

1973 La Salle Club Hall Of Fame

JAMES R. KELLY;

TOM PENDERGAST:

PAUL GENSHLEA;

JOHN B. COSTA; No Information.

G.W. (NICK) HALL Jr.

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BIOGRAPHY OF JIM KELLY
74 Years of age December 7th last

Retired October 1, 1971 as Chamber of Commerce Manager at Ukiah. Wrote column for two daily newspapers and one weekly in relation to duties as Chamber of Commerce Manager.

Played against the Folsom Prison ball club several times when "Murph" who sold papers at 10th & K streets took teams to Folsom comprised of some major league players (during off season) and the remainder of the club made up of local bushers. I was a close friend of Warden Larkin who was garroted (strangled) in the Folsom Prison yard.

During these days, each National Division club in the winter league could field three players of triple A or major league status. Walter (Duster) Mails played ball in the Sacramento Winter League, when Kelly first arrived.

Kelly has always regarded Jack Radonich as one of the best endowed athletes that he ever had met.

Kelly also took part in some boxing as an amateur in the days of the "four round" contests in San Francisco. That was when no bouts of longer than four rounds was legal.

Kelly has two sons and grandchildren living in Sacramento. Robert Kelly the younger of the two and Jim, Jr. the elder. One grandson Jim Kelly, 3rd, gave his life in Viet Nam. He received the Navy Cross Posthumously.

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December 20, 1972

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Dear Vince:

Thank you for informing me that the La Salle Hall of Fame might consider honoring me by placing my name in the forthcoming induction of the new Hall of Fame Members. Such a selection is indeed an honor but in my own humble opinion I believe that there are other local personages more deserving since my baseball career was short-lived.

I was born in Sacramento on July 18, 1904 and graduated from the Sacramento High School in 1922. In December 1922 entered Santa Clara University on a baseball scholarship. After high school graduation I had been signed to a baseball contract by the San Francisco Seals to report for spring training in 1924. After abandoning any idea of pursuing baseball as a career in 1928, an injury to my throwing arm forcing me to retire from that field of endeavor, I entered the employ of the State of California as a Deputy Parole Officer, assigned to the San Francisco Office. This was a fortunate move as I remained thusly employed for over 41 years, being transferred to my home town of Sacramento in 1940 and retiring as Deputy Chief of the Division in September 1969.

As to my baseball exploits, I took no active interest in baseball until my junior year in high school when I was able to make the team as a left-handed pitcher and in my senior year, 1922, we won the California Interscholastic Federation State Baseball Championship by defeating the Franklin High School at Washington Park, Los Angeles, 3 to 0, where I was lucky in pitching a three-hitter. After attending Santa Clara University in 1922-23 where I pitched for the varsity, I decided not to return for the Fall semester but wait and report to the Seals at Boyes Springs for spring training in 1924. Meanwhile I went to Los Angeles where I pitched for the Santa Monica Merchants and then for Culver City in the Bay District League. After surviving the training season I consented to being released from my 1924 contract but resigned for 1925 season so that I could go with Nick Williams to play with the Eureka club in the Humboldt League. This was a very rewarding experience as on that club I had the privilege of teammates such as Jimmie Reese, Gussie Suhr, Kibby Spranger, Joe Manger, Ray Stoeber, Harry Hampton. When that league completed its schedule in August I rejoined the San Francisco Seals for 1½ months but did not participate in any P.C.L. games. Charles Graham, one of the Seals' owners, wanted me to pitch in the San Francisco Midwinter League where I became associated with Jimmy Byrnes, the former Philadelphia Athletics catcher and who at one time caught for the Sacramento Solons, who was to manage the Y.M.I. team if they could gain admittance to the league through an elimination playoff. I pitched the game in the elimination tournament, which we won and ensured a berth. I was doing very well with this club until December when my throwing arm became lame. After reporting to the Seals at Boyes Springs in 1925 where my arm failed to respond to treatment the Seals paid my expenses to consult with Bonesetter Reese at Youngstown, Ohio. After treatment and advice to rest I again visited the Seals training camps at Fresno and Monterey in 1926 and 1927 respectively, with two operations and other various treatments on the arm while awaiting such training periods and all to no avail. I then realized it was time to hang up my baseball gear. During the 1921-22 Sacramento Winter League I pitched for Hales in the National Division and in 1922 I played with Thompson Diggs until I left for Santa Clara University.

