



LA SALLE CLUB
1989 BASEBALL HALL OF FAME

THE
38TH ANNUAL BASEBALL HALL OF FAME
BANQUET

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1989
SOCIAL HOUR - 6:00 P.M.

\$8.00 PER PERSON
CHRISTIAN BROTHERS HIGH SCHOOL
CAFETERIA

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LA SALLE CLUB MEMBERS, OLD TIMERS
AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

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CHRISTIAN BROTHERS HIGH SCHOOL
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SACRAMENTO, CA 95820

ELECTED TO THE 1989 HALL OF FAME

TOMMY GLAVIANO
WILLIAM RICO
HANK PASCHANE
CHICK VERDINA
JULIAN ELORDUY
AL LEE
ALLEN SIMAS, SR.
TOMMY TORCHIA
CHICK WARDLAW
SAM STASSI, JR.
NIPPY JONES

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RON LIMEBERGER
LOU BORDISSO
ELMER ENOS
HARRY KNIGHT
BILL MOREBECK
VINCENT STANICH
BILL SVILICH
BILL RICO
GLENN SMITH

LSC BASEBALL HALL OF FAME ROSTER

1953
*JOHN "BUDDY" RYAN

1955
THE KNEZOVICH BROTHERS-
AL, MEL, *PAUL, *RAY

1957
AL HEIST

1958
*BRICK ELDRED, LIVING
MEMBERS OF THE
ROONEY O'NEIL FAMILY

1959
*EARL MCNEELY

1960
*JOE MARTY

1961
*ELWOOD "KETTLE" WIRTS

1962
*JOE WILLIAMS, *CLIFF DARRINGER,
*FRED PEARL *MEL FRENCH

1963
*HORACE SMITH, *HARRY LILLY,
*RALPH STROUD, THE 1934-35
JULIUS STYLE SHOP BASEBALL CLUB,
*JULIUS ANAPOLSKY

1964
*WALTER MAILS, *HENRY CLARK,
*DAN DONOVAN, *FRED MURPHY

1965
*BIG BILL JAMES, *JIMMY LANE,
*MANUEL PETRALI, *CAPTAIN
BILL RYAN

1966
*PARKER SHEEHAN, EDDIE MANGER,
*DEWEY ELLIOT, *VERN HODGE,
*BOB SCHANG

1967
*JACK DOOLEY, *FRANK OSBORN,
*FRANK BACON, *ARTHUR LUDDY,
*TOMMY DUNK

1968
*FRANK ROONEY, *FRANCIS HALL,
*EDWIN GROVE, *LLOYD SNOOK,
*FRED BOTTARO

1969
RAY ROHWER, *PETE HEPTING,
*JIM GORMAN, *STEVE MARIETTA,
*BILL SHICK

1970
*TED ZACKNEY, TONY FREITAS,
*ALBERT WESTLAKE, *ALBERT
FELIX, *MARVIN NEVIS

1971
*FRANK RATONI, *DICK DETERDING,
GEROGE LIAL, *EGGERT ROHWER,
*HARRY HOOPER

1972
*CLYDE "TUB" PERRY, LENNY BACKER,
*JOE ROONEY, *JOHN B. COSTA, *G.W.
"MICK" HALL, JR., *FRANK JUDY

1974
*ALLAN BRYNE, *CLARENCE MURPHY,
JOHN "CHICK" CASALI, *JOE LIMA,
*ELMER CONGDON, HANK NESS,
*JACK HOAGLAND, ROSCOE KIMBLE

1975
*TONY ZUPO, *DICK LAMB, *JAMES A.
"LEFTY" COOKE, LARRY WILLIAMS,
*WALLACE CANFIELD, *FRED
BELLUOMINI, MIKE VISINTAINER,
*RALPH DOWNS

1976
FRANK ARMSTRONG, MIKE SEPAROVICH,
*ELWOOD J. KEEMA, *GEORGE "BUTTER"
COLE, PHIL MCGEE, *LARRY GILLICK,
*STEVE GEORGE, ELMER ENOS

1977
ALEX KAMPOURIS, *EARL EBERLEIN,
*PETER MITCHELL, *DAVE RODRICK

1978

*EARL WAGNER, LLOYD WAGNER,
*JACK STASSI, HERB FORSCH,
MANUEL SALVO, CLEMENT "BOO"
COYLE, GUS KORSTEIN, WILLIAM
PECCOLE, HAROLD "SAM" SPERBECK

