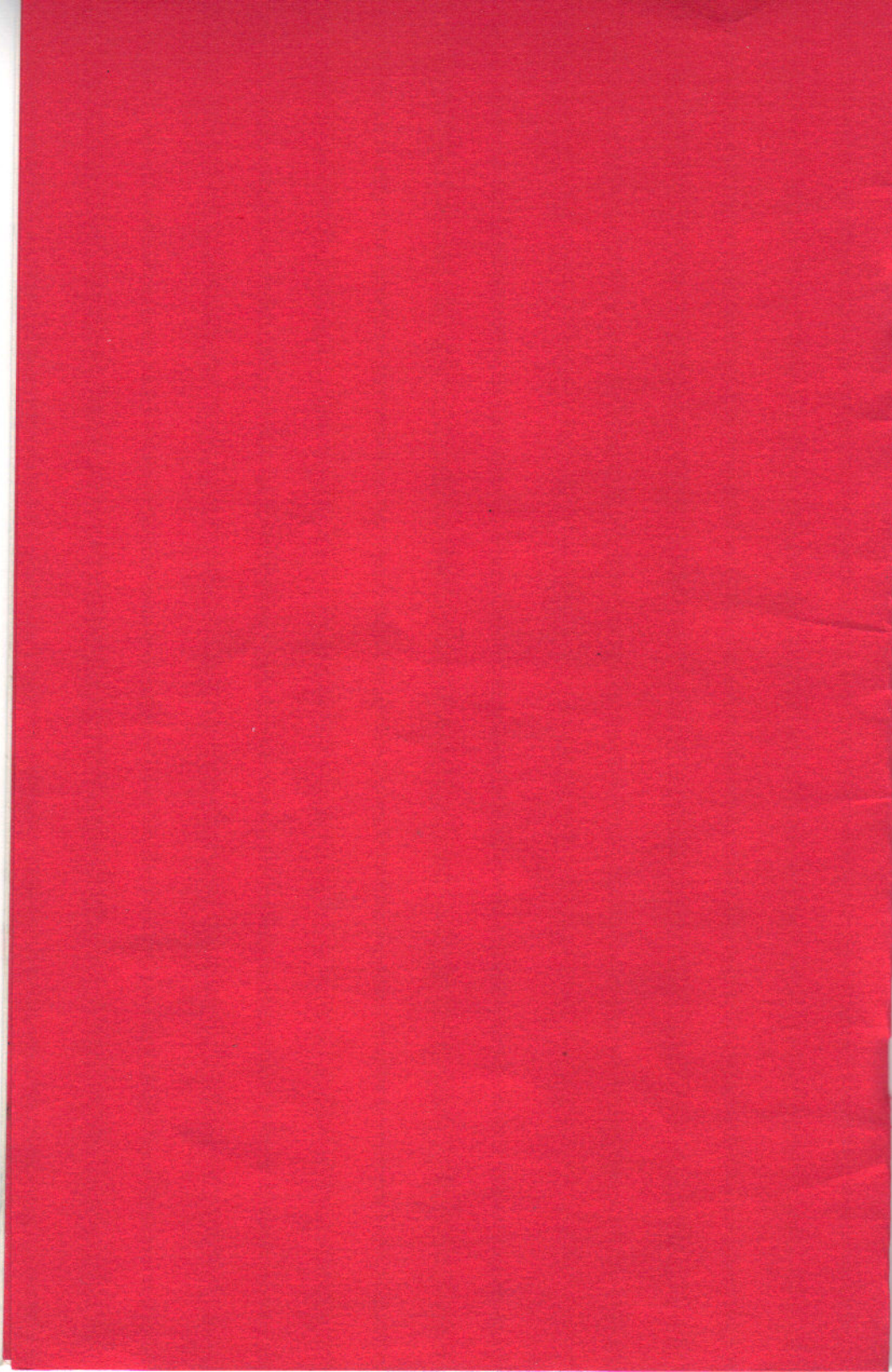


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Wally Played With The Best



When there were only 16 teams in the major leagues and baseball was in its Golden Era of unparalleled talent, Wally Westlake's major league career blossomed.

Wally graduated from Christian Brothers High School in 1939. In 1940 he signed a contract with the Brooklyn Dodgers and was sent to their Dayton farm club in the class C mid-Atlantic league. He did not last long and was told to go home and find another job. In 1941 Bill Avila, a local scout, realized his potential and signed Wally to a contract with the Oakland Acorns of the Pacific Coast League. He was sent to Oakland's farm team, Merced, in the California State League, had a great year and was called up to finish the season with Oakland. His career was then interrupted by a 3 year stint in the Coast Guard.

In 1946, after completing his military obligation, he

returned to Oakland to resume his baseball career. Casey Stengel was the manager and Wally credits Stengel with giving him his "big break" and "teaching me how to play the game". Wally was having a great year under Casey, playing center field and hitting .315. With two weeks left in the season, Wally was sold to the Pittsburgh Pirates for 3 players and \$50,000 (a good sum in those days).

Wally had 4½ great years with the Pittsburgh Pirates from 1947 to 1951. In 1947, his rookie year, Wally hit .273 with 17 home runs, 69 RBIs and a .459 slugging percentage. This performance along with his outstanding fielding, earned Wally the runner up position to Jackie Robinson as Rookie of the Year.

