLASS OF
2016

Hensley Meulens



- INFIELD/OUTFIELD -
Columbus 1988-90,
1992-93
Ottawa 1997

- COACH -
Indianapolis 2005-08

- * 1990 IL Most Valuable Player
- * Played for 1992 Gov. Cup Champions
- * Led IL in HR, RBI, and R in 1992

A native of Curaçao, Hensley "Bam Bam" Meulens played from 1989 to 2000 in Major League Baseball, Nippon Professional Baseball, and the Korea Baseball Organization. He was the first Curaçaoan to play in Major League Baseball. He speaks five languages: English, Spanish, Dutch, Papiamentu and Japanese. Hitting home runs left-handed while playing softball as a teenager earned Meulens the nickname "Bam Bam" when his friends compared his power to the Flintstones cartoon character.

Meulens was signed by the Yankees as an undrafted free agent in 1985. He first reached the International League in 1988 and eventually spent parts of five seasons playing for the Columbus Clippers. Those years were highlighted by two All-Star campaigns, beginning with 1990 in which he won the League MVP Award while hitting .285 with 26 homers and 96 RBI as an outfielder. Two years later as a third baseman, he led the circuit in home runs (26), RBI (100), and runs scored (96) to spark Columbus to the Governors' Cup. On June 25, 1992 he became the first Clipper in five years to go deep three times in a single game.

In November 1993, the Yankees sold Meulens' contract to the Chiba Lotte Marines of Nippon Professional Baseball, where he spent the 1994 season, hitting 23 home runs. The following season, Meulens helped lead the Yakult Swallows to the 1995 Japan Series Championship. He returned to North America and the IL in 1997, and after an unsuccessful tryout with the Braves, he reached the Majors again briefly playing with the Expos and Diamondbacks. After stops in the independent Atlantic League, the Korea Baseball Organization and the Mexican League, he retired in 2002, after a mid-season injury.

Meulens represented the Netherlands at the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia. He returned to the team as a coach for the 2004 Summer Olympics and the 2009 World Baseball Classic. Meulens was named to serve as manager for the team during the 2013 World Baseball Classic. He spent four seasons as hitting coach in Indianapolis before joining the Giants organization, where he would go on to be hitting coach for the 2010, 2012, and 2014 World Series champions.

Charlie Montoyo



- INFIELDER -
Ottawa 1993, 1996
Scranton/WB 1994-95

- MANAGER -
Durham 2007-14

- * 2010 & 2013 IL Manager of the Year
- * Managed 2009 & 2013 Gov. Cup Champs
- * Durham Franchise Record 633 Wins

Charlie Montoyo was born in Puerto Rico, and played baseball collegiately at Louisiana Tech University before being selected by the Milwaukee Brewers in the sixth round of the 1987 amateur draft. The 5'10", 170-pound infielder enjoyed a ten-year playing career within the Brewers, Expos, and Phillies organizations. Montoyo reached the big leagues in 1993 for a stretch of 27 days, appearing in just four games for Montreal as a second baseman and pinch hitter. He singled in his first big-league at bat off Gary Wayne of the Colorado Rockies. All told, he had two hits in five MLB at bats, with three runs batted in.

Montoyo played in 1,028 minor league games, including 327 in the International League with Ottawa and Scranton/Wilkes-Barre. He was a .274 hitter in the IL with 129 career RBI. Following the 1996 season, Montoyo retired and began his managerial career with the Rookie-level Princeton Devil Rays. A year later he advanced to Short-Season Hudson Valley, going 50-26 and winning a division title. Future stops in the Tampa Bay system included Class-A Charleston and Bakersfield as well as Double-A Orlando and Montgomery, winning the Southern League Championship in 2006.