1979

LOU BORDISSO, NED CARBONE, JOE
DUARTE, *N.G. CULJIS, LLOYD
TOOMEY, PERCY GASSOWAY,
*KARL REIMER, MIKE BAKARICH

1980

LOU HEINZER, VICTOR PITTS,
GEORGE TERRA, ROBERT DUGGAN,
LOU VEZILICH, ELTON ROGERS,
BILL SVILICH, TONY DUTRA

1981

VINCENT F. STANICH, CLARENCE
AZEVEDO, JOHN PINTAR,
*KEN BROCK, MARK SEPAROVICH
MANUEL JOSEPH, GLENN SMITH,
BILL KENEALY, VITO VIRGA

1982

JOE FRATES, JIMMY FLYNN,
FIR GALLI, ED HUGHES,
TOM PARODI, ERNIE CERVANTES,
SYL DEGREGORIO, TONY SEPAROVICH,
*PETE TOMASINI, JOHNNY VERGEZ

1983

*JOE ORENGO, JIM CLUFF,
*HOWARD JAN, ERNIE PERRY,
BOBBY SCHANG, BOB PECCOLE,
JOE ANDERSON, DOOLEY BERTOLANI,
ORVAL TREGELLAS, HORACE DUNNING

1984

ART QUADROS, RAY SILVA,
SOTO TRILLO, *FRANK NELSON,
ELMER NEWMAN, PONCE ALVARADO,
WILBERT AZEVEDO, BILL
GIANATASIO, *SCOTTY MACKAY,
WOODROW SCOTT, YURI G

1985

CHARLES LUCHINI, FRED
SCHROEDER, STEVE ZUPAN,
*ITALO VESCI, CONNIE WEISKER,
FRED KIENLE, JACK DARK,
JOE FARACI, CARL YOUNGLOVE,
HANK LEMA, BABE BERTOLANI,
*ED KEENAN, PETE PITALO,
BILL HALLAUER, EDDIE
FITZGERALD, PAUL BOWA,
IZZY SMITH, JIM "TINY"
HANSEN, EDDIE KATSULIS

1986

JOE BORICH, WILLIAM CONLIN,
CURTIS COPPIN, GLEN DUFOUR,
JAMES HERRERA, LES LOLLIS,
CHARLES SCHANZ, CURT SCHMIDT,
MANUEL "BABE" THOMAS,
WALLY WESTLAKE, JACK
ANDREWS, HARRY BRIGHT

1987

GENE BROCKER, *NORMAN COAD,
*VIRGIL FARNSWORTH, WAYNE
HANSCOM, LARRY MANUIAN,
JOE MASI, "BUDDY" PETERSON,
JOHN RAKELA, BILL TAYLOR,
GEORGE VALINE, JOHN VUKOVICH,
BILL WRIGHT, MILTON P. THOMAS

1988

ERNIE BERTOLOTTI, DAN
BIANCHINI, BERT BONOMI,
STEVE CUCKOVICH, HENRY
HANNA, CARL LAUCHERT, WALLY
TURPEN, JOE VALINE,
EMERSON WALLACE, ORVAL
GROVE, MARTIN SLAVICH

*DENOTES DECEASED MEMBERS

1989 La Salle Club 38th Annual Baseball Hall Of Fame

TOMMY GLAVIANO; See attached

WILLIAM Rico: See attached

HANK PASCHANE; See Attached

CHICK VERDINA; See attached

JULIAN ELORDUY; See attached

ALL LEE; See attached

ALLEN SIMAS, SR.: See Attached

TOMMY TORCHIA; See attached

CHICK WARDLAW; See attached

SAM STASSI, JR.; See attached

NIPPI JONES; See attached.

Tommy Glaviano...

~~1981~~ 1989

When Joe Garagiola came to Sacramento several years ago for one of Jack Vandenberg's Chrysler promotions, an old story about Tommy Glaviano was brought to the surface.

It had to do with Tommy's four errors in one game, a dubious distinction held by 16 other ball major league ball players.

Glaviano, a former third baseman of the Cardinals, made the four miscues in a game against the Brooklyn Dodgers at AbbeysField in 1950. Tommy, now retired, does not resent the fact that we are delving into perhaps his darkest moment as a ball player. In fact, it will give us an opportunity reviewing Glaviano's career which started in Ed Combatalade's 1941 Sacramento's High School team.

At 17, Glaviano was considered an excellent prospect by major league scouts. While in high school he was earning \$25 a game playing for Larry Gillick's Chico Colts.