Sincerely

Tom Pendergast
Tom Pendergast

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Tom*

Dec. 19, 1972

Hi Vince:

My sincere thanks for your note stating I am being considered for the addition of my name to the La Salle Hall of Fame.....Should the Committee's final decision be that I so be honored my grateful answer is YES I DO ACCEPT THIS HONOR.....My first connection with professional baseball was at old Buffalo Park when "Panama" Murphy gave me a job hanging up tin numerals displaying the score ininning by inging. The scoreboard at that time was at the bottom of the fence in left-center field. My pay was 25¢ per game.....12¹/₂¢ per game when I ran into a double-header. Office, or clerical duties, was not one of "Panama's" strong points.....Being so slow in paying off after each game many-many times I went home minus my 25¢.....Especially on Sundays' when I knew my mother had a nice roast in the oven for the family's Sunday main meal. When "Panama" was the secretary, Charlie Heeseman was the owner of the club. Later, when Lou and Charlie Moreing took over the club they luckily secured the ~~services~~ ^{services} of Charlie "Demon" Doyle to take over the duties as secretary.....Charlie gave me the job of hanging up the balls and strikes count high up on top of the right field fence..... This was one of the choice jobs passed out to youngsters on the daily payroll.....Not long after I was given the top job, that was to retrieve foul balls ~~xxx~~ ^{that} landed on the roof of the grandstand or bounced out into the parking lot located outside the main entrance to Moreing Field.....Many Sacramento ball players worked wrecking Buffalo Park and in the building the new Moreing grandstand.....Of course this was all done in the off-season and the players were grateful for this extra employment.....As for my umpiring the late Joe O'Neill and Charlie Clark gave me a trial in the National Division.....Iplayed baseball in the American Division (Winter League) and then would umpire in the National Division on Sunday afternoon's.....Kx In those days the National Division umpires were Heinie Palm, Henry Ludeman, Al Walden, Herb Brock Deeble, Billie Griffiths, Clint Reavis, and others I cannot recall their names at this time..... I was 17 at that time.....When Charlie Clark was elected President of the Sacramento Valley League he appointed me to his umpiring.....A very good league in those days and I worked in said league for quite a few years.....In 1923, around the middle of the season I was called to the phone about 2 p.m. (I was employed by the State Board of Health.....On the other end of the phone was "Beans" Reardon, avery colorful and

competent umpire informed me his partner was sick and could I come out and work with him for two or three days.....Being so young (18) "Beans" worked the plate the two or three days while I was assigned to working the bases....."Beans" assured me over the phone my temporary appointment was approved by Charlie Graham (Seals owner) and Lou Moreing.....Also by both managers - Bert Ellison (Seals) and Charley Pick of the local club....."Beans" the following year was sold to the National League where he remained one of their most capable umpires.....He worked in several Worlds Series and remained in the big leagues some 20 odd years before retiring.....In the following years I substituted many times when the regular umpires were injured or sick..... Those days the games were worked by just two men.....Today in crucial series (Major Leagues) six men are appointed to work the games.....Today the entertainment dollar is very competitive.....In the '20's and 30's families did not have two or three automobiles in their garages.....So, it was hop a street car to old Buffalo Park or Moreing Field.....Today baseball has to compete with golf, boating, bowling, Reno, Lake Tahoe and you name what else.....I remember riding to 10th and Jay on the old 10th street line and families sitting on their front porch, or steps, would yell at the street car passengers, "who won and what was the score?".....The street car company would have four or five extra cars on a side track to handle the after game crowd headed for downtown Sacramento.....Broadcasting the games was not as yet born.....Hence, the many inquires from those unable to attend the games with their cry out as to who won and what was the score.....In 1927 I received my first contract from the Utah-Idaho League.....I was then 21 - the youngest umpire in professional baseball.....At the end of the season P.C.L. President wrote and inquired if I would like to finish the season in the P.C.L.....Those days the P.C.L. season ran far into October.....During that winter Mf. Williams bought my contract from the U-I League and signed me to a full time ~~xxx~~ contract starting with the 1928 season.....My first partner was Perle Casey a veteran of many years.....During various seasons I was paired with Henry Fanning, Lou Kolls, Forrest Cady, Bill Burnside, Bill Guthrie, Harry Kane, and others that escape my memory at this time. In the late 20's or early 30', along with Henry Fanning, I worked the first game at Seals stadium, 16th & Byrant Sts.....Thats the park that replaced Old Rec

