

## 1991 La Salle Club Baseball Hall Of Fame

GEORGE BABICH

BUD BEASLEY

EDDIE BOOTH

TONEY FERRARE

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AL LAZZARONE

ED REEDER

GEORGE RELLES

EUVGENE SULLIVAN CB

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LA SALLE CLUB TO INDUCT 11 IN  
40TH ANNUAL HALL OF FAME

SACRAMENTO -- Familiar names in Sacramento baseball lore, such as George Babich, Al Lazzarone and George Relles among others, will be inducted at the 40th Annual La Salle Club Hall of Fame Dinner scheduled for Friday, February 8th at Christian Brothers High School.

The 1991 La Salle Club Hall of Fame inductees include: George Babich, Dr. Bud Beasley, Eddie Booth, Tony Ferrara, Mente Latino, Sam Latino, Al Lazzarone, Ed Reeder, George Relles, Eugene Sullivan and Henri Warren, Sr.\*.

The event's sponsors will pay a special tribute to recently deceased Brother Eugene Ward, F.S.C., a former principal and ardent supporter of Christian Brothers' athletic program. He spent more than 15 years as an educator at Christian Brothers and Bishop Armstrong, serving as school principal from 1959 to 1965.

The event starts at 6:00 p.m. with no-host cocktails, followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$9 per person and may be purchased through the school's Development Office by calling 452-0482.

Banquet Chairman Vince Stanich expects a large turnout. Advance reservations are recommended. For other information call Stanich at 443-2798.

For consideration in the Hall of Fame, candidates must now be 65 or older and once played for the Sacramento Solons or in the Major Leagues or semi-professional leagues.

*\*Editor: See attached for biographies of Hall of Fame inductees*

1991  
La Salle Baseball Hall of Fame  
Evening Program

Opening Prayer	Brother Thomas
Introductions (Head Table)	Jay Riley
(Dinner will be Served)	
Raffle (Will take place as dinner is served)	Jay Riley
Welcome	Mike Soda or Bob Donnelly
Principals Comments	Brother Thomas
Special Program	
Introduction of Stan Gilliam	Jay Riley
Brother Eugene Ward Memorial	Stan Gilliam
Hall Of Fame Program	
Introduction of Vince Stanich	Jay Riley
Introduction of Hall of Fame inductees	Vince Stanich
Closing	To be determined

40th Annual La Salle Baseball Hall of Fame

Induction to be held at Christian Brothers High  
School, Friday, February 8, 1991

Elected to the 1991 Hall of Fame

- , George Relles
- , Henri Warren
- , Eugene Sullivan
- , Tony Ferrara, Yuma, Arizona
- , Monte Latino
- , Sam Latino
- , George Babich
- Eddie Booth, Chico
- , Dr. "Bud" Lewis Beasley, Reno, Nevada
- , Al Lazzarone, Reno, Nevada
- , Ed Reeder, Placerville

La Salle Hall of Fame Selection Committee

- Vincent P. Stanich, Chairman
- Jim McNamara, Vice-Chairman
- Bill Svilich, Secretary
- Bert Bonomi
- Lou Bordisso
- Harry Knight
- Bill Moregeck
- Bill Rico
- Glenn Smith
- Jay Riley

## La Salle Club Hall of Fame: Biographies

### George Babich -- Sacramento

Native Sacramentan pitched and played first base in minor league baseball from 1941 to 1948. The Sacramento High School graduate (1941) played for Pocatello, Vancouver, Salem, Spokane, Victoria. His career culminated with a one year stint with the St. Louis Browns in 1947. The following year, Babich left the Sacramento Solons camp with a sore arm.

Active in youth baseball, Babich served as president of Pacific Little League and was on the Board of Directors of Land Park Pony League.

### Dr. Bud L. Beasley -- Reno

Former Solon pitcher enjoyed claim to fame in 1946 when he won the longest game in professional baseball by beating Seattle in 17 innings and hurled in the Pacific Coast League All-Star Game. Later pitched for Seattle and Vancouver, Canada. Career lasted from <sup>1940 1950</sup> ~~1942~~ to 195??

A gridiron stalwart from the University of Reno, he made All-Time, All-Conference in the Coast Counties Athletic League in football, while playing on the Conference Champions team in 1934.

