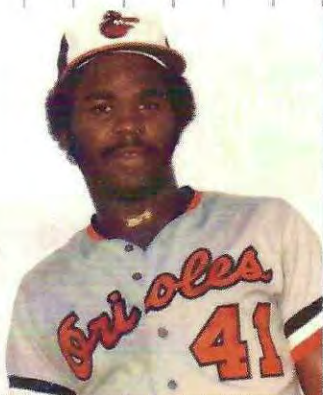


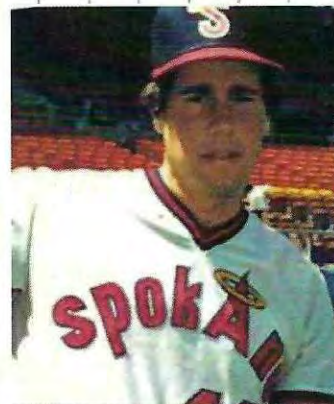
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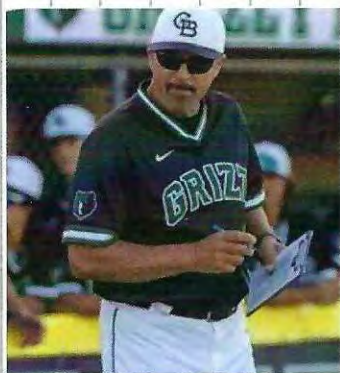
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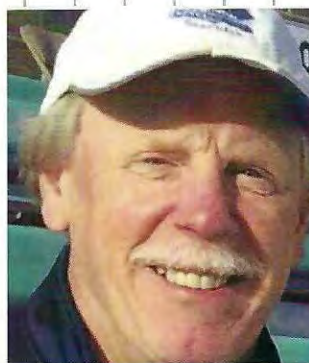
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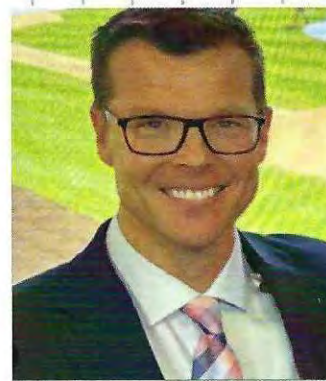
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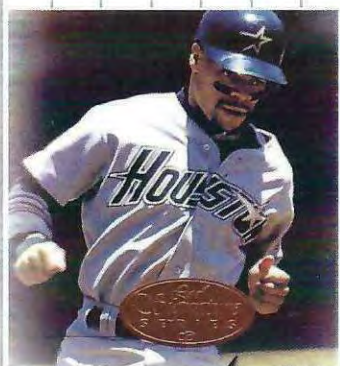
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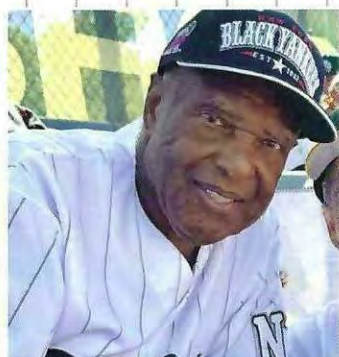
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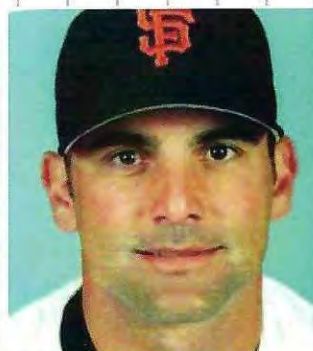
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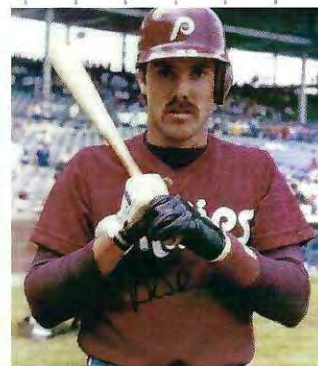
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Welcome

On behalf of The La Salle Club, welcome to Christian Brothers High School for the 69th Annual Sacramento Area Baseball Hall of Fame Dinner. With the “Hot Stove League” nearing completion, this dinner heralds the return of baseball and the promise of springtime.

We would like to acknowledge the memories of Frank Demaree and Drungo Hazewood, and congratulate the Class of 2026: Don Porter, Pat Esposito, John Hughes, Steve Brown, James Mouton, Mike Fischlin, Rick Schu, Jeff Levering, and F.P. Santangelo. These gentlemen are different in so many ways, but are united by careers, on and off the baseball field, of achievement, class, and personal distinction.

This dinner owes its existence to the “Bushers Association,” a group of men who organized the numerous Bush Leagues around Sacramento. Dating back to the 1930’s, the Bushers would hold an annual banquet intent on raising money for the players’ injury fund. Soon, attendance would number in the 400’s and a bigger venue was necessary. Christian Brothers High School, with its large and accommodating gymnasium, offered the Bushers a new home, and in 1953 they enjoyed the first official Sacramento Baseball Hall of Fame Dinner. Their initial tradition was to honor a “Player of the Year,” but with Sacramento’s talent-rich baseball scene, the dinner soon became a recognition of multiple “Players of the Year.” Today, the Sacramento Baseball Hall of Fame now enshrines over 575 inductees!

We thank Dr. Dave Perry, President of Christian Brothers, Athletic Director, Melissa Flowers, and staff for enabling The La Salle Club to host this annual gathering of Sacramento’s baseball community and celebrate its rich history.



Joe McNamara and Keith Cherry

We hope you enjoy tonight’s event and will join us again in 2027 for the **70th** Annual Baseball Hall of Fame Dinner! *In the meantime*, we proudly encourage you to visit ***The La Salle Club Baseball Hall of Fame*** at christianbrotherswalloffame.touchpros.com. This site provides our baseball community with the ability to see all 575+ inductees and learn their stories. If you appreciate our baseball history, you will find time spent here to be very enjoyable.