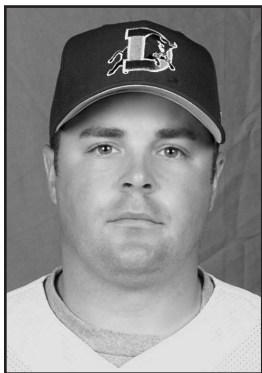
The 2007 season began Montoyo's illustrious career with the Bulls, leading the team to seven division flags in eight years at the helm. His 2009 club captured both the Governors' Cup and Triple-A National Championship, earning Montoyo honors as the Baseball American Manager of the Year. He was named IL Manager of the Year in 2010 and again in 2013 when his Bulls claimed another Governors' Cup. In 2014, Montoyo surpassed IL Hall of Famer Bill Evers to become Durham's all-time winningest skipper.

Montoyo returned to the Major Leagues in 2015 as third base coach of the Rays. He departed Durham with a remarkable record of 633-515 (.551).

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE HALL OF FAME

CLASS OF
2017

Lee Gardner



- PITCHER -
Durham 2000-03, 2005
Toledo 2006

- * 3-Time IL All-Star & Gov. Cup Champ
- * DUR & TOL Single-Season Saves Record
- * IL-Best 107 Saves Decade of 2000-09

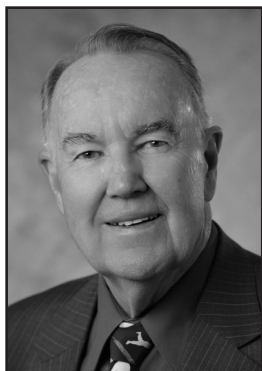
Lee Gardner was 6'0" right-handed pitcher from Hartland, Michigan. He graduated from Central Michigan University in 1998 and soon thereafter signed with the expansion Tampa Bay Devil Rays as an amateur free agent.

Gardner first arrived in the International League in 2000, saving five games in his first taste of Triple-A. As a middle reliever the following season, he posted an impressive 2.72 ERA in 76 game for the Bulls. He'd spend the majority of the next two years as Durham's closer, earning consecutive All-Star nods while helping the Bulls capture back-to-back Governors' Cup championships. Gardner's 30 saves in 2003 remain the franchise record. After a season with the Fresno Grizzlies in the Pacific Coast League in 2004, he returned to the Rays via free agency and saved 15 more games for the Bulls in 2005.

Detroit signed Gardner to a free agent deal in 2006, and he proceeded to save a Toledo Mud Hens team-record 30 games during another All-Star campaign. He was also part of a Governors' Cup champion club for the third time.

Gardner was arguably the International League's most dominant reliever during the first decade of the 21st century. Over the course of the decade, Gardner led the League with 107 saves (28 more than his closest competitor), also posting the IL's 5th-best ERA (3.03). During his career, Gardner appeared in 86 Major League games with Tampa Bay and Florida. His best MLB season came in 2007 with the Marlins, during which he appeared in 62 games and had team best numbers in both ERA (1.94) and WHIP (1.21). In 2016, SB Nation ranked Gardner No. 87 on its listing of Top 100 players in Marlins history.

Max Schumacher



Indianapolis Indians
General Manager
1961-1997
President
1969-2016
Chairman
1986-88, 1998-2016

- * 1988 President's Award
- * 1996 & 2014 Bob Freitas Awards
- * 1997 "King of Baseball"

Indianapolis native Max Schumacher played baseball at Butler University. After graduating in 1954 and serving a two-year stint in the U.S. Army, Schumacher was hired by the Indians as a ticket manager in 1957. He assumed the added duties of publicity director two years later, and then in 1961 he was promoted to the post of General Manager. Under Schumacher's more than half-century of leadership, the Indians have enjoyed recognition for their ongoing commitment to excellence. The Indians have been honored twice as the Triple-A Bob Freitas Award winners, and were named Baseball America's Triple-A team of the decade for the 1990's as well as the 2005 At the Yard Magazine Minor League Team of the Year.

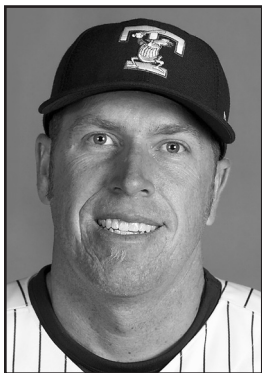
Following the retirement of Owen J. Bush in 1969, Schumacher added the title of President. His Indians were a staple of the American Association throughout the next three decades. In 1996, after guiding the team through a move to Victory Field, Schumacher was recognized by the American Association as its Executive of the Year. Just one year later he earned the prestigious honor of being named "King of Baseball" for his long-term dedication and service to the game. The Indians new facility was recognized by Sports Illustrated, Baseball America, and MinorLeagueNews.com as the "Best Minor League Park in America".