During the winter of 1941, Glaviano was was signed to a Cardinal contract and assigned to Fresno in the California League. Tony Stathos, a promising left-handed pitcher, also was signed by St. Louis. At the same time Edwards and Spider Jorgensen were signed by Bill Svilich, Brooklyn scout, and assigned to Santa Barbara. They eventually made it to the parent club, playing in the 1947 and 1948 World Series.

Glaviano's career was interrupted by World War II as he and many others his age, missed three ^{years} while in the service. When he returned to baseball he was optioned to Fresno, where he literally burned up the league with stolen bases and hitting 23 home runs. He wasn't ready for a move to the majors at this point, so the Cards sent him to their No. 1 minor league club at Houston. The following year he spent another year in the minors at Columbus.

In 1949 he went to spring training with the Cardinals, replacing Whitey Kurowski at third base. Shortstop was covered by Marty Marion, while Red Schoendienst was on second and Dick Sisler usually was on first base.

Behind the plate was Garagiola, who became very friendly with Glaviano. Garagiola was the catcher the day that Tommy made his four boo-boos, and Edwards who was to be replaced by Roy Campanella on the Dodger roster, all witnessed Glaviano's horrendous afternoon from the opposing dugout.

Tommy was a little vague about his four boots, but he believes two were fumbled ground balls and two throwing errors.

After four years with the Cards, Glaviano was sold to the Phillies, just enough to qualify him for a pension. That windfall began in 1974 when Glaviano was 50. He concluded his professional career with the Sacramento Solons in 1956.

OUTSTANDING EVENTS... Won 3 straight championships Sacto High. ~~Hit~~ Got five straight hits against Brooklyn and was robbed of a sixth by Duke Snyder's circus catch. Hit grand slam against Chicinatti in 1950... In the winter league played with Argonauts, Julius, Al's and Teamsters, A championship clubs.

TOMMY GLAVIANO, a 64-year-old native of Sacramento now retired and living in Sonora, earned his baseball spurs as a teen-ager in the pre-World War II Sacramento Valley League.

It was a beginning that ultimately led to a five-year major league baseball career with the St. Louis Cardinals and Philadelphia Phillies for the scrappy and ever-hustling right-handed hitting third baseman

A Sacramento High School product, Glaviano was associated with three winners during the first season — 1941 — after his high school career.

First, Tommy played a few games for Larry Gillick and the Chico Colts, thus helping the Colts win the first-half Sacramento Valley League title. Glaviano then signed a contract with the St. Louis Cardinals' organization and was promptly assigned to the California League's Fresno Cardinals for a 60-day season. After his stretch with Fresno, Tommy got back into the Sacramento Valley League with Big Bill James' Oroville Olives. Glaviano promptly played a key role — with his fielding and hitting — in assisting the Olives' win the valley league's 1941 second half title. Tommy then led the Olives to the valley league championship in a playoff victory over Glaviano's early season teammates and the first-half kings, the Chico Colts.

Glaviano performed with Walter Alston's Springfield, Ill., team early on in '42, then was farmed from the Class A Mid-Atlantic League to the Class C California League Fresno Cards. Shortly after landing in Fresno a second time, Glaviano's professional baseball career was interrupted by World War II and a three-year hitch in the U.S. Navy.

Tommy divided his 1946 playing time between the Columbus, Ohio, Redbirds and, for the third time, the Fresno Cardinals. Then he became a big spoke in the championship wheel at Houston, Tex., and Columbus in '47 and '48.

He made it to the Big Top with the St. Louis Cardinals in 1949 and performed with the Cardinals for four seasons. After a one-season tour of duty with the Phillies, Glaviano returned to Sacramento and wound-up his professional career with two campaigns as an infielder with the Pacific Coast League's Triple A Sacramento Solons.

~~The youngest of 19 Glaviano children~~, Tommy's main claim to fame — though a dubious distinction — as a major leaguer occurred one sunny day during the 1950 season in the Brooklyn Dodgers' Ebbets Field. He established a major league record as the St. Louis Cardinals' third baseman by committing three errors in one inning. It's a standard that's since been equalled ... but never surpassed!

~~After leaving the Solons~~, Glaviano spent the majority of the next three decades earning his biscuits by selling meat, booze and produce.

~~Tommy and Jeanette Glaviano are the proud parents of four youngsters — two girls and two boys. There is one grandchild. Of those 18 sisters and brothers, surviving are three sisters and one brother, in addition to Tommy.~~

The feisty little second sacker from the Pocket District attracted the Carmichael Fire Chief, Dan Donovan, when Dan wanted to sponsor a competi club right after World War II.