Sincerely,

Joe McNamara

Joe McNamara,
Event Chair

Keith Cherry

Keith Cherry,
The La Salle Club President



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THE LA SALLE CLUB

Saturday, January 17, 2026

Welcome

KEITH CHERRY

The La Salle Club President

Invocation

DR. DAVE PERRY

President of Christian Brothers High School

Dinner

Inductee Introductions

JOE MCNAMARA

Event Chairman

Frank Demaree

By Tom Crisp

Joseph Franklin "Frank" Demaree (1910-1958) was raised in Winters, CA. His parents were both deaf mutes and apricot farmers and lived in the Apricot District of Winters.

At Winters High from 1923 to 1927, Demaree excelled in athletics – baseball, basketball, track, and tennis. He helped lead the baseball team to championships in his junior and senior years, and, as a senior, hit .448 with an exclamation home run in his last at bat against Sacramento High.

Following graduation Demaree played semi-pro ball for Woodland, Knight's Landing, and Willows in 1928 before joining the Marysville Giants of the Sacramento Valley League.

While playing for the Giants in 1930, Demaree was one of the league's leading hitters (.381) and signed his first professional contract with the Sacramento Senators of the Pacific Coast League. In 1931 Demaree batted .312 for the Senators and led the team with 104 RBIs. In 1932 he was batting .364 when he was sold to the Chicago Cubs.

Chicago faced the New York Yankees in the 1932 World Series. Demaree played centerfield in game two and made a spectacular, home run saving catch. In game three he was on the bench when Babe Ruth hit his "alleged call shot" home run off Cub hurler Charlie Root at Wrigley Field. In game four, with the Cubs down three games to none in the series, Demaree hit his first major league home run, a three-run shot over Ruth's head, in the first inning.

After the 1933 season, though Demaree batted .272 with 6 home runs and 51 RBIs, Cubs management decided he needed to return to the minors for more seasoning. They sent him to the Los Angeles Angels of the Pacific Coast League. Without a doubt, it was the 1934 season that later earned Demaree his PCL Hall of Fame status. Demaree led the league in runs scored (190), hits (269), home runs (45), RBIs (173), and batting average (.383). To this day, he is the only member of the PCL "40-40 club", hitting 45 home runs and stealing 41 bases in the '34 season.

Coming off his PCL MVP season, Demaree returned to the Cubs in 1935 and batted .325. The Cubbies again won the National League and faced the Detroit Tigers in the World Series. Demaree batted .250 for the series and clouted two home runs, but Chicago lost the series 4-2.

In 1936, Demaree batted .350 and belted 16 home runs. With the fans voting in just the 4th ever All-Star game, he received 90% of the votes for the National League right field position.

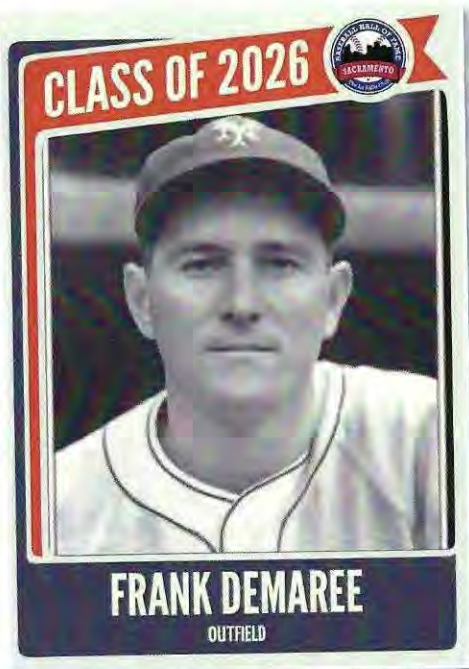
One of the highlights of Demaree's '37 season was when he collected six consecutive hits in the first game of a doubleheader, and in the second game he had two more hits for a total of eight on the day. Two days later on July 7 he was in Griffith Stadium in Washington, DC again starting for the National League in the All-Star game.

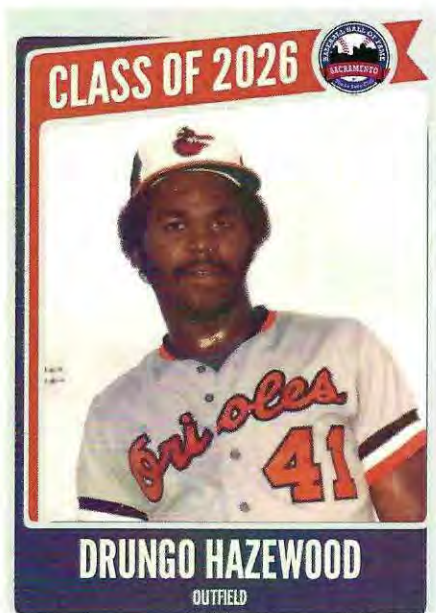
Following the 1938 season during which Demaree's then Cub's team record of 396 consecutive starts came to an end (later broken by Ernie Banks in 1956), he was traded to the New York Giants.

In the 1940's, Demaree was past his prime and, with a drinking problem, often out of shape. After the Giants waived him in 1941, he bounced around the league with the Boston Braves, St. Louis Cardinals, and St. Louis Browns. In his last game he was 0 for 3. After a 12-year major league career he ended with a .299 batting average. It was .299469 to be exact, so one more hit or one less at-bat would have rounded his career average up to .300.

Following his major league career, Demaree played in the Pacific Coast League. In six seasons, he had a lifetime batting average of .332 and was inducted into their Hall of Fame in 2009.

For the next couple of seasons Demaree served short stints as a minor league player/manager and a scout. After a long illness, he passed in 1958 and today lies beside his parents in Winters.





Drungo Hazewood

There was no one quite like Drungo Hazewood. Known more for his football prowess, Drungo was ticketed for the University of Southern California where coach John Robinson was salivating over the idea of having the pride of Sacramento High School share a defensive backfield with a new recruit named Ronnie Lott.