Awarded Nevada Coach of the Year in 1951 and later coached the state champs in football, basketball and baseball (What school???) <sup>UN OF NEVADA, RENO</sup>

Longtime supporter of Sacramento youth baseball as member of Sacramento Bushers and local Kiwanis Club. He is a Life Member of the Stockton Old Timer's Boosters Youth Baseball.

### **Eddie Booth -- Chico**

This Chico State College graduate is best known for his journalistic career at the Chico-Enterprise Record, serving as sports editor (1953-1964), news editor 1964-1978), assistant managing editor (1978-1983) and editor in charge of community relations.

Refereed Chico-area youth football and baseball leagues throughout the 1950s and 60s. Booth was an active member of: Orland Park and Rec Committee; Chico Area Recreation District; Optimist Northern California All-Star Football Game selection committee and Northern California Old-Timers' Sports Association, among others.

### **Tony Ferrara -- Yuma, Arizona**

Native of Brooklyn and graduate of Sacramento High School, Ferrara went on to pitch and win the first game of the California State League for Merced in 1940. Also pitched and won the California League's first All-Star Game in 1941. Later, played for Idaho Falls in the Pioneer League in 1942, making the All-Star team. Played for Victoria in the Western Int'l League in 1946.

Played on numerous local semi-professional teams including Al's Clothiers, the Sacramento Recreation Dept. Municipal Winter League Champs in 1941. That year, he tossed a no-hit, no-run game against Julius' team.

Now living in Yuma, Arizona, Ferrara has managed Little League for two years.

### **Mente Latino -- Sacramento**

This Sacramento High School grad played semi-professional baseball from 1930 to 1950. Handled the hot corner position for Winter League Champs Al's Clothiers in 1939 and Klumpps in 1944.

A multi-talented athlete, Latino also starred in local softball and soccer leagues, but reached his athletic pinnacle as a horseshoe pitcher, garnering world championship status from 1980-1982. Once scored six goals in a soccer game and 48 goals overall for Broadway Garden during 1948 season.

**Sam Latino -- Sacramento**

Younger brother of Mente, Sam Latino pitched in the minor leagues from 1944-1947, playing for Portland, El Paso, Spokane and Santa Barbara. Like his older brother, he excelled in several sports, including fast-pitch and slow-pitch softball, and golf.

Once struck out 16 batters while pitching for Julius in Sacramento Winter League.

**Al Lazzarone -- Reno**

The McClatchy High School grad played outfield for Reno in the Sierra League in 1947 and Harold's Club in 1948 and 1949. Also performed in baseball and basketball for the U.S. Navy from 1943-1946. Lazzarone was a member of the Argonaut Liquor team that won the Sacramento Winter League title in (~~1947 year~~) 1948

**Ed Reeder -- Placerville**

Sacramento High School graduate played outfield for local bushers, including Central Outfitting Co. in 1931, Kimball & <sup>Upton</sup> ~~Upton~~?? in 1933, and Julius in 1935.

*Company name*

**George Relles -- Sacramento**

This Cal-Berkeley grad coached Sacramento High in football from 1935 to 1959 excluding the period of World War II. Played baseball and football for the University of California from 1932 to 1934 and made All-Conference for the Bear Nine. In 1934, he played halfback for a semi-professional football team in San Francisco (pre-49ers) and roamed the outfield for the Sacramento Solons. Played five years for Victor in the San Joaquin Valley League.

Relles is a Hall of Fame member of the Sac-Joaquin Football Coaches Association and the Northern California Athletic Hall of Fame.

### **Eugene "Mad Dog" Sullivan -- Sacramento**

A graduate of Christian Brothers High School and St. Mary's College, Sullivan played semi-professional baseball from 1930 to 1950.

Signed by the Boston Red Sox organization, Sullivan played outfield for teams in Moultrie, Georgia, Danville, Virginia and Lewiston, Idaho from 1938 to 1940. He played baseball for the U.S. Air Force from 1942 to 1945.

Also played in softball leagues from 1932 to 1950 in Sacramento, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Was a member of the Julius' Winter League Champs in 1939 and 1940.

### **Henri Warren, Sr. -- Sacramento**

Former Sacramento High grad played shortstop for the Solons in 1934 and the Los Angeles Angels of the Pacific Coast League in 1933. Played in the Sacramento Winter Leagues from 1928 to 1942, including a stint on Julius' championship team.