Rico was available after spending two months with the Oakland Acorns of the Pacific Coast League in the spring of 1946. Rico had attracted the East Bay club after performing in the Sacramento Winter League with Bercu Richards, Al's Clothiers, Argonaut Liquors and Muir Acme.

Rico's release from the Oakland proved quite timely. as he was grabbed up by Dan and proceeded to compete in the Sacramento County League for the 1946 season...Against fierce ompetition the Firemen won the pennant. After that bit of success Rico urged Dan to enter the club in the State Semi-Pro tournament in Atwater.

Again~~xx~~ the club was successful, winning the state championship. At this point there was no turning back. The next challenge was the national sem pro title, but that entailed the expense of competing in the nationwide tournament held each year at Wichita, Kan. After some deli~~er~~ation, Donovan gave Rico the green light and the entire entourage ~~xxxxxxxx~~ entrained for the Midwest via the ~~xxxxxx~~ Santa Fe railroad out of Stockton.

Obviously, the best clubs in the country were in competiton at Wichita, but Rico was prepared. With Donovan's blessing, Rico embellished the club with some additional playing talent. He lined up five top pitchers, named Les Loalis, Sonny Davey, Dave Rodrick, Babe Perry and Elmer Anos--and they all got a real workout before it was all over.

The Carmichael Firemen were beaten for the national championship in the first game against St. Joseph, ~~Maxx~~ Mich. However, it wasn't all over yet. The champions, for economic reasons, could not stick around to battle Windsor Ont., the Canadian champs, that ~~that~~ lot fell to our group. Carmicheal defeated the club from across the border, winning four out of five games.

The personnel on that club included Rico, Wayne Hanscom, Johnny Parino, Jackie Androvich, Glenn Dufour, , infielders; Marz Putra, Izzie Smith, Al Zutz. and Tommy Torchia, outfielder and Art Quadros, the lone catcher.

The Firemen were eligible in 1947 to defend their championship. Dan again bankrolled the club to the same trip. However, there were some personnel changes. Parino, Torchia, Perry, Davey, Rodrick, and Anos did not make the trip. Their places were filled by Bill Christie, George Valin, infielders; Manuel Williams, Carroll Canfield, Benny Malas, Curt Schmade, F Kienle

Kienle, pitchers; Bobby Schang, Jr., was added to the catching department to help out the overworked Quadros.

The club did not do as well, but they still stayed 28 days. The initial trip in 1946 consumed 31 days.

The two junkets cost Donovan the then staggering sum of \$14,000.

They made no more trips, but the Carmichael club continued to field a winning club locally. Rico stepped out in 1948, turning the club over to ^{CLEN} Dufour, who managed the club to their third successive County League Pennant... In 1949, Tony Governor became manager, and he, too, managed the club to its four straight pennant in the Sacramento County League.

Rico came out of retirement in 1950 and the second sacker came with one game of winning an unprecedented fifth title. What is the saga of our Billy Rico... Congratulations...

Hank got a late start in baseball, as in his formative years he concentrated on Track and Field. He graduated from McClatchy High in 1940 and his entire free time was spent in developing his God given skills, and that was to break local high school ^{Track} records. In order to keep in shape he played a lot of soccer.

^{IN} Paschane entered the U. S. Navy in 1942 and was discharged ~~1945~~ 1945.

Before taking you to Paschane's softball and baseball career, we should review some of his accomplishments.

Paschane in 1937 thru 1939 won Jr. Olympic Track and Field meet as best all-round athlete in his age group.

Between 1937 and 1940 set and broke over 48 track and field events while at California Jr. High and McClatchy High School.

One hurdle record set in 1940 was not broken for over 24 years.

He engaged in competitive softball and baseball from 1945 to 1970, a period of 25 years.

Played and managed Flame Club to Sacramento's 1st State Softball championship in 1959.

Along with Pete Tomasini and Sonny Davey was first to organize Boy's Winter League baseball and soccer in the early 60's. Hank sponsored Boy's leagues ~~xxxxx~~ for over 15 years.

Other softball teams in which he was affiliated were Perinati Tigers, Oasis Club and Dante Club. Hank's position was center field.

In 1963 Mayor James McKinney and City Council presented resolution to Hank honoring him for his activities in Sacramento Sp. programs...In 1977 was inducted into the Fast Pitch Softball Hall of Fame as a player and manager..

