

1986 LA SALLE CLUB BASEBALL HALL OF FAME

JACK ARMSTRONG

FOE BORICH CB

HARRY BRIGHT

WILLIAM CONLIN

CURTIS COPPIN

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JAMES HERRERA

LES LOLLIS

CHARLES CHANCE

CURT SCHMIDT CB

MANUEL 'BABE' THOMAS

WALLY WESTLAKE CB

Jack Andrews

Jack Andrews was born in Oroville on July 24, 1916. He went through the Oroville schools through high school before he went on to the University of California.

Jack was a pitcher and a good one. He attracted contracts from Fargo, N. D., Norfolk Va., Wenatchee, Oakland, Spokane and Salt Lake City during a five year period from 1935 to 1940. He came back to Oroville to join the Olives in 1941. He last played actively was in 1950.

He was a winning pitcher with the Oroville High School club in 1932. Was inducted into the Sacramento Valley Sports Hall of fame in 1978.

He served xx Oroville as a city councilman and a director for the Feather River Recreation District, 1946 to 1950.

Member of Board of Trustees, Oroville High School, 1958-62.

Joe Borich

Joe Borich was born in Sacramento, July 29, 1920.

He prepped at Christian Brothers High School where he spent his entire high school career as a star in three sports...baseball, football and basketball. He graduated from high school in 1940.

He was a well built athlete and catching for his position. Although he never played in the major leagues, he did serve in the farm clubs of Cardinals, Indians and the Chicago Cubs.

He also managed a club in Reno in 1949 and 1950.

He batted over .320 for nine years of his career. Made all-star team in every year in which he played. Led the Far West League with a .387 average with Reno.

During the winter he always played with one of the contending clubs. When he retired from baseball, he became a scout for the Philadelphia Phillies and is still doing it after 18 years.

Harry Bright

Bright was born in September 22, 1929 in Kansas City Missouri.

Graduated from Westport High School in Kansas City.

Signed as a third baseman for the New York Yankees in 1946, his first year in pro ball. Came to Sacramento to play for the Solons in 1955, 56 and 57. Went to the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1958 where he stayed until 1960. In 1961 and 1962 with Washington Senators..played with the Yankees in 1963 and 1964. Last year in the majors was in 1965 with the Chicago Cubs. Started scouting in 1977 with Montreal until 1984...

In 1985 managed for Atlanta Braves farm club in Durham, N. C.

High mark of his career was hitting .413 with Clovis, New Mexico.

Best year in the majors was 1962 when he hit .276 with Washington Senators. Had 17 home runs and 76 rbi's.

Played in 1963 and 1964 World Series...An all, Bright eight years in the major leagues...

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1st year Pro Ball.

Played 12 yrs in the minor leagues.

Came to Sacramento Solons in 1955

Played in Sox 1955-1956-1957.

Went to Pittsburgh Pirates in 1958

Spent 1958-1959 and part of 1960
with Pirates.

Played 1961-1962 with Washington Senators

Played 1963-1964 with New York Yankees

Lost year in the Big League. Was
1965 with the Chicago Cubs.

Player coach with Tacoma 1966

and started to manage in 1967

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William R. Conlin

1983

The prodigal son has returned. After being away from Marysville for 50 years, Bill Conlin has come back to ^{Marysville. This time to} be inducted into the Northern California Old Timers Hall of Fame.

His early genius in the Marysville-Smartsville area indicated to his parents that he must have the best teaching available. ^{So on} to the Stanford campus Billy went. ^{Back in 1931} Conlin's education was completed in 1934.

Conlin was then ready for the outside world and a newspaper career was uppermost in his mind. But there was no market for his talents. The country was still in the depths of the depression and there was no jobs to be had.

However, Bill, a typical Irish lad, spent much time in Sacramento doing free lance writing. He, apparently, caught the eye of the Sacramento Union who hired him in 1937. It was his kind of paper at that time and they gave him the latitude he needed and used so well.

In 1940 he took of himself a bride. He wooed and won Olivia off the MGM lot in Hollywood.

Bill answered Uncle Sam's call in 1943, joining the Navy and was assigned to one of the most western points of Alaska. Bill made it as a lieutenant doing an excellent job.

When Bill returned from the Wars, Dick Edmonds was sports Editor of the Union. Dick later died after a short illness, and Polo Borum, one of the owners of the Union, insisted that Bill's future lay in sports and promptly named him sports editor. It, apparently, was an excellent move, as Conlin became one of Sacramento's favorite writers.