Since the team's return to the International League in 1998, Schumacher has served as President and Chairman of the Board. Since 2001 he has been the International League's Corporate Secretary. Schumacher is a longtime leader in the Indianapolis community, having served as President of the Downtown Kiwanis Club, the American Business Club, and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Indianapolis. Max and his wife Judy, who he met while working in the Indians ticket office, have four children. Two of them, Bruce and Mark, are members of the team's front office. In 2005, Max was inducted into the Butler University Athletic Hall of Fame.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE HALL OF FAME

CLASS OF
2018

Mike Hessman



- INFIELDER/
OUTFIELDER -

Richmond 2002-04
Toledo 2005-09, 2014-15
Buffalo 2010
Louisville 2013

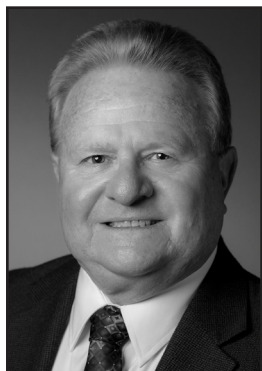
- * IL All-Time Home Run King (288 HR)
- * 2007 IL Most Valuable Player
- * Two-Time Governors' Cup Champion

California-native Mike Hessman was selected out of high school by the Braves in the 15th round of the 1996 MLB draft. He made it to the International League in 2002 for the first of twelve seasons in the circuit he would eventual conquer as the all-time home run king. He crushed 61 bombs for Richmond over three years before signing with Detroit in 2005. On his way to becoming one of the most beloved players in Toledo Mud Hens history, Hessman helped the organization end a 38-year championship drought with back-to-back titles in 2005 and 2006. The following season he led the circuit in homers and RBI and was named International League Most Valuable Player, in addition to establishing a new Mud Hens franchise home run record.

Hessman hit 34 home runs in 2008 despite missing a month of the season playing for the United States national baseball team at the Summer Olympics. He made headlines late in 2009 by appearing playing all nine positions in a single game for the Mud Hens. That offseason he signed with the Mets, but Hessman made an unforgettable return to Toledo in 2014 when he broke Ollie Carnegie's all-time IL home run mark by crushing his 259th round tripper. A year later, he launched a grand slam for his 433rd career blast to become officially recognized as the all-time home run leader in the history of Minor League Baseball.

For the decade of 2000-09, Hessman was the League's leader in games played, home runs, RBI, and runs scored. Recognized as a top-level defensive player at third base, Hessman recorded a career fielding percentage of .9697, higher than all but six MLB third baseman in the history of the game. Known as a model teammate, he remained in the Detroit organization as a coach following his retirement in 2016. Hessman appeared in just over 100 games in the majors in his career with the Braves, Tigers, and Mets, though he is one of just four players in the history of Minor League Baseball with over 400 home runs.

Ken Schnacke



Columbus Clippers

General Manager
1989-Present

President
2001-Present

- * 1991 & 2011 IL Executive of the Year
- * 1989 & 2008 Bob Freitas Awards
- * 1995 Johnson President's Award

Ken Schnacke joined the Clippers organization in 1977 after graduating from Ohio Northern University and working in the Texas League. After two years as an administrative assistant, he became Director of Operations in 1979. Five years later he was promoted to the role of Assistant G.M., and in October of 1989 he was named General Manager. He would add the title of President in 2001.

Schnacke's Clippers are a model franchise in Minor League Baseball. They've been honored twice in his tenure as winners of the Triple-A Bob Freitas Award, and in 1995 Columbus was the recipient of the prestigious John H. Johnson President's Award which is presented to the club best exemplifying the standards of a complete baseball franchise. Ken is a leader in the industry, serving as chairman of the Minor League Baseball Licensing Committee and the National Association Board of Trustees.