Chick Verdina....

Chick Verdina, although playing baseball for more than a normal number of years, actually, devoted most of his life to soccer and golf. ^{AFTER} Graduating from Sacramento High School ^{HE} devoted most of his time to soccer, although he did play some baseball in the lower leagues... ^{HE LATER TOOK UP UMPIRING}

Golf is his ^{TOOK UP THAT SPORT} game... He ~~started to play that game~~ in 1933 and is still going strong in 1989, a total of 56 years.

During his umpiring career, Verdina ^{OFFICIATED} officiated in the Nevada State Legion tournament, 1947 to 1952

Umpired in Pacific Coast League, 4 games, 1947

Umpired Folsom Prison County League playoffs in 1955.

Umpired Sacramento-Tockton Police games at Edmonds Field for over 10 years.

Lifetime member Northern Calif. Officials Association.

Lifetime member Sacramento Metropolitan Officials Assn.

Provided training and leadership to other umpires.

His lifetime ambition ^{is} in maintaining his high level of efficiency on the golf course and some day soon to shoot his age.

After a brief period of playing baseball, and a stint in the India-China theater, Julian came back to spend most of his time in the organization of Little League in Sacramento.

Elorduy, who was raised in Pleasant Grove and Nicolaus, played baseball and graduated from East ^{Nicolaus} High School. He enjoyed a few heroics ~~win~~ in his senior years, which led him to Butter Cole, who was the major domo for the Cannery Union.

Julian, not only was able to display his baseball skills, but he was given a job with Libby, McNeil and Libby. Cole signed him to play with DePauls and Sons in the Winter League in 1935...Then with Brown & Forman.

In 1937 Cole took a team to Nicolaus to play the town team. Julian got an opportunity to show his power at the plate. He hit a home run, a triple and two doubles to lead his team to victory. In 1939, Cole organized the first Cannery Union club, and Elorduy was a member with the club until 1942 when he entered the United States Army. He was not able to continue with baseball in the Far East due to the extreme heat. After he returned from India in 1945, Julian played for a number of years before retiring from active play.

Julian's love for baseball prompted him to ^{be} among the first group of individuals to organize Little League baseball in Sacramento. In 1950 he helped organize the Oakpark-Elmhurst Little League...Playing the city diamonds proved to be unsatisfactory, whereupon Julian imposed upon the officials of the California State Fair Grounds to set aside some parking areas for the construction of baseball diamonds. Two little league diamonds were formed in 1951..In 1955, in order to take care of another segment of youngsters, a Pony League diamond was constructed...Then on to the Connie Mack Leagues...For 12 years Julian kept busy as an officers, player agent manager and coach...

Julian was cited by the Northern California Managers Assn. He was elected president of the Cannery Workers Union. He also helped the Garcia brothers in organizing the Mexican-American League. Julian served as pres. of the County League and Bushers Assn. He assisted in the formation and naming two baseball diamonds Butter Cole and Bill Avil Field...With those credentials Julian has earned a spot in the La S Hall of Fame...Congratulations.

JULIAN ELORDUY
BASEBALL BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Julian Elorduy, Jr., was born in Sacramento on September 29, 1916. At the tender age of two, the family moved to the rural area of Pleasant Grove, 20 miles north of Sacramento. He attended and graduated from East Nicolaus High School.

He played Varsity basketball, speedball and baseball, with baseball being his favorite game. He recalls as a Junior in 1933, playing center field, tying an outstanding Grant Union High team, 1-1 in 11 innings, and in 1934, beating Christian Brothers, 5-3.

After graduating from high school, Julian moved to Sacramento to seek employment. He went to work for Libby, McNeill & Libby. There he met George "Butter" Cole.

For entertainment and recreation in those years, on Saturday afternoons the workers would choose sides, purchase a keg of beer, and play baseball all afternoon. It was during these games that Cole noticed Julian's potential as a hitter and outfielder. He signed him to play for De Paul's and Sons in the Winter League in 1935. Julian also played for Brown and Forman's Distillers and Stan's Barbecue in the Winter League.

In 1937, Cole took a team to Nicolaus to play the Nicolaus Town Team at the Annual Swiss Picnic. Julian hit a home run, a triple, and two doubles to lead the team to victory.

In 1938, Bob May organized the Nicolaus Town Team to play in the Placer Nevada League. He signed Julian to play the outfield, and that year Julian had a respectable .281 hitting average.