Also played on the Sacramento Police Baseball team.

An avid golfer since 1935, Warren has three holes in one to his credit.



George RELLES

6 yrs. O.L.O. - CHICAGO HEATS, ILL - <sup>UNIV. OF CALIF.</sup> SACR HI-JUNIOR COLLEGE

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Relles is a Hall of Famer of the San-Joaquin Football Coaches Ass<sup>N</sup> and the Northern California Athletic Hall of Fame. (Check one of several)

SPORTS ACTIVITIES IN WHICH NOMINEE PARTICIPATED:

SPORT	WHERE	WHEN
Baseball	Sacramento High School	1932-1934
Baseball	Sacramento Solons	1934-1935
Baseball	University of California	1932-34
Baseball	Yuba City	1939-1959

PROFESSIONAL OR OTHER:

PROFESSIONAL OR OTHER	WHERE	WHEN



EUGENE "MAD DOG" SULLIVAN

A graduate of Christian Brothers High School and St. Marys College, Sullivan played semi-pro baseball from 1930 to 1950, <sup>A</sup> ~~PERIOD OF 20 YEARS~~ Signed by the Red Sox organization for \$5000, Sullivan played outfield for <sup>KARM</sup> teams in Moultrie, Georgia; Danville, Va; Lewiston, Idaho and with the Air Force <sup>BASEBALL</sup> in England.

In addition to his prowess as a baseball player, Sullivan played football, <sup>System</sup> ~~baseball~~ and Rugby while attending St. Mary's College. While performing as a semi-pro ball player in the winter league he excelled in baseball with two of Julius championship teams of 1939 and 1940.

A Christian Brothers youngster all the way, Gene was instrumental in the formation of the La Salle Club which is the sponsoring group for tonight's Hall of Fame Night. Sullivan received five letters at St. Mary's and 4 letters at Christian Brothers High School.

In the business world Sullivan enjoyed a long career with Sears—

TONY FERRARA....Yuma, Arizona

Native of Brooklyn and graduate of Sacramento High School, Ferrara went on to pitch and win the first game of the California State League for Merced in 1940. Also pitched and won the California League's first All-Star game in 1941. Later, played for Idaho Falls in the Pioneer League in 1942, making the All Star team. Played for Victoria in the Western Int'l League in 1946.

In preparing himself for a professional baseball career, Tony did not take too long in asserting himself as a first rate pitcher in the local semi-pro league by leading the Al's Clothiers to a pennant in the Sacramento Winter League in 1942. When entering the service ~~in 1942~~ <sup>later that year</sup> he continued his excellent mound work by ~~becoming~~ <sup>marking</sup> becoming the No. 1 pitcher for Mather Field.

After World War II, Ferrara had a brief tryout with the Oakland Oaks in the Pacific Coast League.

One of <sup>his</sup> outstanding pitching efforts during his career was pitching a no-hitter against Julius in 1941.

Ferrara was cited by the Sacramento Recreation Department for his accomplishments in the field of baseball.

Now living in Yuma Arizona Ferrara has managed Little League teams for the last several years.

MONTE LATINO

The Sacramento High School grad played semi-professional baseball from 1930 to 1950. Handled the hot corner for Winter League champions Al's Clothiers in 1939 and Klumpfs in 1944. A multi-talented athlete, Monte also ~~xxx~~ starred in local softball and soccer league, but reached his athletic pinnacle as a horseshoe pitcher, garnering world championship status from 1980-1982. Once scored six goals in a soccer game and 48 goals overall for Broadway Gardens during the 1948 season. Was inducted into Softball Hall of Fame in 1979; soccer Hall of Fame in 1980; Horseshoe Hall of Fame in 1975.

SPORT Baseball WHERE Sacramento, Calif. WHEN 1930-1950

SPORT Softball WHERE Sacramento, Calif. WHEN 1930-1950

SPORT Soccer WHERE Sacramento, Calif. WHEN 1948

SPORT Horseshoe WHERE Sacramento, Calif. WHEN 1980-1982

TEAM Al's Clothiers POSITION Hot Corner WHEN 1939

TEAM Klumpfs POSITION Hot Corner WHEN 1944

TEAM Broadway Gardens POSITION Pitcher WHEN 1948

SAM LATINO

Younger brother of Monte...Attended Sierra Elementary Stanford High and Sacramento High School. Sam pitched in the minor league for Portland, El Paso, ~~El Paso~~ Spokane and Santa Barbera. Like his older brother <sup>Monte</sup> he excelled in several sports, including fast <sup>Ball</sup> pitcher; and slow pitch, softball, and golf.