In addition to writing a daily column, Bill championed the cause of the old time ball players and it was at his urging that the diamond warriors of old be honored each year. ^{As a result} La Salle is in its 33rd year and the local unit has been doing it for ^{47 years} 47 years. Additionally, Conlin gave the untried bush much recognition by running box scores of the top leagues in Sacramento. To

be competitive, the Sacramento Bee, ^{has to} followed suit and they, too, began to have box scores.

Each succeeding year Conlin became more and more popular that a group in Sacramento banded together to pay tribute to ~~Conlin~~ ^{HIM} in a mammoth testimonial dinner. Over 1200 ~~crowded~~ ^{crowded} the ball room of the Woodlake Inn to pay him tribute back in 1965. Additionally, a spanking new Plymouth automobile was awaiting him following the dinner. A GIFT FROM FRIENDS -

For three years, 1959 to 1962, Bill served the Union as the editor. The sports department suffered with his departure. The Union Hierarchy, wisely ^{ONCE AGAIN} brought him back to entertain the sports minded fans. Needless to say the readers were overjoyed.

Just when Conlin was ready for retirement, C. K. McClatchy realized a long ambition ^{and HE} ~~when~~ grabbed off Conlin to join the Sacramento Bee. This new position Bill thoroughly enjoys. He picks the time and the hours he wishes to work. He has been at it for almost five years and still going strong. The local group is also happy in bringing back Bill, at least for a night, to bread bread with the youngsters of yesteryear and to receive the trophy which is symbolic of the Northern California ^{SPORTS ASSN} Old Timers Hall of Fame.

Curt Coppin

Coppin was born in Sacramento, April 17, 1912...He attended Stanford High and Sacramento High.

While in high school Coppin played ^{baseball, as a first baseman} in the Sacramento Winter, Rural and County Leagues from 1926 to 1931...Soft ball became in vogue in the early 30's and he participated in that sport when a softball diamond was built at Alhambra and L Street...Coppin took up bowling in 1934 and he ~~was~~ continued until 1950. During the interim he became an adept golfer and still continues to play daily at the Auburn Valley C. C.

Coppin played in the Placer-Nevada League from 1940 to 1945.

His greatest accomplishment in all of his sporting events was in bowling.

He bowled a 300 game in San Francisco, February 22, 1953.

Coppin, like, Dufour, lives in nearby Auburn.

GLENN ~~DUFOUR~~ DUFOUR, JR., Nickname "Duff" *AUBOARD*

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In semipro ball played with Carmichael Fireman from 1946 to 1950...with Colusa Prune Pickers where he was the third baseman and manager from 1951 to 1957...

All league 3rd basemen, University of California 1946...All American, non-professional National Baseball Congress, 1946, while with Carmichael. Captain University of California baseball team in both 1946 and 1947... Was awarded scholarship to University of Nevada 1941, was prevented fulfillment due to the war...Member of Sacramento Hall of Fame...

Public school teacher, coach, administrator, 1947-1980...Member of U. C. Big "C" Society Alumni Board of Directors...Member of the University of California Alumni Council, 1968-1980...

Jim Herrera

Herrera was born in El Paso, Texas on October 21, 1914.

His early years were spent in Sacramento where he attended the grammar and high school. He never did play baseball in high school.

He later began playing his favorite position, second base, in the Sacramento Winter League. When he was 24 years of age he was signed by Bill Avila to play for Al's Haberdashery. That club won Al's first championship.

Another ~~mark~~ significant part of Herrera's career was his affiliation with the Oakland club of the PCL in 1943 and 1945, ~~when he 30 years of~~
HE WAS THE FIRST MEXICAN-AMERICAN TO PLAY IN THE PCL
SICR DE COAZ & CONTADA
Dolph Camilli was the manager. Two years later Herrera joined Buddy Ryan's Spokane club in the Western International League.

While still agile Herrera took up soft ball fast pitch and played with Hal Harney's clubs. He was voted into the fast pitch Hall of Fame.

He also was a member of the Mexican-American League Hall of Fame.

His ~~present~~ pastime is teaching basic fundamental ^{from} Little League ~~yo~~ to players at the university level.

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Les Lollis

Les Lollis born in Atoka, Oklahoma, January 25, 1920.

His prep schooling took place at Stillwater High School and later at Langston University ^{IN OKLA 12-19} where he played baseball, basketball and football for two years. While in his teens he played for the Guthrie Black Spiders from 1937 to 1940. He came out to Sacramento to look for work and found steady employment at McClellan Field where he worked for 37 years.

