

1968 Baseball Hall Of Fame.

FRED BOTTARO; No Information.

EDWIN GROVE;

FRANCIS HALL.

FRANK ROONEY; No Information

LLYOD SNOOK;?

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Edwin L Grove

Born in Sacto Nov 13-1892 Fourth and O St
lived at 2330-7 St from age 4 until married
at age 22.

~~He~~ Graduated from Sutter Grammar School at 10
Went to work at Miller, Enright & Chapin,
wholesale plumbing supplies, on front St
between I & J St. From there went to work at
Sutter Hevener Planing Mill at Second & T St
and when they were taken over by Friend & Fern
Lumber Co worked for them for over 40 years
Joe Gedeon former great big league second
baseman and I were boyhood friends as
he lived only three doors from me at 2316 7
St. We used to take Cobie McGinnis, who
once played with Sacto, across the street to
some empty lots and hit ground balls
at him until we got tired. Coole was ~~not~~
very big but he certainly could field those
ground balls even then.

~~At~~ At this time baseballs were not as
easy to get as at present and we used
taped & recovered balls or anything else
My father who had worked as a harness maker
for the old Vanhookies Phinney Co on J St between
Erd & fourth was now an invalid in a wheel
chair and he taught me how to recover balls

We charged 25¢ to recover a ball which
at that time was a lot of money.

I used to work hard all day and when I got home
would walk 7 blocks to McKinley Park and
hit & shag balls until it was dark, just a
little different from today when all of the
young players can get to the practice field by car.

Also it took me about two years to save up enough
money to get a good pair of spikes and a glove
The gloves in those days were not quite as good

as the gloves of today and I often think I may have made a few less errors if I could had one of the gloves they use today.

I did not get in the First World War as I was married and we had one child, also when I was eighteen I lost 1/2 of my thumb & first finger on my right hand and the army would not take me I used to watch of my friends marching away and it made me feel like a slacker but was something I could not help.

I played with the following teams in the ^{League} Winter ~~League~~
~~Freo Habner~~
 Freo Habner. Freddie Murphy. Mgr. Nevis, Carnie. Frank Bacon. Mgr. Heeseema
 Bowmans Sporting Goods. Joe Edeon.
 Julius Habodarkney.
 Acorn Club.

I played 3 years with Dan Donavans Slough. How team in the County League. Some of the players on the club beside myself were Dan Doncevan, Harry Rooney, Ed Rooney, Kenny O'Rane, Sam Stasse Sr. Gordon Crowdis Darrell Hyon and several others whose names I cannot remember. I hit pretty good for Dan's team and he says for you to call him and he would tell you how I did.

When I was young I belonged to the Mc Linley Park bunch and we used to play against the Rooney-O'Neils 3 or 4 times a year. They were a swell bunch of fellows and we were all good friends but we would argue like hell when we were playing. Never any fights tho.
~~To me they~~
 They were ~~and are a swell~~ all very nice to

me and I am proud to have them as my friends

I played soccer for two years with the Riverside Club and also one year with the Golden Poppies.

About 50 years ago fought Battling O'Day 'Harold Robner in the old arena on L St. He had one in the second round. I got \$10.00 and a broken nose and spent the \$10.00 before I got out of Anril Hoffmanns Saloon. Once was enough.

Played one game with Marysville against Chico on the 4th of July about 45 years ago. Jim Rooney got me the job to take the place of Paul O'Neil who was playing with Marysville but who was sick. If my memory is right Big Bill James was pitching for Chico and Marysville won the game in extra innings.

Also played third place for Stockton against Plymouth at Stockton. Jim Rooney got me this job also as he was playing for Stockton but could not be there. Stockton won the game.

