



Photo courtesy of Vincent Stanich

MEMBERS OF Al's Clothings' 1941 Sacramento Winter League championship team were batboy Jim Westlake, front row, left to right, George Babich, Jim Herrera, Dale Smith, Joe Faraci, Elmer Enos, John Parino and Lou Bordisso; back row, John

Zetz, Harry Paladini, Bill Wright, Wally Westlake, Tony Ferrera, Karl Reimer, Norman Coad, Manager Bill Avila and sponsor Al Andler.

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 it. 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.

Previously inducted into the Hall of Fame were:

1953 — John "Buddy" Ryan; 1955 — Al, Mel, Paul, Ray and Don Knezovich; 1957 — Al Heist; 1958 — Brick Eldred and 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 and Mel French; 1963 — Horace Smith, Harry Lilly, Ralph Stroud, the 1934-35 Julius Style Shop team and Julius Anapolsky;

1964 — Walter Mails, Henry Clark, Dan Donovan and Fred Murphy; 1965 — "Big" Bill James, Jimmy Lane, Manuel Petralli, Captain Bill Ryan; 1966 — Parker Sheehan, Eddie Manger, Dewey Elliot, Vern Hodge and Bob Schang; 1967 — Jack Doolley, Frank Osborn, Frank Bacon, Arthur Luddy and Tommy Dunk; 1968 — Frank Rooney, Francis Hall, Edwin Grove, Lloyd Snook and Fred Bottaro; 1969 — Ray Rohwer, Pete Hepting, Jim Gorman, Steve Marietta and Bill Shick;

1970 — Ted Zackney, Tony Freitas, Al Westlake, Albert Felix and Marvin Nevis; 1971 — Frank Rationi, Dick Deterding, George Lial, Eggert Rohwer and Harry Hooper; 1972 — Clyde "Tub" Perry, Lenny Backer, Joe Rooney, John Costa, G. W. "Mick" Hall, Jr. and Frank Judy; Allan Bryne, Clarence Murphy, John "Chick" Casali, Joe Lima, Elmer Congdon, Hank Ness, Jack Hoagland and Roscoe Kimble; 1975 — Tony Zupo, James "Lefty" Cooke, Larry Williams,

Wally Canfield, Fred Belluomini, Mike Visintainer and Ralph Downs;

1976 — Frank Armstrong, Mike Separovich, Elwood "Bud" Keema, George "Butter" Cole, Phil McGee, Larry Gillick, Steve George and Elmer Enos; 1977 — Alex Kampouris, Earl Eberlein, Peter Mitchell, Dave Roderick, Dr. Alfred Oliver, Joe Smith, Bill Avila and Mike Page; 1978 — Earl Wagner, Lloyd Wagner, Jack Stassi, Herb Forsch, Manuel Salvo, Clement "Boo" Coyle, Gus Korstein, William Peccole and Harold "Sam" Sperbeck; 1979 — Lou Bordisso, Ned Carbone, Joe Duarte, N.G. Culjis, Lloyd Toomey, Percy Gassoway, Karl Reimer and Mike Bakarich;

1980 — Lou Heinzer, Victor Pitts, George Terra, Robert Duggan, Lou Vezilich, Elton Rogers, Bill Svilich and Tony Dutra; 1981 — Vincent Stanich, Clarence Azevedo, John Pintar, Ken Brock, Mark Separovich, Manuel Joseph, Glenn Smith, Bill Kenealy and Vito Virga; 1982 — Joe Frates, Jimmy Flynn, Fir Galli, Ed Hughes, Tom Parodi, Ernie Cervantes, Syl Degregorio, Tony Separovich, Pete Tomasini and Johnny Vergez; 1983 — Joe Oringo, Jim Cluff, Howard Jan, Ernie Perry, Bobby Schang, Bob Peccole, Joe Anderson, Dooley Bertolani, Orval Tregallas and Horace Dunning;

1984 — Art Quadros, Ray Silva, Soto Trillo, Frank Nelson, Elmer Newman, Ponce Alvarado, Wilbert Azevedo, Bill Gianatasio, "Scotty" Mackay, Woodrow Scott and Yubi Separovich; 1985 — Charles Luchini, Fred Schroeder, Steve Zupan, Italo Vesce, Connie Weisker, Fred Kienle, Jack Dark, Joe Faraci, Carl Younglove, Hank Lema, "Babe" Bertolani, Ed Keenan, Pete Pitato, Bill Hallauer, Eddie Fitzgerald, Paul Bowa, Paul Bowa, Izzy Smith, Jim "Tiny" Hansen and Eddie Katsulis;

1986 — Joe Borich, Bill Conlin, Curtis Coppin, Glen Dufour, James Herrera, Les Lollis, Charles Schanz, Curt Schmidt, Manuel "Babe" Thomas, Wally Westlake, Jack Andrews and Harry Bright; 1987 — Gene Bocker, Norman Coad, Virgil Farnsworth, Wayne Hanscom, Larry Manuian, Joe Masi, "Buddy" Peterson, John Rakela, Bill Taylor, George Valine, John Vukovich, Bill Wright and Milton Thomas; 1988 — Ernie Bertolotti, Dan Bianchini, Bert Bonomi, Steve Cuckovich, Henry Hanna, Carl Lauchert, Wally Turpen, Joe Valine, Emerson Wallace, Orval Grove and Martin Slavich.