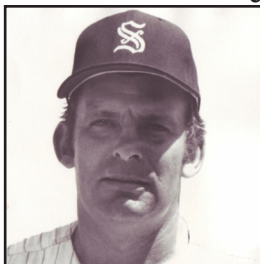
Columbus has led the IL in total attendance six times during Schnacke's run as general manager, and he's been with the organization through all ten of its Governors' Cups. He's been honored twice as the League Executive of the Year. An accomplished civic leader, Schnacke is on the boards of the Buckeye Ranch, Champions for Children at Nationwide Children's Hospital, the Columbus Sports Commission, and Experience Columbus. He oversaw the team's relocation from Cooper Stadium to Huntington Park in 2009, a facility that has won high-praise in the years since it opened including being named "Ballpark of the Year" by Ballparks.com.



INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE HALL OF FAME

CLASS OF
2019

Bobby Cox



- THIRD BASEMAN -
Richmond 1967
Syracuse 1970

- MANAGER -
Syracuse 1973-76

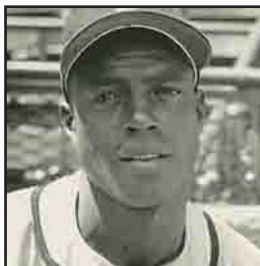
* Managed 1976 Governors' Cup Champs
* Syracuse All-Time Highest Winning Pct.

Bobby Cox won Governors' Cups as both a player and manager in the International League before beginning a Hall of Fame managerial career with the Atlanta Braves. Cox hit .297 for the 1967 Richmond Braves team that captured the pennant. After a trade to New York, he spent 1968 and 1969 with the Yankees but bad knees caused a return to the IL. In 1970 his Syracuse club won the Governors' Cup.

The following season saw the beginning of Cox's managerial career in the minors, and in 1973 he returned to Syracuse where he took the Chiefs to three finals appearances in four years. His 1976 club remains the last Syracuse team to win the Governors' Cup. Cox went on to a highly successful managerial career in the Major Leagues with Atlanta (1978-81 & 1990-2010) and Toronto (1982-85). He was named Manager of the Year four times, won the 1995 World Series, and had his uniform number six retired by the Braves.

In 2007 Cox passed Sparky Anderson to move into 4th on the all-time MLB managerial wins list. He was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame as a member of the Class of 2014.

Sam Jethroe



- OUTFIELDER -
Montreal 1948-49
Toronto 1954-58

* 2-Time IL All-Star & Gov. Cup Champion
* Led IL in Hits (2x), Runs (3x), Steals (3x)

Sam "The Jet" Jethroe was a star in the Negro Leagues before he signed with the Montreal Royals in 1948, just two seasons after Jackie Robinson broke the IL's color barrier with the same team. In 1949, Jethroe was an IL All-Star. His 207 hits and 154 runs scored that season are marks that have not been matched since in the International League, and just one player since Jethroe (Otis Nixon, 1983) has surpassed 89 stolen bases. The Royals captured the Governors' Cup that season.

Jethroe was the 1950 National League Rookie of the Year. Despite winning a pair of MLB stolen base titles, he was back in Triple-A by the 1953 season with Toledo of the American Association. He returned to the IL the following season with Toronto, still among the League's top players as the Maple Leafs won the Governors' Cup.

In seven seasons and 875 games played in the IL, Jethroe hit .293 with 615 runs scored and 205 stolen bases. After retiring, Jethroe moved to Erie, Pennsylvania where he worked in a factory for several years before opening a bar. He passed away in 2001.

Billy McMillon



- OUTFIELDER -
Charlotte 1996-97
Scranton/WB 1997-99
Toledo 2000
Columbus 2002

* 1996 IL Rookie of the Year
* 2-Time IL Batting Champ; 3-Time All-Star

Billy McMillon was drafted by the Florida Marlins in 1993 out of Clemson University where he owned the school's highest career batting average. His 12-year playing career included parts of six seasons in the major leagues as an outfielder with the Florida Marlins (1996-97), Philadelphia Phillies (1997), Detroit Tigers (2000-01), and Oakland Athletics (2001-04).