In 1939, Butter Cole organized the first Cannery Union Baseball Team, in which Julian played outfield until 1942, when he entered the United States Army. He served in the India-China-Burma Theater in the Signal Corps as a teletype and radio teletype installer and repairman.

While stationed in Calcutta, he helped organize a four-team league. The games were played very early in the morning, due to the very hot climate and high humidity. After several games, the league disbanded -- too hot to play baseball!

Upon returning from India in October of 1945, Julian played for the Cannery Union for a number of years before retiring from active play.

Julian's love for baseball prompted him to be among the first individuals to organize a Little League in Sacramento. In 1950, he helped organize the Oak Park-Elmhurst Little League. Having to play their games at McClatchy Park and Sacramento High School proved unsatisfactory. In 1951, through the efforts of the League officers and Mr. Dudley Fortin, Secretary Manager, Mr. Ted Rosequist, Assistant Manager, and Mr. Dave Lister, Chief of Maintenance and Operations of the California State Fair Grounds,

an agreement was made which made the parking area of the State Fair Grounds at 48th and V Streets available for construction of baseball diamonds.

Through donations of money and materials, two Little League diamonds were made available in 1951 for 120 boys to play. In 1955, realizing that after 12 years of age there was no place for the boys to play, a Pony League diamond was constructed, making it possible for 90 boys, aged 13 and 14, to play.

In 1960, a regular sized diamond was constructed; a six-team Connie Mack League was organized, making it possible for 90 boys over the age of 15 to play.

For twelve years, besides being an officer of the League, Julian was player agent, manager, and he also coached teams.

Julian received an award for outstanding service to youth baseball in the Sacramento Area by the Northern California Managers and Coaches Association.

In 1962, Julian was elected President of the Cannery Workers' Union. Butter Cole, the Secretary Treasurer of the Union, promptly assigned him Chairman of the Cannery Queen Dance. The proceeds from this dance were used to sponsor the Cannery Union Baseball Team, as well as making monetary donations to Little Leagues, Pony Leagues, American Legion teams, baseball clinics, National Recreation Association, Northern California

Managers and Coaches Association, and the Lighted Baseball Fund. Julian chaired this function until 1976. The Cannery Union Queen Dance made it possible to sponsor teams in the Winter League for 37 consecutive years.

Julian assisted Buss Davila and Richard and Ray Garcia in organizing and raising funds to form the Mexican-American League. The Cannery Union sponsored and entered a team in this League.

Julian served as President of the Sacramento County League and the Bushers Baseball Players Association. He has been a member of the Bushers since 1962. He served as chairman of the committees that worked with the Sacramento Communities Services in dedication of the George "Butter" Cole and Bill Avila Baseball Diamonds.

Al Lee.....

Raised in nearby Perkins, Lee did some pitching and also covered shortstop. He was equally adept in both positions. Lee played in both, the Sacramento County and Sacramento Rural in the early 30's. Clarence Azevedo's career as a catcher/was cut short ~~with Perkins~~ in 1928 due to his marriage, so Lee had to look for another catcher. It was very ~~king~~ timely, as a young phenom, Otto Salcedo, came upon the scene to catch the tantalizing slants of Lee when the Rural League opened...When not taking his pitching turn, the club always utilized the ability of Lee to cover the short stop position.

One of the greatest moves he made in his life was helping in the formation of a Boy Scout Troop. Before he left the scouts, Al ~~xxxx~~ became an Eagle Scout and became the troop bugler. Lee and the scoutmaster started a sports club in ~~xxx~~ the old school in Perkins, which is now an historic building...The club was for all kinds of sports--hndball, basketball and fights. A high light of his baseball career was pitching two games in one day...Also along the way he essayed a couple of one hitters...

In school...Perkins elementary, Sutter Jr. High, Sacramento High School. The school in Perkins was called Washington School.

Allen Simas was voted into the La Salle Hall of Fame in the first year that he was eligible.

The baseball bug hit him while in high school. He just showed ordinary success in that field, so to assure himself a long ^{BASEBALL} career, he took up coaching and managing... Additionally, he did some front office work by effectively working in behalf of the Sacramento Bushers Association..be elected twice as president, 1962 and 1963....

Taking inventory of his efforts on the baseball field, he averaged 13 games a year as manager, a total of 50 years ...getting in close to 700 games, possibly more than any semi-pro manager in the World...