But the Baltimore Orioles stepped in, selecting Drungo in the first round of the 1977 draft, and dangling a \$50,000 dollar bonus. Drungo would spend 7 seasons in the Orioles chain, mostly with Charlotte, smashing 591 hits and 97 home runs.

It was in Charlotte where the legend was born, and he is still talked about today. Former Charlotte teammate Scott Christopher remembers fearing taking Drungo's throws from right field, stating: *"It was like it came out of a cannon. The only other person that I can say comes close to his physicality was Bo Jackson."*

Another teammate, Bob Bonner, spoke of a game in 1979: *"I remember that it was 375 to left center, and there was a parking lot behind the fence and a 10-story apartment complex behind that, and Drungo hit it over that complex! It was estimated at 600 feet. I stood in awe. Everybody did. You could hear a pin drop in that ballpark when he hit it."*

Cal Ripken and Drungo were the best players on the 1980 Charlotte Orioles, winners of the Southern League Championship. Ripken remembers that Drungo was big and fast and something to behold, often scoring from first on a double. Ripken also remembers when he and Drungo were ejected during a Southern League flare-up. Cal said: *"Drungo was so mad that he stopped in front of a display of two bats mounted on hooks. He grabbed one and snapped it like a toothpick. Drungo did not hit it against anything, he just twisted it and snapped it like a toothpick."*

Drungo became a big leaguer for 5 games in 1980, and scored one run. He had trouble hitting the curve ball, but he was young, and there was plenty of time to work on his swing. But when news came that his mother had taken ill, Drungo went home to Sacramento to take care of her. His sister Neva said that he was with her when she died. Neva added that Drungo's family was his heart, and that is how he lived the rest of his life, with a large, boisterous family of his own.

Drungo is remembered by his teammates and friends as a loyal family man with more athletic talent than anyone around. Bill Conlin, a Sacramento Baseball HOF writer said of Drungo: *"He has too much ability for one human being. He should have been born twins!"*



Don Porter

By Tony Oliver

Don “The Rook” Porter, born in 1941, followed his uncles Merle and Andrew “Portman” Porter into professional baseball, playing in the Negro Leagues. Growing up in College Station, Arkansas, he honed his skills with their guidance and equipment. He developed a successful curveball and knuckleball, dominating Little League opponents in Little Rock.

In 1957, Porter joined the New York Black Yankees at age 16 and was promoted to the Indianapolis Clowns at 17, earning the nickname “Rook” because of his youth. Don played two seasons before he graduated from high school since summer vacation aligned perfectly with the baseball season.

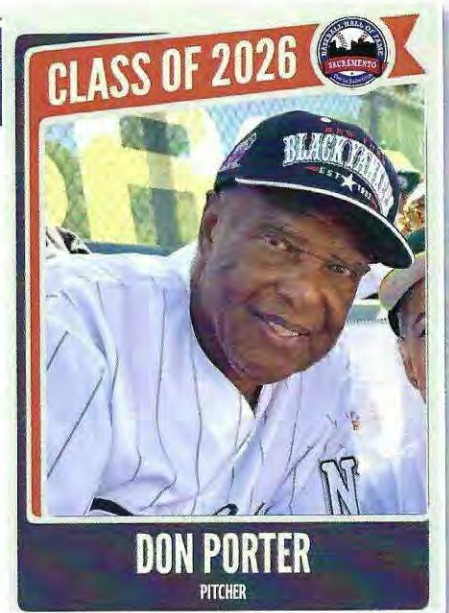
During the waning days of the Negro Leagues, many franchises had become traveling teams. Don and his teammates toured extensively, and he experienced the hardships of segregation, including travel by bus and limited dining/lodging options. And though by this time African-Americans had earned MVP, Cy Young, and Rookie of the Year awards in Organized Baseball, the Negro Leaguers still experienced subpar conditions. Don recalled, *“It had to be for the love of the game because we weren’t paid very much... Yet there were some guys who played 30 years in the Negro League.”*

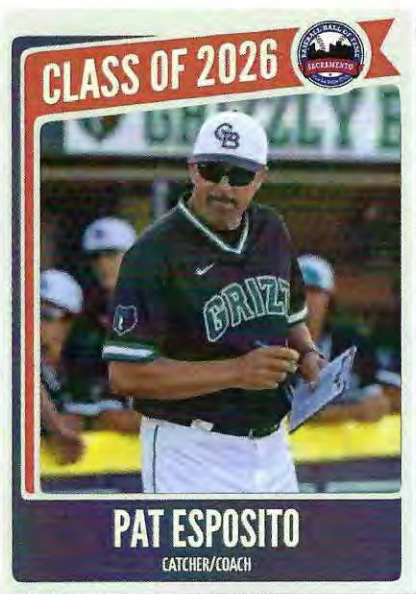
After his professional baseball career, which included a stop at Travelers Field in Little Rock, Porter served in the US Army from 1958 to 1962, continuing to play and winning championships in Germany and Texas. He settled in Sacramento with his wife Yvette, where he worked at McClellan Air Force Base and then for the Sacramento Regional Transit agency until 1995.

Though he was invited to try out for the expansion Houston Colt 45s in 1962, Don continued playing in various Northern California leagues during the 1960s alongside future MLB stars. *“We played in the Rural League, the County League and the Night League around here. We played winter league ball, and Larry Bowa, Bob Oliver, Ken Forsch, Dusty Baker, Jerry Manuel and Leron and Leon Lee would play with us in that league. (Agent) Scott Boras also used to play with us when he was a student at (Pacific).”*

In 2017, Don was inducted into the Yesterday’s Negro Leaguers Wall of Fame. The Milwaukee Brewers honored him and other living Negro Leaguers the prior day before their game against the Cincinnati Reds. During the broadcast, he expressed, *“It’s a special honor for me. I had an uncle who played in the Negro Leagues for over 20 years, and he’s on the Wall of Fame. To follow in his footsteps as a second generation Negro Leaguer is an honor.”*

Don remains an active supporter of the annual Sacramento Honorary Negro League Game for Black and Latino high school athletes.