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located at 15th & Valencia.....How many fans remember the Booze Cage (men only) located on the field level at Old Rec?.....Tons of personal and "heavy" language directed at both the players and umpires came from this booze cage.....Fans sitting up above in the regular grandstand could not hear this salty language.....Many times I saw ballplayers approach the wire netting and spit tobacco juice at those giving out their insulting remarks.....Getting back to the U-I league (1927) many great stars were developed.....All first year men in pro-ball were Dolph Camilli, Jerry Donovan, Myrl Hoag, Tom Flynn, George Lial, Ernie Lombardi, Johnnie Verges, Wally Berger and many others.....What has happened to the games completed under two hours? They hold more conferences today than Mr. Kissinger.....Especially when they gather around a veteran pitcher who forgot more about pitching out of a jam than those seeking to give him advice.....Bob Gibson, St. Louis Cardinals, is one of the few pitchers who can get the fans out of the park in less than two hours.....If I were still in baseball today I would ask for a contract paying me by the hour instead of by the season.....Today it takes about 3 hours or better to complete a game..... Even when the home club is the winner - which means only $8\frac{1}{2}$ innings of baseball..... Old time Solons, Bill Prough, Tony Freitas, Ed. Byrant, Bill Hughes, Faye Thomas, Ray Keating, could pitch complete games in 1:45.....With Bill Hughes working for Sacramento I worked a Sunday morning game in Stockto that was completed in 1 Hr. and 14 min. ($8\frac{1}{2}$ inning game.) Today every batter is home run ^{crazy} ~~garzy~~.....The few that hit over 40 home runs a year ~~xp~~ probably average one every 19 times at bat.....A player* like Pete Rose (Reds) is far more valuable with ~~X~~his two hundred hits a year, thereby by driving in many runs with his singles and doubles.....,It also should be remembered that many of the 40 home runs~~xx~~ are putting the ball out of the park with no one crazy~~xxxxx~~ on base.....The art of bunting today is a lost art. With a good bunt a player can move a man from first thereby putting him in scoring position. Also, the good bunt eliminates the double play possibility should the bunter hit a sharp ground ball to one of the infielders.....How many good bunters can you name today?.....Again, my thanks for your consideration in my behalf.

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Note:

Not being a professional writer you will have to delete a lot, or all, of this information.....I not only tried to cover my own career but a lot of info concerning baseball in general around the 20's and 30's.....Through ~~the~~ ignorance, or lack of experience in newspaper writing please free call to phone me requesting any info that is more to your taste.

Best to you and yours for the Holiday season.

Paul

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You'll have no trouble ~~reaching~~ ^{reaching} me as I am under the care of Dr. Frank Schiro for different ailments. If I am not home when you call, please call again, as I might be at Doctor's office or one of the super markets. ~~X~~^{You} asked me for a lengthy history, so here it is.

While in the American Association I was selected with "Jocko Conlan) to work the 1939 Little Worlds Series. Rochester and Louisville.....Took us 12 days to play a seven game series. Bad weather. Billy Southworth managed Rochester and Bill Burwell managed Louisville.

December 26, 1972

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BIOGRAPHY OF G. W. (MICK) HALL JR.