From 1938 on he had led from 4 to 6 teams each year. Has had ^{Over} 200 baseball teams ~~xxxxxx~~ and won over 100 championships... Looking over the group being inducted tonight, Simas is proud that he managed Glaviano, Torchia and Nippy Jones in the Winter League and Al Lee and Stassi in the County League.

Being specific Simas had teams in the Boy's Winter League for 30 years Connie Mack, American Legion 25 years Sr. Babe Ruth, Sacramento County League 20 years... Took teams to Folsom Prison to play ball, 50 times.

Has had three teams in Babe Ruth World Series... In Stamford, Conn. 1971 1975 in Seattle/and a semi pro club in Wichita, Kansas in 1960.

Simas lettered in four sports while attending Elk Grove High School

The baseball bug also hit two members of his family. They were Al and ~~Sam~~ Tommy, who ^{went on to become} Triple A ball players... Other members of his family ^{ARE} Gary, Richard, Cathy and Sharon... Simas answers to the nickname of "Meat" and Mrs. Simas is known as Helen...

Al had three offers to manage professionally, but he could not take the chance of leaving a steady job as he had six children to support..

Tommy Torchie

Sacramento High School,
Tommy ran the gamut...Played in the Sacramento Winter League; the
Valley League; County League and also legion ball...Tommy was good
enough of a ball player to attract a major league contract...signed
with Cleveland and farmed out to Bakersfield in 1947; with Lufkin,
Texas, 1948 and with Tucson, Arizona in 1949...finished up career
as an outfielder in the County League in 1955...

Outstanding achievements...Was member of the famous Carmichael Fir
men, 1946, Semi-Pro Champions...

With Tucson, collected two grand slam home runs and 11 RBI in a
double header....Participated on triple play that season...In
Bakersfield, 1947, appeared appeared as a pinch hitter, got up
three times in the inning, collecting a grand slam, single and wal
driving in six runs...Received welcome at State Capitol, 1946,
from Governor Earl Warren when the Carmichael club returned from
Wichita, Kansas, as semi-pro champs...may be nominated as Hall of
Famer in Marysville next year.

"Chick Wardlaw"

Chick was strictly a semi-pro ball player...After attending William Land Grammar School and Sacramento High, Wardlaw continued his athletic effort as a ball player and later on as a ranking bowler on the local alleys. From 1923 to 1935, he was one of most gifted infielders in Sacramento. Played three spots in the infield, first base, 2nd base and third base. He divided his efforts with Central Outfitters, Julius Men's Shop, East and Van Lassels Outfitters/in the Sacramento Winter League. He also shared some of his baseball expertise with Dante Club in the Sacramento Valley League. He was very active in bowling from 1928 to 1955...He served as president of the Sacramento Bowling Association from 1943 to 1944... As was customary in that period, Wardlaw played soccer for William Land in 1917 and 1918 in the 90-pound division, which kept him in good shape.

Sam Stassi, Jr.

Sammy's claim to fame was ~~was~~ being the son of a very famous father, Sam Stassi, Sr. Senior was quite a pitcher, a great hitter and one of the top notch soccer players in this area. Many of the baseball fans are not aware of the fact that Sam, Jr., was a native of Sacramento, being born here in 1922...It was baseball which brought the Stassi family to the Marysville area during the latter part of the 20's.

Junior was a natural born athlete...Not only was he adept in basketball, but he also was one of the better baseball players around. Later he took up golf, and his career on the links brought about some startling statistics.

Sammy played baseball in the Sacramento Valley League and later in the pro leagues with Albuquerque and Yakima, while a farm hand with the Hollywood Stars. *He later played UNDER JOE BORCITZ AT RENO IN THE FAR WEST LEAGUE*
The war did not curb ~~his~~ his activities as a ball player. He was stationed at nearby Stockton AAB for four years. *WHICH PERMITTED HIM TO PLAY SOME BASEBALL WITH THE LEAGUE* In 1944, he played with Muir A. C. helping them win a pennant...A team mate, Wes Bailey did the pitching for the flag winners. After the war Sammy finished up his college work at College of Pacific, at the same time getting married to his college sweetheart. ~~They had 10 children...~~
Sammy then took up golf in earnest winning the Marysville Golf Championship five times...He also captured the golfing title *WHILE LIVING* in Porterville three times. During his career as a golfer he got four holes in one...Stassi was a National Public Linkster in 1940, 1949 and 1965.

Sam, Jr., has a brother, Bob, who was a catcher for over two decades and a nephew, Jimmy, who caught for the San Francisco Giants, farm club. He is now a coach at Woodland High School.