Some of the men whom I can remember and whom I played with + against ^{who} and I call my friends are

Jack O'Neil. Dead	Gary O'Brien. Dead	Terry Mc Caffrey ^{Dead}
Frank Rooney	Tom Applegate Dead	Ed. Lomond ^{Dead}
Ed. Rooney. Dead	Louie Applegate	Geo. Hofquist.
Paul Paul Rooney. Dead	Bell Hagglund	
Jim Rooney. All the rest of the Rooneys		Kenn Hooton ^{Dead}
Kettle White	Joe Jefferson.	Dewey Elliott ^{Dead}
Kenny O'Hara	Harold Bradley	Johnnie Rose ^{Dead}
Sam Stassi Sr.	Duffo Bestero	
Ad. Macholdit	Cookie Mc Ginnes. ^{Dead}	Capt. Moran
Joe Feders. Dead	Mallwitz	Terry
Spooks Carpenter Dead	Willie Schick	
King Carigan. Dead	Hugh Duffy Dead	
Parker Sheehan	Sammy Hearn	over

Jimmie Lane
Johnny Lane
Fredo Felix
Bill Kelly
Dan Donovan
Frank Bacon
Freddie Murphy.

Bob Cunningham
Judge Jerry Desmond
Les Sheehan
Art Huddy

There are many more whose names I cannot remember for which I am very sorry as I know most of them are friends of ~~my~~ mine.

I am growing old since, was 75 last Nov 13-67 and my mind is not as good as it was 50 years ago.

I have a very bad left hip, which makes it hard for me to walk and gets ~~me~~ my spirits down a little at times. Also I cannot write as good as I used to do, am a little shaky as you can plainly see but I do the best I can.

I try to play a little golf but have a hard time getting around but the Doctor says to go as long as possible.

Well since I hope this material is what you want and that you can make something out.

I want to thank you and all the members of the La Salle committee for this wonderful honor you have extended me. To an old man, who will not be around too many years longer this has to be the best thing to have happened to him. Altho I am very pleased with the honor I am sure there are many more old timers who are more deserving than I.

Again I want to thank you and the rest of the committee for this wonderful honor Edwin L. "Eddie" Grove.

P.S. I have one son Russell Grove who was once the property of the Lt Louis Cards, but who did not make it. Two daughters, 10 grandchildren and 12 great grand children.

Eddie

ALLAN HALL
783 ELLIOTT RD
PARADISE CA 95969

1/27/68.

Dear Mr Stanich -
Thank you very
much for your
invitation to attend
your La Salle Club
meeting for the old
time in the rank
of semi-professional
base ball players -
I will make every
effort to be there
and I hope to have
as my escort a
former member of the
Old Trolley League
I ~~know~~ ^{know} always from
interest in keeping
youngsters in baseball
as my team at
Newcastle in 1910 -

work his school
boys - and others -
I have to en pleasure
to see myself ^{and}
Basman and Jodie Groon
and tell you Snook
how I saw him in
Fitch's for he was
to get when he played
against me at
Rocklin

Truly

R. A. Hall

P.S. for me, the
pleasure of seeing Groon
and Snook and myself
others, will be wonderful
Thanks again

Feb 2nd

Dear Vincent,
Certain conditions
have arisen which
make it impossible
for me to attend the
meeting of the La Salle
Club on Feb 12-1968.
I had looked forward to
this, and it is with
deep regret that I
cannot make it.
It would have been a
very pleasant talk with
Eddie Grover and I
would say, over 50 years
and others too, ~~that~~ who
played for me or against
me, during those years.
I was manager for
the Newcastle Club for
nearly 10 years, I did not
tell the Boys how to play
the game as for the

Fundamentals of Base Ball
Odie's not know too much
As they mapped out the
strategy - my part, was
the financial end, Guitts,
Bats, Balls and I think
in few gloves.