Along the way, he hit .310 in over 600 International League games with the Knights, Red Barons, Mud Hens, and Clippers. McMillon was the 1996 IL Rookie of the Year after hitting .352 for Charlotte, and the following season he became just the second player in Knights history to hit three home runs in a game. After spending parts of three seasons with SWB, McMillon went to Toledo in 2000 and captured his second League batting title. Two years later he played his final season in the IL for Columbus and earned his third All-Star nod.

Since 2008 McMillon has worked in the Red Sox farm system, where as a skipper he's captured a League championship in Class-A and Manager of the Year honors in Double-A. McMillon was named manager of the IL's Pawtucket Red Sox for the 2019 season.

Lou Schwechheimer



Pawtucket Red Sox

Executive Vice-President
&
General Manager
1986-2015

* 1987 & 1992 IL Executive of the Year
* 1992 *Sporting News* Minor League Exec. of Yr.

Lou Schwechheimer was hired by the Pawtucket Red Sox as an intern in 1978; he would eventually be part-owner of the club before departing with 37 years of service to the franchise. Schwechheimer was named International League Executive of the Year in 1987 and 1992, and the PawSox under his stewardship twice won the Bob Freitas Award, as selected by Baseball America, for excellence in Minor League Baseball operations. Pawtucket hosted the Triple-A All-Star Game in 2004. More than 17 million fans passed through the gates of McCoy Stadium during his tenure.

"Lou Schwechheimer was a pillar on which the Pawtucket Red Sox franchise was built," IL Hall of Famer Mike Tamburro said. "His hard work, vision and creativity allowed the PawSox to take their place among Minor League Baseball's premier clubs."

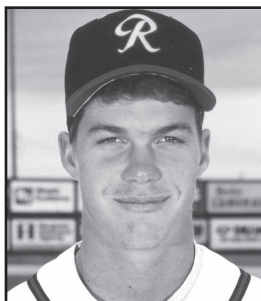
Schwechheimer was a driving force behind McCoy Stadium's renovations in the late 1990's as well as securing exhibition games at McCoy Stadium for USA Baseball's collegiate team versus Chinese Taipei in 2000 and Italy in 2005. He led the team's sales and marketing operation, coordinating corporate accounts and promotional schedules as well as organizing special events. Schwechheimer is today the principal owner of the New Orleans Baby Cakes in the Pacific Coast League and the Charlotte Stone Crabs of the Florida State League.



INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE HALL OF FAME

CLASS OF
2020

Chipper Jones



- SHORTSTOP -
Richmond 1993

- * 1993 IL Rookie of the Year
- * .325 Avg., 56 XBH, 89 RBI, 23 SB, 97 R
- * 1993 IL All-Star Shortstop
- * Led IL in hits, triples, & runs in 1993

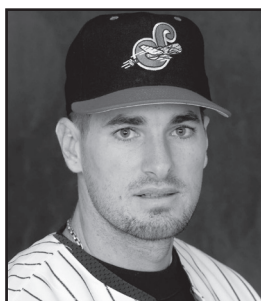
Chipper Jones was the number one pick in the 1990 MLB draft, and three years later Atlanta's prized prospect spent his only season at the Triple-A level prior to making his debut in the big leagues. At the age of 21, Jones was the International League's All-Star shortstop in 1993, leading the circuit in hits, triples, and runs scored on his way to being honored as the IL Rookie of the Year.

Jones helped lead the way to an 80-62 season for Richmond and a berth in the 1993 Governors' Cup playoffs. He hit .325 in 139 games, collecting 31 doubles, twelve triples and 13 home runs to go along with 89 RBI and 23 stolen bases.

Jones eventually slid over to third base where he'd enjoy a legendary career with the Atlanta Braves. He was an eight-time National League All-Star, a two-time Silver Slugger Award Winner, and the 1999 NL Most Valuable Player. Nine years later he also captured a MLB batting title. His career ended in 2012 with a .303 lifetime average, 468 home runs, and 1,623 RBI, the highest career RBI total for a third baseman in MLB history. He is baseball's only switch hitter with a career average over .300 and 400+ home runs.

