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Subject: BIO PG 1

My first experience with Team Baseball came when I was in the seventh grade at Immaculate Conception Grammar School and Joe Kirrene Sr. was our Coach .We had George Silvers, Bob Caetano, Jim Heon, Jack Pickart, Bill Henderson, and Jim Church. All lat attended Christian Brothers.

In the Fall of 1946 I made the Varsity Baseball team, and Roy Misfeldt was our Coach. I didn't play enough innings to earn a CB block letter.

In 1947 we had a very good team and beat our City rivals Sacramento and McClatchy High Schools . If my memory serves me right we had Mel and Don Knezovich pitching, along with a left hander by the name of Clarence Leofler. That was all the pitching we needed. I am not sure, but I think I made the All City Baseball Team two years in a row.

During the Summer I played American Legion ball for Post 61, Manhart, and South Side Legion, over a three year period.

After graduation in 1949, I signed a contract with the Chicago White Sox, and in 1950 I played at Waterloo, Iowa in the Class B Three Eye League. Also in that league was Cedar Rapids a Cleveland Farm Club, and their Catcher was Ron King, a former Christian Brothers team mate.

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In September, Major League teams are allowed to expand their Roster. So, at the end of the 1950 season I was called up to the Big Club. At age 18, I was the youngest player in the American League. I played the last game of the season against the St Louis Browns, and went one for four.

In January 1951 I enlisted in the US Coast Guard for three years. I was stationed in Alameda, so I was able to come up to the Sacramento area on weekends. So during the Summers of 1951, 52 and 53 I played for Placerville, Rio Vista, Elk Grove, Atwater and Patterson.

In the Spring of 1954 I went to Spring Training with Chicago, and was assigned to Colorado Springs. I hit 344 lead the League I hitting, and was called up to the Sox in August. My overall batting average with Chicago was 296.

In the Spring of 1955, I went to Spring training with the White Sox, and was assigned to the San Francisco Seals. They played me at 3B so the Sox felt that my future would be in the outfield, so I was traded to the Oakland Oaks in July, and played the outfield.

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In the Spring of 1956 I again went to Spring Training with the Sox and was assigned to Memphis in the Southern Association League. At the end of the season my Contract was sold to Indianapolis, and I didn't report to them the next Spring. So I opted to go to work for the AAA Auto Club, and retired after 40 Years.

Jake,

Fell free to edit any part of this.

Joe

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