Pat Esposito

The only baseball coach that Granite Bay High School has ever known is a guy from Queens by the name of Pat Esposito. Growing up in New York, Pat remembers playing catch with his Grandpa Joe when he was 8-years old. But it was his Uncle Paul who taught him how to play baseball in the sandlot. Paul also was the first to teach Pat the wonders of the catching position and that baseball should always be fun.

Pat brought his New York swagger to college at Cal Poly and played baseball. Following Uncle Paul's advice, he became a catcher, and in the early 1980's he put up some decent numbers against the likes of rivals Pomona and Chapman College.

Pat's coaching career began at Santa Clara High School in 1987 where he was 47 and 21.

After stops at Oakmont and Woodcreek, he was hired at Granite Bay in 1996 and within 5 years his team won a championship. Pat and a slew of volunteers were responsible for building not just the team, but the infrastructure of what is now Grizzly Park with its

various quirks like the 278 foot right field line.

His 2001 Granite Bay team was 21 and 0 in league play and 30 and 1 overall, earning Pat the Sacramento Bee's Coach of the Year honor. (Fellow 2026 Hall inductee Jeff Levering was pictured that year on the same page as he made the Bee's All City team.)

Pat loves to sit in his den and watch his former players on TV whether they are in college or in the pros. Seeing the caption "Granite Bay High School" under their name fills him with pride, but he did not get into coaching to win championships. Pat's goal has always been about college placement, and he is thrilled when returning students share with him their degrees in the Arts, Management, or Business.

Fellow coaches respect him, including Jesuit's Joe Poltuny who with reverence said: *"Pat has Jim Barr, a 12-year MLB veteran who won 100 games, as his pitching coach. I know a lot of coaches who would defer to Mr. Barr, but Pat sees it as an excellent learning opportunity for his team."*

On a cold night at Union Stadium in 2024, Granite Bay defeated Elk Grove 4-3 for their third consecutive San Joaquin Section Championship. As the players celebrated, Coach Esposito summed up his coaching style to the Sacramento Bee's Joe Davidson: *"I'm so proud of these guys. Seeing them grow from the first day to now, how we stuck together, how we kept fighting, I don't coach to win championships, I do it to see teams come together!"*

When asked about his overall record regarding wins and losses as the baseball coach at Granite Bay, Pat said: *"Can I call you back? I don't really know."* Pat would rather have a tooth extracted than talk about individual records.

When he did call back he reported 483 wins to just 316 defeats.



John Hughes

The Sacramento Baseball Hall of Fame has always taken the opportunity to recognize the importance of scouts, from the days of Bill Avila, Eddie Bockman, and Ronnie King to the modern day minds of Greg Orr, Don Lyle, Dean Stotz, and Paul Cogan.

We are happy to announce that John Hughes, a former Davis High School lefthanded pitcher, is the newest scout to be elected into the Sacramento Baseball Hall of Fame.

As a young man John Hughes was a lefthanded pitcher for Yolo Post 77 in American Legion and thrived in the competitive atmosphere of the Sunday doubleheaders, including some memorable pitching duels with Sacramento Baseball Hall of Famer, Butch Metzger.

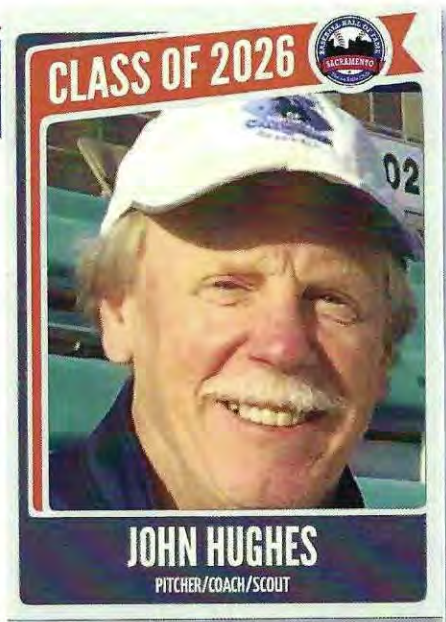
John's coaching/scouting journey began after a four-year college career at UC Berkeley where, upon graduation, he was asked to stay on as the pitching coach. In this role from 1978-1990, John helped the Golden Bears reach the College World Series in 1980 and 1988.

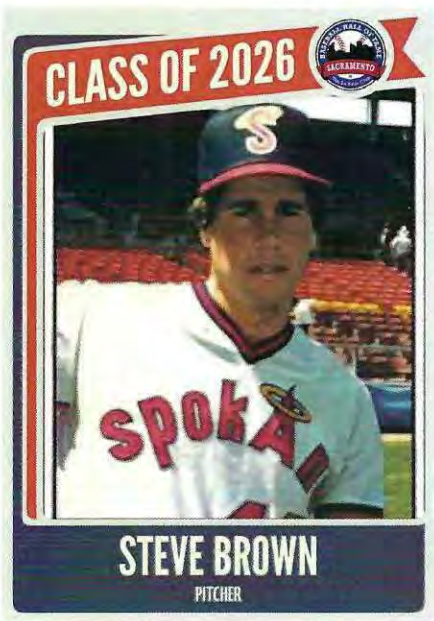
Hired as a scout by Montreal in 1993, John was responsible for the Expos signing Geoff Blum and was always keenly aware of bay area talent. Most famously, John spotted a young catcher from Serra High School and talked the Expos into drafting him in the 18th round of the 1995 draft. The world will never know if Tom Brady would have had the same success in baseball as he did in football. But John knows and accepts that he is forever linked to the Brady story and enjoys the frequent radio interviews, including one with fellow 2026 inductee F.P. Santangelo.