I was born in Marysville on July 19th, 1899. I began to play ball as soon as I was able to pull on a glove and hold a bat. I played on Grammer school and Highschool teams and after finishing high school I played on town teams and finally with the Marysville Giants.

My First attempt at Professional baseball was in 1922 when I was twenty two years old. I was recommended to the San Francisco Seals by my old friend Jack Hern. I spent two weeks with them at Spring training at Boyes Springs and they then released me. I guess the jump from Sunday baseball to pro-ball was too much for me. Incidentally, my roommate at Boyes Springs was Mickey Doyle.

I returned home and played Semi-pro ball in 1922 and 23. In 1924 I went to Jerome, Arizona and played semi pro ball during that summer under manager-player the Great Hal Chase. I had a good year there and we won the championship the last game of the season. In this game I had a double and a home run and was middleman in a very unusual triple play.

In 1925 I played with the Marysville Giants, this being the year we entered the Sacramento Valley League. We won our first game, and then lost nine straight during the first half of the season. The second half was better and we won over half of our games.

In 1926 I began the season with the Marysville Giants and after two or three games I was recommended to Ogden, Utah by Deacon Van Buren. Ogden was in the old Idaho Utah league. I started out fine; in the first game I had two doubles off the Twin Falls team, managed by Carl Zamloch. After playing one month with Ogden I came up with Charley Horses in both legs. I was forced to play a month with this handicap, as there was no other shortstop to take over. I finally got the "Pink Slip" as they said I had "Poor Legs". I would have protested this release with the Minor League President but at this time received a wire from Jack Dooley, in Marysville, asking me to come home and play for the Marysville Giants, as they were making a run for the Pennant. I came home, and we won the championship, defeating Dixon in the final game. In this game I hit a Grand Slam home run which gave us the victory of 9 to 5. At this time I led the league in home runs, having four in less than 20 games, and three of these were grand slams. From 1927 to 1935, when I quit playing baseball, I was with the Marysville Giants.

I cherish the names of some of the players I played with or against for one or more games during my playing days, and am proud to say I played with BAZE RUTH, LOU GEHRIG, WALTER MAILS AND DUTCH RUETHER who were playing with the major league at that time.

I also played with the following who were ex-major leaguers: HARRY HOOPER, JOE GEDEON, PING BODIE, HAL CHASE, JOHNNY COUCH, AND JOE CESCHGER. In addition I played with DOLPH CAMELLI, LARRY FRENCH, JIMMY O'CONNELL, WILLIE KAMM, HAL RHYNE, BRUCE CUNNINGHAM, ROY JOHNSON and many others who became major leaguers later in their careers.

This is about the extent of my baseball career. I never hit for the big average, except in 1926 when playing with the Giants, I hit 360 for the season. I usually tried for the long ball, like some of the present day players, and hate to admit I struck out a lot!

This about covers my baseball playing days.

Sincerely,
"Mick"

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G.W. (Mick) Hall Jr.



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Dec. 21, 1972

Dear Vince:

It is flattering and certainly an honor to be suggested for the baseball honor.

You asked for a biographical summary and I will try to be brief as those present care for few words.

I was born in Winters in 1905 and went through the schools there pitching for the high school team. Later I ~~pitch~~ pitched for Dunnigan and Arbuckle in the Northern California League and Woodland in the Valley League. In the Winter League I pitched for Kimball-Upson and Heesemans. Then to the University of Idaho where I pitched and majored in baseball and matrimony, where I met my wife of 42 years, the former Marylou Craven of Boise. To work in the Winters National Bank and to Walnut Grove in 1933 where I operated the Ford agency until 1950, when I sold the business and moved to Sacramento.

During the Korean War I was District Director of the Office of Price Stabilization, appointed by President Truman. Among other activities I was & District Governor of Rotary International, President of the United Crusade of Sacramento, President of the Sacramento Republican Fund and am presently serving on President Nixon's Advisory Council for Minority Business Enterprises. I will soon be unemployed as I am negotiating the sale of my Agricultural Chemicals Inc. of Walnut Grove.

*Cordially
Frank Eddy*

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