With such fellows as
Eddie, Carl Zamboni,
Ralph Lane, Ira Calwell
Scotty Bowden, Don of
Spit Ball James Vann and
others, they slip a good
job, I always remember
I had to buy Don, ten cents
worth of slippery clue before
he pitched a game -
My first to the Hall
of Famers - Again, I say
I am sorry I can't make
it,

Sincerely

Al Hall

90 yrs young -



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION -- A gala celebration was in order for Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Snook who recently observed their 53rd wedding anniversary at the EDGE-WATER HOTEL. Mr. Snook, former manager of the Phoenix Country Club, and his wife are "seeing the town" and relaxing to occupy much of their time during their stay.
Island Camera Photo

Phonetic Guyana

Jan 18, 1968

Dear Vince-

Well, here is a resumé of my pitching from 1911 to 1922. I know, if you, contacted the boys who played with me against me, I relied on a curve ball, also in those days, I threw a fork ball and a spitter, I had to rely on these pitches as I only weighed 145th and my fast ball wasn't so hot. Speedy Braun, the old Santo Sessler, taught me all I knew. but I believe, if I had the coaching then as the pitchers have now, I would have been one, two for any league.

In my other letter, I stated, I did not know where Bishop Armstrong's Gym

is, so I would appreciate if
you will drop me a line telling me
the location, also the time when I
should be there. I expect to leave
here on Friday Feb 9th

Thanks again time for your interest
shown and I will be seeing you soon /

Yours.
Lloyd Brock,
6833 No. 13th St
Phoenix, Ariz 85014

Lloyd Monk
Baseball Career

Started playing ball at Saito High 1910.
In 1911 - pitched 3 no hit games - 2 against
Bill James - 1 against Princeton High -
1911 - Walter McCreedy - Manager Portland Beavers
in Pac Coast League signed me - I stayed there
one month (I was 18) was told to report to
their Portland club in the Northwest League.
I refused to report - came to Saito and
pitched against the Chicago White Sox at
Buffalo Park - allowed 5 hits but lost. The
late Marco Zarich induced me to go to
Santa Clara University - I pitched for the
Varsity against major league and semi-
pros from around the Bay Area and a number

of different universities - came back
to Sacto - signed by Bill Radque, Manager of
the Salons as relief pitcher - stayed one season
then started pitching up and down the valley
in the Valley League also for Merced in
the San Joaquin Valley League - I was
holding the position of Secty to Chief of
Police in Sacto then but every Sunday I
had a pitching job, whoever paid the most
money I pitched for the first team of
Humboldt upon in the Winter League in
Sacto with the help of the good players, we
beat nearly all of them - especially the
Cooney O'Neils - I pitched till 1922 - then went
to Los Angeles - managing different golf clubs -
P.S. I have a Grandson 10 - who pitched in the Little
League here - one game - fanned 13 - only 2 hits } Chief opp
(Boys Name - Bob Sivook) } of Grandpa

in the Honolulu papers. a couple
of young Heke dancers, I was just
getting in shape for spring training.
I still would like to come up in
February, as you mentioned, but will
let you know in plenty of time. That
would be quite an honor for me.
Don't take up any more of your time,
hope your holidays will be good to
you.

Aloha

Lloyd Anook
6833 No. 13th St

Phoenix, Ariz 85014

Woodland, Calif.

Feb. 7 1959.

Vincent Stanich,
c/o Sacramento Union,
Sacramento, Calif. 95812.

Dear Vince:

The upcoming night brings for Lloyd Snook, Fran Rooney and the others brings to mind that great 1911 Sacramento High School Baseball Team. They did not worry about any runs you might score. They were upset if you made any hits during a game. One of their games was with Hammonilton High, and I was talking about it a few years ago with a man who played in that game. He is James Nisbet, a retired School Superintendent in the Croville area. I am trying to remember it as he told it to me fifty years after it was played.

Lloyd Snook's Bible may have something on it.

Quote: We had eight country boys and a pitcher to go against that great team. Snook did his usual job - no runs, no hits. Our pitcher did not do too bad. He struck out twenty, our catcher had five passed balls on third strikes, and we lost two to nothing. Our pitcher was Bill James. Three years later he helped Rudolph and Tyler pitch Boston to a National League Pennant. Big Bill won nineteen games in the last half of the season as they came from last place. He also won two games in the World Series when they beat a great Philadelphia American League Team four straight. Mr. Nisbet is Bill James Brother-in-law.

PS I'll be there Monday.

Eggert