John also scouted for the Marlins and the Athletics over his rich and lengthy career, and currently serves as the president of the Northern California Scouts Association. In a very competitive profession, John's fellow scouts respect and revere him. Last year's inductee Paul Cogan, the man responsible for the Cleveland Indians signing C.C. Sabathia, said of John: *"Simply put, John is good for baseball and has a legitimate love for the game. He is good at what he does and has a global view on how the game operates. He has no enemies and stays above it all. He has a galvanizing way of doing things, and is a real peacemaker."*

Fellow scout Don Lyle added: *"John is a dedicated and consistent worker, who knows the right people in this profession, and does a fantastic job with the Northern California Scouts Association."*

In what turns out to be a great story, even better than Tom Brady, is that since 2020 John has served as the pitching cross checker for the Oakland A's. In that same year, the A's also hired John's son Dustin for the position of bullpen catcher. After missing so many of Dustin's games due to the travel schedule of a scout, today John gets to go to work with his son at the ballpark.





Steve Brown

Although he was born in San Francisco, Steve Brown grew up in Davis. He attended Davis High School where the tall and lanky catcher struggled with baseball. Weighing college choices as far away as Reno, Steve chose to stay local at UC Davis where legendary Coach Phil Swimley had plans to make him a pitcher.

Steve pitched sparingly his first year, but by the time his sophomore year was over, he had become comfortable with a breaking pitch called the slurve. Steve would say at the time: *"It's not a true slider and it is not exactly a curve."* It was a strikeout pitch, and Steve's career took off.

In 1978 he won 11 games with a 2.93 ERA, 83 strikeouts, and was named the Far Western Conference Pitcher of the Year. His career at UC Davis was spectacular as he recorded 23 wins with 34 complete games.

During college he began to pitch in the Night League at Harry Renfree Field where Sacramento's finest ball players competed. Here Steve improved not only his assortment of pitches but his confidence as well. He would pitch in the Night League until 1981, remembering such stars as Rich Chiles and Leron and Leon Lee.

Drafted by the California Angels in 1978 and signed by legendary scout Loyd Christopher, Steve quickly rose up the Angels chain with a stop in Idaho Falls (7 and 3, with a 2.83 ERA), a stop in Salinas (10 and 5 with a 2.41 ERA) and finally Spokane (14-11 with a 3.88 ERA).

Steve made his major league debut with the California Angels in 1983, joining Sacramento Hall of Fame members manager John McNamara and pitcher Ken Forsch. He would go on to clock 57 innings in the big leagues with a record of 2 and 3 and a 4.58 era. Steve's finest game in the majors was on the last day of the 1983 season as he shut out the Texas Rangers 2-0, scattering 6 hits and striking out 4.

Steve's minor league record, mostly in AAA, was an impressive 80 wins against only 65 defeats over 7 seasons.

Steve stayed very active in the night and winter leagues, but became a star attraction pitching for the Sacramento Smokeys where he teamed with Sacramento Hall of Fame member Butch Metzger to anchor a strong staff for manager Larry Manuiian. His picture was featured quite prominently in the weekly ad that the Smokeys ran in the Sacramento Bee.

Not forgotten in the town that launched his career, Steve was enshrined in the UC Davis Hall of Fame in 1999. He is remembered as one of the greatest pitchers in school history and the first Aggie to pitch in Major League Baseball.



James Mouton

James Raleigh Mouton was born in Denver but spent many memorable days on the Florin Road campus of Luther Burbank High School, where the three-sport star lit up the south Sacramento skies. Although he put up impressive numbers on the gridiron and the basketball court, baseball was his love, and it showed when he hit .529 and stole 30 bases his junior year earning All City honors.

James used to love to hit at Cordova's diamond, rejoicing at the sound of his aluminum Tennessee Thumper's "ping" and watching the outfielders turn their backs to chase down another gapper. He referred to himself as a "newspaper man", and he kept up with all of the box scores and statistics of his future competition. James loved to read about Rick Jordan's career and patterned his game after the powerful first baseman from Grant.

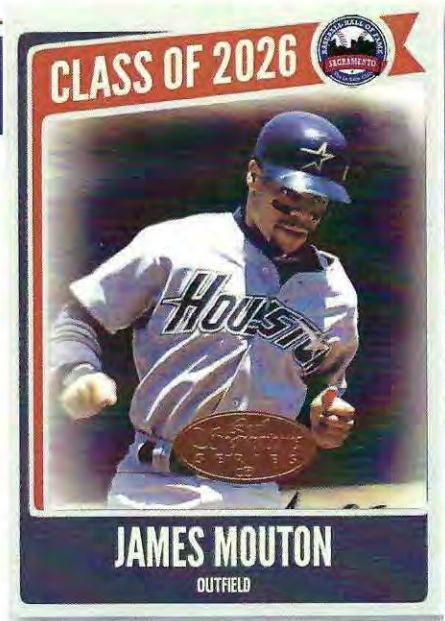
In 1987, James would attend St. Mary's College, a quiet school in Moraga, that was also the alma mater of Sacramento Baseball Hall of Fame members Eddie Fitzgerald, Frank DeMaree, Joe Marty, Harry Hooper, and Walter Mails. James would surpass them all by rewriting the St. Mary's record books with 30 home runs, 115 stolen bases, 139 RBI's and a .368 average over his four year college career.

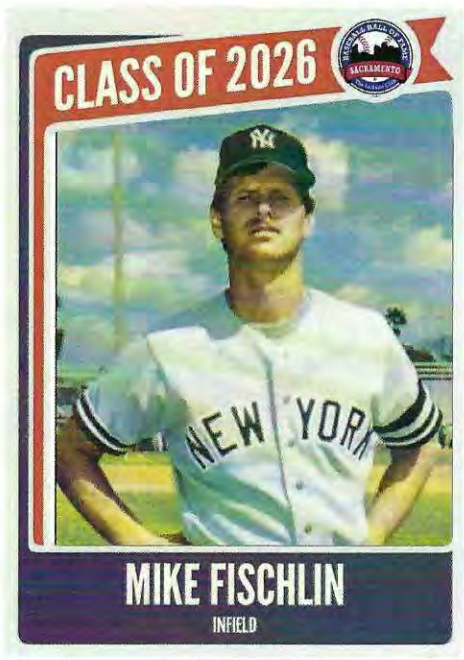
Selected by the Houston Astros in the 7th round of the 1991 draft as an infielder, James quickly rose through the chain culminating with his dominant 1993 Pacific Coast League season with the Tucson Sidewinders. James socked 172 hits featuring 42 doubles, 12 triples, 16 homers, and 40 stolen bases. He was awarded the Pacific Coast League MVP and was the first Sacramento Area player to win that award since Frank Demaree did in 1934. After the season his Tucson manager Rick Sweet said: *"He's the kind of player that people pay good money to see."*