<sup>ON ONE OCCASION!</sup>  
While pitching for Julius in the Sacramento Winter League, Sam struck out 16 men. In golf, he had one hole in one. During his entire baseball career he had three no hitters and many one-hitters.

During his long career in softball, Sam won over 15 championship trophies.

PROFESSIONAL OR OTHER:

TEAM	POSITION	YEAR
1944	1st	1944
1945	1st	1945
1946	1st	1946

GEORGE BABICH

A native Sacramentan <sup>BABICH</sup> pitched and played first base <sup>+1st</sup> in minor leagues from 1941 to 1948. The Sacramento High School graduate (1941) played for Kocatello, Vancouver, Salem, Spokane and Victoria. His professional career <sup>culminated</sup> ~~culminated~~ with a one year stint with the St. Louis Browns in 1947. The following year ~~xxx~~ Babich left the Sacramento Solons camp with a sore arm.

Babich prepped with Sacramento high receiving his letters in baseball and basketball in 1941.

Babich was a team mate <sup>of</sup> ~~with~~ Tony Ferrera when both performed with Al's Clothiers in 1942, <sup>with Collogoa had in winning the</sup> winter league ~~champs~~ <sup>champs</sup>. Babich was the league's leading home run hitter. <sup>That year</sup> ~~That year~~.

Babich is still active in baseball serving as president, Pacific Little League and board member of Land Park Pony League.

PROFESSIONAL OR OTHER:

YEAR	TEAM	POSITION	WHEN
1941	SACRAMENTO	PITCHER	1941
1942	AL'S CLOTHIERS	1ST BASE	1942
1947	ST. LOUIS BROWNS	1ST BASE	1947

**Eddie Booth** of Chico, a newsman for more than four decades, has long been one of amateur and semi-pro baseball's most enthusiastic boosters in Northern California and the Sacramento Valley

A native Nebraskan and later a fine all-around athlete at Orland High School, Booth was well known as a Sacramento Valley League umpire for six years ... while doubling as sports editor of newspapers in Orland and Chico.

For 22 years ... through the 1969 season ... Booth was one of the Mid-Valley Area's most prominent baseball-softball umpires. Early on in his umpiring career, he worked as a substitute in the Class D Far West and Class C California leagues and for 15 years was one of the top ball-and-strike men to work in the intercollegiate Far Western Conference

Chico citizens singled-out Booth by naming him to the Chico Sports Hall of Fame in 1974; and 10 years later, community leaders again cited him by naming the prime baseball facility in a 32-acre community park ... after him ... as an acknowledgment of public thanks for his many contributions to the community and its young athletes over a period of more than 30 years

Congratulations ... to the Chico Enterprise-Record's present-day director of community services, Eddie Booth



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Booth Elva Edward Booth on March 24, 1928, at Falls City, Neb., Booth is a 1946 graduate of Orland High School where he earned varsity letters in five sports.

He attended Chico State College for a year prior to embarking upon a journalism career.

He worked briefly on newspapers at Coos Bay, Ore., and Richmond, Calif., prior to joining the staff of the Orland Unit in June 1949.

Booth joined the E-R news department July 6, 1953, as sports editor and in October 1964 was promoted to E-R news editor. In mid-May 1978, Booth became assistant managing editor. In March 1983, he was named editor in charge of community relations.

Booth's self-participation and spectator interest in all types of physical education, sports and recreation is well-known, as is his interest in the youngsters and adults on whom he focused his journalistic attention as they competed.

Among his participatory interests was serving as an striped-shirt official at football and basketball games for a brief time in the late 1940s, and for 22 years he was one of the Mid-Valley Area's prominent baseball-softball umpires.

Through the '50s and into the mid-1960s, he was active in Chico's Little League, American Legion and overall youth baseball programs.

Booth was a (1951) charter member of the city of Orland's Park and Recreation Committee and later served more than 14 years on the Chico Area Recreation District's directorate.