Sam has been inducted into the Roseville Hall of Fame in 1965 and the Marysville Hall of Fame in 1985...Tonight's induction gives him a total *MEMBERSHIP IN* of three Halls of Fame.

Vernal "Nippy" Jones broke in with the Sacramento Solons as an 18-year old in 1943. He was a St. Louis Cardinal farm hand so he wasn't around the following year when the "little People" took over ownership of the club.

Nippy was born in Los Angeles, graduating from the John C. Fremont High School in 1942. He had lettered in football, basketball and baseball...Coincidental with his senior year, the Junior Legion ^{CLVB} he was identified with won the World's Championship.

Upon his graduation from high school he was signed to a professional contract and assigned to the Sacramento Solons to play second base. After the one year Nippy was farmed out elsewhere, but came back to the majors with St. Louis in 1946 ^{to get into the WS} where he stayed with that club through the 1951 season. He joined the Phillies in 1952, assuming a new position, first base. He stayed one year and back to the Solons where he enjoyed real success and another trip to the majors this time with the Milwaukee Braves. He was a member of the club when they won the World Series in 1957.

In a fluke play which was debated by the umpires for over 10 minutes, ~~Jahn~~ Jones was hit on the shoe by a pitched ball. That bit of baseball history made him a World Series hero. The play was the turning point of the game, which the Braves went on to win. By way of background: It was the 4th game of the World Series against the Yankees, who were behind 4-1, With two outs in the 9th inning, Howard homered tied the game with a home run. In the 10th inning Kubek's single and Bauer's triple put Yankees ahead by one run in the 10th. In the bottom of the 10th, Jones is ruled hit by a pitched ball after a long argument. Logan's doubled to tie the score and "dodie Mathew" home run won the game...Milwaukee 7-5...The Braves went on to win the WS 4-3... Jones ends up his career with two World Series rings... His biggest year, a .347 batting mark with Rochester in 1947. Led the Mexican League in batting, 1954, with an average of .386.

11 to enter LaSalle Baseball Hall of Fame

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Vernal "Nippy" Jones and Tommy Glaviano will be among 11 new members inducted into the LaSalle Baseball Hall of Fame Feb. 3 at Christian Brothers High School.

Also slated for induction at the group's 38th annual banquet will be Julian Elorduy, Billy Rico, Hank Paschane, "Chick" Verdina, Al Lee, Al Simas Sr., Tommy Torchia, "Chick" Wardlaw and Sam Stassi.

Making the selections were committeemen Vincent Stanich, Ron Limeberger, Lou Bordisso, Elmer Enos, Harry Bright, Bill Morebeck, Bill Svilich, Billy Rico and Glenn Smith.

Jones played first base for the St. Louis Cardinals against the Boston Red Sox in the 1946 World Series, but it was while pinch-hitting for the Milwaukee Braves against the New York Yankees in the 1957 Series that he gained national fame. "It happened in the fourth game in Milwaukee when the Yankees had

us down two games to one," said the Sacramento resident. "We were behind 5-4 in the bottom of the ninth inning when I led off pinch-hitting for pitcher Warren Spahn.

"I can't remember who was pitching, but he was a left-hander I'd played against in the Pacific Coast League when he was with Seattle. I knew he was going to waste a curve ball on his first pitch. He did. It was low, inside and it hit me on my right foot.

"The ball bounced under Yogi

Berra's glove and hit the concrete bottom of the backstop, so I took off for first base. Then I heard umpire Augie Donatelli yell, "Ball one!"

"At about the same time, Yogi and I saw a dark spot on the ball that was caused by my shoe polish. I got to it first, showed it to Donatelli and I told him I was hit by the ball. The spot proved to be shoe polish. After a lot of arguing, he said, "Take your base."

The shoe polish caper became the biggest and most controver-

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sial play of the Series. Jones said, "Red Schoendienst bunted me to second base. Then Johnny Logan singled me home to tie the score. Eddie Mathews came up, hit a home run and we won 7-5. We went on to win the Series in seven games."

Asked how he earned his nickname, Jones said, "They called my father 'Nip' because he used to take a nip or two. So I was named 'Little Nippy.'"

According to local baseball historian Stanich, "Glaviano played third base for the Cardinals from 1949 to 1952, spent one season with the Philadelphia Phillies and returned to Sacramento to play two seasons with the Solons. He set the major league record in 1950 in Brooklyn's Ebbets Field by committing three errors in one inning — and it hasn't been broken yet.