Before a sold-out crowd of 43,400 fans at the Houston Astrodome, James would make his Major League debut on Monday, April 4th, 1994. The newly converted right fielder went 3 for 5 with 2 doubles and a stolen base. James would play 4 years in Houston with his best season in 1996, knocking out 79 hits on his way to a .263 batting average. He would have the thrill of playing with and learning from those great Astro's teams of the mid-90's that featured future Hall of Famers Craig Biggio and Jeff Bagwell. James would always say about baseball: *"Knowledge is paramount."*

James would play for four more years in the majors with stops in San Diego, Montreal and Milwaukee. Towards the end of his career, James was picked up by the Arizona Diamondbacks and assigned to their Triple A club in Tucson where the batting coach was fellow 2026 inductee, Rick Schu.

James would play 13 seasons in professional baseball with a glittering .274 average, 989 hits and 286 stolen bases. He is currently sharing his mantra *"knowledge is power"* with the young men of southern Louisiana and southern Texas as the area scout for the San Francisco Giants.





Mike Fischlin

Elk Grove has provided the Sacramento Baseball Hall of Fame with some memorable inductees from Buck Martinez to Ken Hottman. Inspired by them, young Mike Fischlin was the team captain and an All Conference shortstop for the Thundering Herd his senior year.

Under the guidance of Cosumnes River College coach Jerry Conway, the man who prepared him for the big leagues, Mike made the Valley Conference All Star team by hitting .304 and earned the honor roll in the classroom.

Though Mike received a full scholarship to UC Berkeley, the New York Yankees changed his plan when they selected him in the 7th round of the 1975 draft. Instead of Cal, Mike was on his way to Oneonta, NY for rookie ball in the New York-Pennsylvania League.

Mike worked his way up the minor league ladder and impressed other teams with his defense. After two years into his Yankees tenure, he was traded to the Houston Astros in 1977. Due to a solid season with Columbus in the Southern League, Mike was a September call-up to the big club. On September 3, 1977, he made his Major League debut. He would get his first hit two weeks later off tough reliever Charles Hough as Ken Forsch, a fellow Sacramento Baseball Hall of Famer, secured the late inning victory for the Astros.

Mike remembers playing the Phillies when Larry Bowa approached him with a new Rawlings 812 Glove. *"This is for you,"* said the fiery Sacramento native, as he tossed it to the stunned rookie. In the days before glove contracts, this was a tremendous gift and something Mike never forgot.

Mike's versatility kept him in the Majors for 10 years. His best season was in Cleveland where he not only played flawless defense but hit .268 with 74 hits and 12 doubles. In 1986 he signed with the Yankees in a return to the team that drafted him. Mike ended his career with a .220 batting average with 207 hits and 29 doubles, but it was his defense that defined him. He was adroit at every infield position and was even used as an emergency catcher.

When Mike was eligible for arbitration in 1983, he asked his youth ball teammate and fellow Elk Grove native Scott Boras to negotiate his contract. Boras doubled his salary and the word was soon out about the then fledgling Boras Corporation. Mike would go on to work for the Boras Corporation for many years in an executive role, including the Head of Player Development.

When Mike's playing days were over, he was hired by the Class A, Myrtle Beach Blue Jays to manage their young players. During one of the games, Mike lost his temper and kicked an umpire in the shin. He was suspended for two games, but still came to the ballpark to sell programs, take tickets, and cook hot dogs. When asked by the press why he was doing those tasks, Mike replied: *"Since I was a utility player for most of my career, I want to show the fans of Myrtle beach how versatile I really am!"*



Rick Schu

Rick Schu's life has all of the makings of a Disney movie. He was born in Philadelphia, but his family moved west to Sacramento when he was very young. As he grew up in the capital city he retained his Phillies allegiance following the Hall of Fame exploits of Mike Schmidt from afar.

Rick was a dominant athlete at Del Campo High School, making the All-City team twice. During his senior year, Rick hit .411 with 10 doubles and 5 triples. He even contributed from the mound with a 7 and 2 record and 1.85 ERA. At the Optimist Game, the top showcase for high school players, Rick was a one man show for his northern team. Not only did he score 2 of the 3 runs, but when beckoned to the mound, he induced the game winning ground out. Rick's Optimist Game coach, the legendary Grant High School's Mike Alberghini called Rick, *"as good an athlete as I have ever seen."*

At one point during his senior year, Rick played ball for his high school team, senior league team, and American Legion team at the same time. (And held down a job to boot!) Rick recalled, *"I'd get done with one practice, jump in the car, change uniforms, and be off to the next practice."*

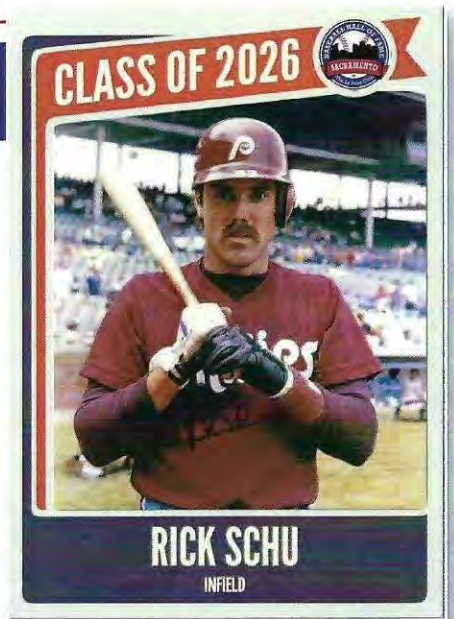
The Philadelphia Phillies scouting brain trust of Bill Avila, Joe Borich, and Eddie Bockman (all three members of the Sacramento Baseball Hall of Fame) had Rick on their radar since he was a kid, and they tried to hide him for a few months at Sacramento City College. But Rick continued to get better and better. Finally the Phillies offered him a free agent contract before the 1981 draft, and Rick was off for rookie ball in Bend, Oregon.