For 19 years, Booth was a member of the Al Malakaih Shrine Temple-sponsored North-South Shring High School All-Star Football Game selection committee. The annual midsummer high school all-star football game was played for 22 years in the Los Angeles Coliseum and Booth served as executive secretary of the North team selection for 12 years.

Also in the late 1950s and early '60s, he was a member of the Optimists' Northern California All-Star Football Game selection committee. The annual game matched graduated high school gridiron greats of the prior season in a game played in Sacramento's Hughes Stadium.

Booth's other memberships and affiliations include the now-defunct Northern California Sports Boosters' Association, Chico State University Century Club, a 30-year member of Chico Elks Lodge No. 423, Butte County Local Agency Formation Commission alternate, and director of the Marysville-based Northern California Old-Timers' Sports Association, Chico State University Athletic Hall of Fame selection committee and the Chico Community Scholarship Association.

Some signal occasions in Booth's professional, personal and public service career included:

In February 1963 and again in February 1964, the California Newspaper Publishers' Association's 1962 and 1963 Better Newspapers Contest singled-out the E-R sports section as being the second-best for outstanding coverage by newspapers in the 10,000 — 50,000 circulation class;

3 In May 1974 when he was named to the Chico Sports Hall of Fame; in January 1975 when he was cited by the California Park and Recreation Society as "lay director of the year for outstanding contributions to the field of recreation" at a banquet in Sacramento;

In March 1982 when the Orland High School Alumni Association bowed in his direction as its "outstanding alumnus of the year for 1981;" in May 1984, Chico Area Recreation and Park District named its prime playfield facilities (soccer, softball, flag football, etc.) — Eddie Booth Field — at its East 20th Street Community Park in his honor; in January 1989 he was named to the Northern California Old-Timers' Sports Association's Hall of Fame; and in October 1990 was named to the Chico State University Athletic Hall of Fame.

Booth's has been married to Bobbie Jean for more than 33 years. They have one son, Ed.

**Dr. Bud L. Beasley -- Reno**

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Longtime supporter of Sacramento youth baseball as member of Sacramento Bushers and local Kiwanis Club. He is a Life Member of the Stockton Old Timer's Boosters Youth Baseball.

AL LAZZARONE

Born in Sacramento, Lazzarone, a McClatchy High School grad played outfield for Reno in the Sierra League ~~with Reno in~~ 1947, and ~~xxx~~Harolds Club in 1948 and 1949. He also performed for the U. S. Navy from 1943 to 1946. <sup>Both in Basketball and Baseball, IN THE OUTFIELD HE WAS A STAYOUT OUTFIELDER</sup> Prior to entering the service, Lazzarone was a member of the Argonaut Liquor team that won the Sacramento Winter League championship in 1941. That club culminated a great season by defeating the strong McClellan Field that had Big Bill Schmidt as their pitcher.

In his teens, Al was a member of Post 61 of the American Legion which was expertly coached by George Lial.

Lazzarone lettered in baseball and basketball which in high school.

Al is special events manager for El <sup>Dorado</sup> ~~xxxx~~ Hotel in Reno.

After his competitive days were over Lazzarone became one of the <sup>most</sup> outstanding golfers - in and around Reno for the last 30 years...

When Al decided to leave Harolds Club, he joined forces with the ~~deceased~~ El Dorado Hotel in Reno or with the <sup>presently</sup> special events manager

Ed REEDER

Born in San Jose, Ed Reeder came to Sacramento as a child. He attended <sup>Reeder Wagon Works</sup> Marshall Grammar and Sacramento High School. He and his late ~~brother~~ brother, Merlin, did not take too long before establishing themselves as top flight ball players. Eddie made it to National Division of the Sacramento Winter League playing the outfield in the early 30's with Central Outfitting, Kimball-Upson and Julius.

When in high school he also played football as a half back in 1927.

Received his Block S in high School. COACH? ( ) GENERAL? ( )

Eddie opened a body and fender shop in Placerville in 1947 and retired in 1977. HIGH NOMINEE PARTICIPATED:

- SPORT Baseball WHERE Sacramento WHEN 1927
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- SPORT Football WHERE Sacramento WHEN 1927

PROFESSIONAL OR OTHER:

- TEAM Central Outfitting Co POSITION Outfield WHEN 1930
- TEAM Kimball & Upson POSITION Outfield WHEN 1931
- TEAM Julius POSITION Outfield WHEN 1932