The Braves retired his uniform number 10 and inducted him into the team's Hall of Fame in 2013. His uniform number was also retired by the Durham Bulls, for whom he played in 1992 when the franchise was in the Carolina League. In 2018 Jones was inducted at Cooperstown into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility.

Chad Mottola



- OUTFIELDER -
Indianapolis 1998
Charlotte 1999
Syracuse 2000, 2002,
2005-07
Durham 2003
Pawtucket 2003
Ottawa 2004

- * 2000 IL Most Valuable Player
- * 152 HR, 570 HR in 935 IL Games
- * Played for 1999 Governors' Cup Champs
- * 1999 & 2000 IL All-Star Outfielder

Chad Mottola was a highly-touted prospect coming out of the University of Central Florida. He was selected by Cincinnati fifth overall in the 1992 draft, one pick ahead of Derek Jeter. He first reached Triple-A in 1995 and played in 260 games with Indianapolis, mostly coming before the franchise joined the IL from the American Association in 1998.

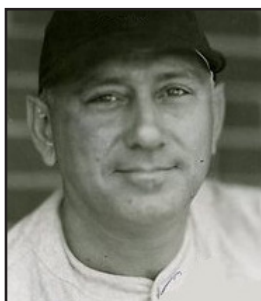
Mottola signed with the White Sox as a free agent in 1999 and had an All-Star season for the Governors' Cup champion Charlotte Knights, hitting .321 with 20 long balls, 94 RBI and 95 runs scored. The following season with Syracuse, Mottola led the League in home runs and was named Most Valuable Player.

A mainstay in the League from 2002 to 2007, Mottola produced big offensive numbers for four clubs.

Mottola played 59 games in the major leagues during his career, coming with the Reds (1996), Blue Jays (2000, 2006), Marlins (2001), and Orioles (2004). He played in 935 games in the International League and finished with just shy of 1,000 hits. His career total of 152 home runs ranks among the top fifteen in IL history.

Following his retirement, Mottola coached in the Minor Leagues before stints coaching in MLB for the Blue Jays and Rays.

Johnny Neun



- FIRST BASEMAN -
Baltimore 1929
Newark 1932-34

- MANAGER -
Newark 1938-41

- * 1933 IL All-Star First Baseman
- * Played for 3 Straight Pennant Winners
- * Managed 1938 & 1940 Gov. Cup Champs
- * .614 Managerial Winning Pct.

Johnny Neun had four impressive seasons as a first baseman in the International League, including in 1929 when he hit .330 for his hometown Baltimore Orioles. Then in 1932 he began a three-year run with the Yankee-affiliated Newark Bears, where he was an important member of the team that won three straight IL pennants. In 1932 Neun hit .341 and led the League with 212 hits and 25 stolen bases. The next season he was an IL All-Star.

Neun cemented his legacy with the Bears when he returned as the club's manager in 1938. In an amazing four-year stint, Newark reached four consecutive Governors' Cup finals, winning twice and going on to take one Junior World Series title (1940). The Bears won two pennants under Neun.

He then spent two seasons as skipper of the Yankees' other top affiliate, the Kansas City Blues of the American Association (where he won another regular-season pennant, in 1942), before joining the New York coaching staff in 1944. In September 1946, he was hired as the manager of the Yankees, replacing Bill Dickey. His stint in New York lasted only 14 games (8-6) through the third-place Yankees' final regular season game. During the offseason, he was hired by the Cincinnati Reds as the successor to Hall of Fame manager Bill McKechnie. Neun had a record of 117-137 in parts of two seasons. He was dismissed after 100 games in 1948 in favor of Bucky Walters. He continued working in the game, and into his eighties was a scout and instructor for the Milwaukee Brewers.

Neun also has ties to two other International League cities. He played for Toledo in the American Association in 1929, hitting .285 in 53 games. He was later player/manager of the Norfolk club in the Piedmont League from 1936-37.