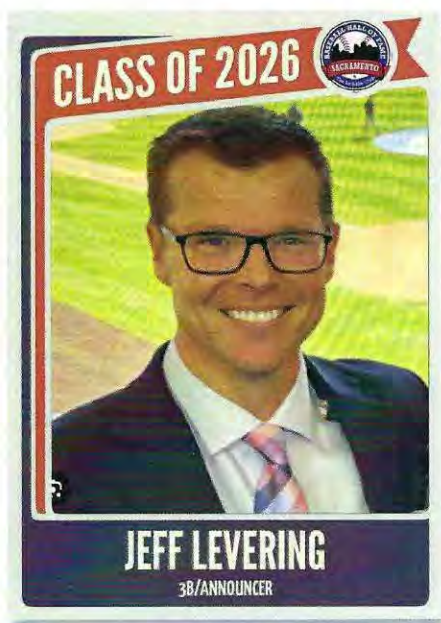
Rick's ascendance through the Phillies farm system was nothing short of meteoric, and the higher the level he played, the better his statistics were. In 1983 Rick led the league in triples, was second in doubles, and tallied a batting average of .301. He was selected to the Pacific Coast League All Star team.

Rick debuted at third base for the Philadelphia Phillies on September 1, 1984. His boyhood idol, Mike Schmidt, shifted to first base. Although his debut was quiet, the very next day, with the San Francisco Giants in town, Rick belted an RBI triple in the 6th inning and a two-run homer in the 8th for an 8-3 Phillies victory. Rick reveled in the company of his new teammates, stating: *"You've got to be in awe of guys like Steve Carlton and Mike Schmidt. It doesn't really hit you, but these guys are future Hall of Famers. What a privilege it is to be on the same field with them."*

Rick would never put up Mike Schmidt type numbers (who could?), but he carved out a marvelous career with station changes through California, Baltimore, and Montreal. Rick would go on to play 9 years in the majors and smash 386 hits, 41 homers, and 134 RBI's.

His knowledge of the game helped him secure the hitting coach role for the Diamondbacks, the Nationals, and the Giants. Rick retired recently after spending 38 years in professional baseball.





Jeff Levering

Will Rogers, a great humorist of the last century, famously said that he never met a man that he didn't like. Well, it is hard to find anybody that doesn't like Jeff Levering.

On that great Jesuit High School baseball team of 2001, as JP Howell went 10-0 with a microscopic ERA of 0.09, Jeff Levering kept everybody loose with faux broadcasts of the game. The natural storyteller didn't just talk, he led the team in hitting with a .484 average, 10 doubles, and 33 RBI's. He always played well in big games, and Jesuit didn't duck an opponent that year. Against the powerhouse De La Salle team, Jeff hit three doubles in a 7 to 6 victory. Against San Francisco's St. Ignatius, Jeff had 4 RBI's while his teammate and Sacramento Hall of Fame member J.P. Howell struck out 9 in the victory. Finally, against a very tough McClatchy team, Jeff had 4 hits with 2 triples. When asked what his favorite diamond was in Sacramento, Jeff replied, *"McClatchy!"*

Jesuit would win the CIF Sac-Joaquin Division 1 Baseball Championship that year, and Jeff would make the All-City team. He would take his game to Chapman University

where the Panthers would win the Division 3 championship in 2003. At Chapman he would continue his sports broadcasting studies that began at Sacramento's KFBK radio station. Kitty O'Neal, the afternoon news anchor, remembers Jeff as being affable, enthusiastic, and eager to learn everything he could about sports radio.

At Chapman, Jeff impressed the Emmy Award winning broadcaster Steve Physioc while there to tour the campus with his daughter. The two stayed in touch, and Steve was instrumental in getting Jeff his first crack at broadcasting. *"His first broadcasting job was with the Rancho Cucamonga Quakes"*, remembers his Jesuit baseball coach, Joe Poltuny. *"I went down to see him, and he was still new on the job. We were behind the cage during batting practice, and Jeff grabs a wooden bat and steps up to the plate and hit it out of the ballpark!"* He earned a lot of respect from those players that day."

As Jeff climbed the minor league ladder with stops in Double A Springfield and Triple A Pawtucket, he began to attract major league interest. While home with his family on New Years Day watching the Rose Bowl, Jeff received a call from the Milwaukee Brewers. The Brewers were interested in Jeff doing a couple of games and some post game shows. The one condition was that he had to have dinner with the one and only Bob Uecker.

The two met at a restaurant and spent only a few minutes getting to know each other when Allan "Bud" Selig, the former commissioner of baseball walked in. *"Hey, Al!"*, Uecker yelled, *"I want you to meet Jeff Levering. He's going to be working for us next year."*

Jeff and Bob spent nearly ten years together in the broadcast booth. Jeff's success is celebrated by so many in the broadcast world including the Athletic's Johnny Doscow who called Jeff, *"One of the most genuine people I know"*, and F.P. Santangelo added, *"Jeff is one of the best broadcasters in the business and one of the nicest guys in the industry."*



F. P. Santangelo

Jerry Weinstein remembers it like it was yesterday. The year was 1988, and his Sacramento City Panthers were in the losers bracket in their arduous quest for the state championship. Jerry recalls: *"We were a beat-up group. There wasn't a single player that didn't have a tear in his uniform, and back at the hotel many of those players slept in those dirty uniforms."*

Sac City needed to win a double header the next day against a formidable Rancho Santiago ball club who were rested and loose. Jerry cancelled batting practice that day and, to the dismay of his players, they watched while many of Rancho Santiago's coaches were taking a spirited BP, laughing and joking. Frank F.P. Santangelo had seen enough.