He melded into the local bush leagues as a pitcher for Klumpps in the Sacramento Winter League for three years. Bill Rice signed him to pitch for his Carmichael Firemen who made two trips ^{1946 + 1947} to the Semi-pro tournament in Wichita. Lollis was named the MVP for Carmichael in 1946. He came back to play one year with Carmichael in the Sacramento County League and finished his career with Argonauts in the ^{5 Act} Winter League.

Lollis could have continued to be an active player, but he took up officiating in baseball, basketball and football as the pay was a little better. He received a plaque for umpiring in the ¹⁹⁶⁴ Babe Ruth World Series. He also holds a Gold Pass for his services as a basketball ~~and~~ referee and ^{Baseball} umpire from 1947 through 1975.

Congratulation, Les Lollis

Schmidt

Curt Schmidt was born in Sacramento on new years day 1918.

He attended the following schools before he went out into the pro ranks.

Edward Kelly, Christian Brothers, Sacramento High, Sacramento Jr. College

Santa Clara University, and Sacramento State University. He then taught

school at McClatchy and Sacramento High.

and a pitcher of sorts

He was a third baseman/during most of his career. His penchant for hitting the long ball kept a great number of clubs interested in him.

~~xxxx~~ During his active career he played with San Francisco Seals, Port-

land, Sacramento Solons and with Willows, Boise and Salem in 1946 and

1947.

One of his outstanding achievements was in hitting a home run against the

Solons in Sacramento with his mother, father and grandmother were in the

stands.

He was an all-star pitcher for Willows in 1948.

He attended Santa Clara on a scholarship from the new York Yankees.

Manuel "Babe" Thomas

Thomas was born in Sacramento, September 22, 1919.

His entire life has been wrapped up in baseball. After graduating from High School, Thomas played with Clarksburgh in the Sacramento County League as a catcher. He later played with La Tepi uena and Acme Top Shop. Thomas starting coaching in 1956 and has continued ever since. However, The teams involved were with the following legion teams: Southside, Mshhart, Rancho Cordova and Post 61, He finally aligned himself with the Culjis Chapel for the last 15 years and has been involved in seven championships.

Presently, he is a member of the Golden Seniors as a softball player, and was picked on the all-star team batting over .600.

Totally Thomas was Legion coach 11 years; ~~xxxxxxx~~ 27 years in the Winter League, County, Night and Rural, a total of 38 years.

Thomas was president of the La Salle Club in 1966 and 1967.

Since
had this made out maybe
it will help.
"Gate"

PLAYER:

- 1946 - VAN TASSELL
- 1947-48 - IXL MENS SOFTBALL
- 1948-49 - CHARLESBERG - COUNTY LEAGUE - LA TEPEQUENA - National
Div. WINTER LG.
- 1950-51-52 - AONE TOP SHOP - Coast Div
- 1952-56 - PETES OASIS Old timers - Hob Nail - Joe Matys
El Circo Old timers.
- 1956 - Started Coaching.
- 1980 - present - Golden Seniors Softball.
- 1985 - Picked on ALL STAR TEAM batting over 600. - GOYKOR & Co

COACHING: LEGION YEARS:

Southside - 1950-51

Manhant - 1960's

Rancho Cordova - 1977-78

Post 61 - 1979-84

COUNTY LEAGUE - RURAL LG, WINTER LG, NITE LG. 1956
to present:

TEAMS COACHED - BUNQUASTER - Winter & Rural LG.

Rio Vista - County LG.

Julius, Matt's, Gold Nugget, La Fiesta

Celvis - Winter LG & Nite LG. 13 yrs. winner

of 7 out of 8 Championships.

Softball - 12 yrs. ^{NATIONAL TOURNAMENT} FINE CLUB, MANHANT ALL STARS - Capital Menches
JF KENNEDY HI School girls 3 yrs to present.

Wally Westlake----

Wally was born in Gridley, November 8, 1920.

He went to Ethle Phillips Elementary School and his last two prep years were at Christian Brother High School, graduating in 1939.

Bill Avila discovered Wally and recommended him to several minor league clubs...He not only was a qualified minor league but he also was a skill batsman in the major leagues where he spent 10 years. He also performed in one World Series. He started with the Pittsburgh Pirates then with the St. Louis Cardinals and finally with the Cleveland Indians where he played with the Indians when they ^{WERE BY} swept the NY Giants in the 1954 World Series.

During his career he hit seven major league grand slams; got six straight hits, three of them being home runs; drove in seven runs in one game with a three run double and a grand clam.

Wally has already been elected to the Sacramento Athletic Hall of Fame

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