F.P. Santangelo was an All-City shortstop for Oak Ridge High School in 1985, leading the Golden Empire League in hitting with a .456 clip. After a disappointing albeit brief stop at UC Berkeley, F.P. found solace and success at Sacramento City College. But now it was time to step up as a leader.

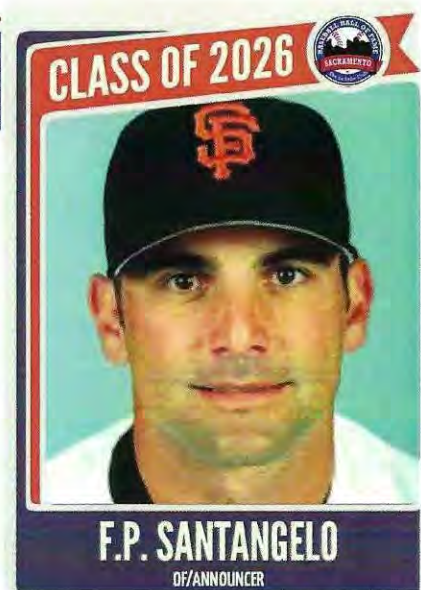
F.P. called a players only meeting in center field. Jerry recalls that he had never seen F.P. angrier, and his obscenity-laced speech inspired the Panthers to sweep the double header over Rancho Santiago for the 1988 State Community College Championship. F.P. finished the year with a .395 average, 32 RBIs, and 43 stolen bases. He was named the co-Player of the Year.

Taking the "Weinstein Pipeline" to the University of Miami, F.P. would hit .345 fueled by 71 hits while swiping 32 bases. Drafted by the Montreal Expos in the 20th round, F.P. would sock a triple down the left field line in his second career at bat on August 2, 1995. The following year, F.P. would have his best season smacking 109 hits with 20 doubles and 5 triples. He would finish 4th in National League Rookie of the Year voting for the Felipe Alou managed Expos.

F.P. would play 14 seasons in professional baseball, 7 in the big leagues, with stops in Montreal, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Oakland. His career average was .245 fueled by 415 hits.

Jerry Weinstein remembers F.P. as a classic "Type A" personality who was a natural for the broadcast booth. If he couldn't play baseball anymore, he could surely talk about it. He spent nearly 10 years in Washington D.C. as the color commentator for the Nationals before heading home to Northern California to the comforts of the San Francisco Giants organization. He currently hosts a popular Giants themed podcast and does fill-in broadcast duties for the iconic team of Jon Miller, Dave Fleming, Duane Kuiper, and Mike Krukow.

Last summer, F.P. returned home to Sacramento to call a game between the San Francisco Giants and the Athletics. Reflecting back on his storied career, F.P. said to his old friend, Sacramento Bee writer Joe Davidson: *"I got to do a game on the 4th of July in my hometown in a park I played in when I was in Triple-A and call a game for two teams I played for. If you would have told me, as a 12-year old, that this would happen, I would never have believed it. It was a great full circle moment for me."*



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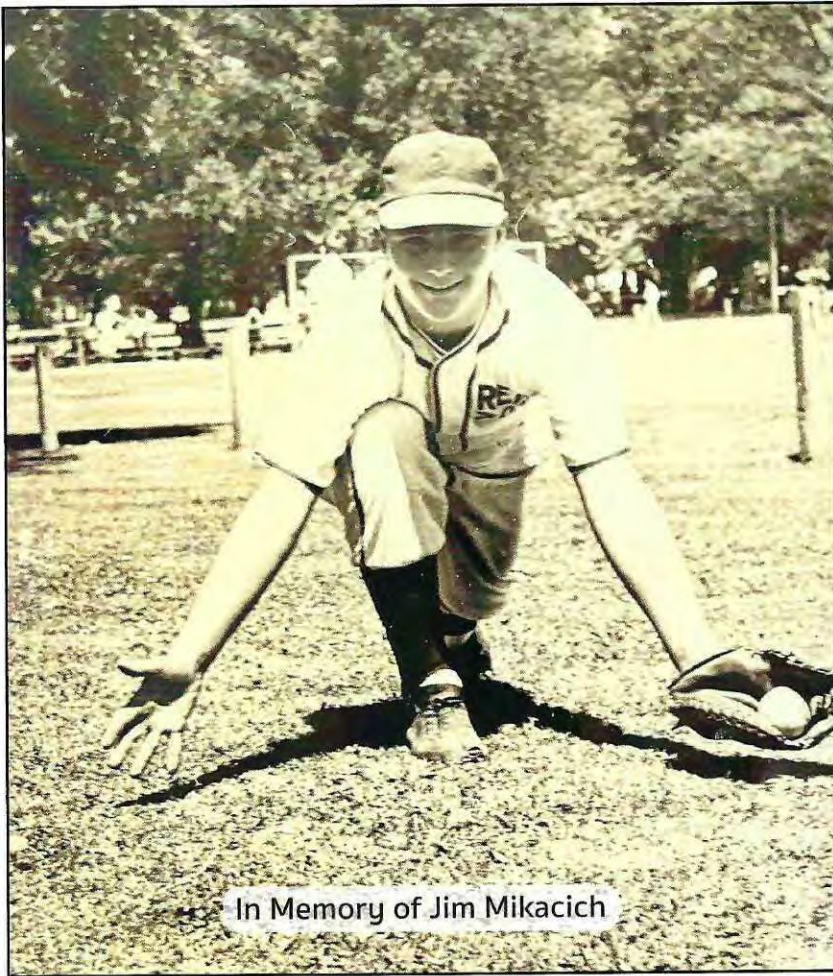
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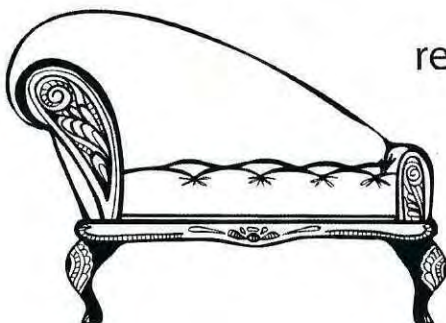


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