During those years with Pittsburgh Wally batted behind Ralph Kiner. In 1949 when Kiner hit 54 home runs, Wally was constantly knocked down by the opposing pitchers. As Wally puts it, "Every time Ralph put one out, I got knocked on my butt". Wally also had an excellent season that year, hitting .282 with 23 home runs and 104 RBIs.

After his stay with Pittsburgh, Wally was traded to the St. Louis Cardinals in 1951 and then to the Cincinnati Reds in 1952.

In 1953 Wally was traded to the Cleveland Indians. In 1954 they easily won the American League pennant and faced the underdog New York Giants in the World Series. The Indians won the pennant early and were heavily favored to win the Series mainly because of their great pitching staff that included Early Winn, Bob Lemon, Mike Garcia, Bob Feller, Hal Newhouser and others. However, the Giants beat Cleveland 4-0. (This series is probably most remembered for Willie Mays' famous over the shoulder catch of Vic Wertz's long drive.) Wally says " We should have won that series" and it still bothers him to this day.

During his 10 year career, "The Beast" as he was affectionately called by his teammates because of this tough demeanor, played with 6 major league teams: Pittsburgh Pirates, St. Louis Cardinals, Cincinnati Reds, Cleveland

Indians, Baltimore Orioles and the Philadelphia Phillies. His lifetime major league numbers are impressive: 958 games, 3117 at bats, 848 hits, 107 doubles, 33 triples (he could run), 127 home runs (he had power), 539 RBIs, and a .272 lifetime batting average.

A few other highlights from Wally's major league career include: 7 career grand slam home runs, 6 consecutive base hits including 3 home runs during a double header at the Polo Grounds, a 7 RBI day at Ebbets Field featuring a grand slam and a 3 run double, hitting for the cycle twice for Pittsburgh in 1947 and 1948, leading all national league outfielders in 1950 with a .991 fielding percentage committing only 3 errors in 139 games and, last but not least, being selected to the 1951 National League All Star Team.

These accomplishments were achieved at a time when the competition and talent in the major leagues was at its best. He faced such pitching greats as Robin Roberts, Warren Spahn, Sal Maglie, Ed Lopat, Whitey Ford, Allie Reynolds, Ewell Blackwell ("The toughest pitcher I faced") and played with and against such stars as Willie Mays, Ralph Kiner, Ted Williams, Al Rosen, Mickey Mantle, Stan Musial, Red Schoendienst, Jackie Robinson, Larry Doby, Bobby Avila, Hank Greenberg, PeeWee Reese and Hank Bauer to name a few.

Wally and his late wife, Rose, have five children: daughters Pat, Connie and Cathleen and two catchers, Steve and Joe. His late brother, Jim Westlake, also a well known local talent had a long career in the Pacific Coast League and made it to the Philadelphia Phillies in 1955.

Tonight the La Salle Club takes great pleasure in honoring Wally Westlake as one of the greatest major league ball players to come out of Sacramento. Wally will forever be remembered for his baseball achievements. He has brought pride to his family and to our Sacramento community.

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1953

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1955

The Knezovich Brothers:
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1957

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1959

Earl McNeely*

1960

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1961

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1962

Cliff Darringer*
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1963

Julius Anapolsky*
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1934-1935

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1964

Henry Clark*
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1965

"Big" Bill James*
Jimmy Lane*
Manuel Petrali*
Captain Bill Ryan

1966

Dewey Elliot*
Vern Hodge*
Eddie Manger*
Bob Schang*
Parker Sheehan*



1967

Frank Bacon*
Jack Dooley*
Tommy Dunk*
Arthur Luddy*
Frank Osborn*

1968

Fred Bottaro*
Edwin Grove*
Francis Hall*
Frank Rooney*
Lloyd Snook*

1969

Jim Gorman*
Pete Hepting*
Steve Marietta*
Ray Rohwer*
Bill Shick*

1970

Albert Felix*
Tony Freitas*
Morvin Nevis*
Albert Westlake*
Ted Zackney*



1971

Dick Deterding*
Harry Hooper*
George Lial*
Frank Rationi*
Eggert Rohwer*

1972

Lenny Backer*
John Corato*
Clyde "Tub" Perry*
Joe Rooney*
John Silvey*
Ralph Young*

1973

John B. Costa*
Paul Genshlea*
G. W. "Mick" Hall, Jr.*
Frank Judy*
James R. Kelly*
Tom Pendergast*

1974

Allan Bryne*
John "Chick" Casali*
Elmer Congdon*
Jack Hoagland*
Roscoe Kimble*
Joe Lima*
Clarence Murphy*
Hank Ness*

1975

Fred Belluomini*
Wallace Canfield*
Ralph Downs*
James "Lefty" Cooke*
Dick Lamb*
Mike Visintainer*
Larry Williams*
Tony Zupo*

1976

Frank Armstrong*
George "Butter" Cole*
Elmer Enos*
Steve George*
Larry Gillick*
Elwood J. Keema*
Phil McGee*
Mike Separovich*

1977

Bill Avila*
Earl Eberlein*
Alex Kampouris*
Peter Mitchell*
Dr. Alfred Oliver*
Mike Page*
Dave Roderick*
Joe Smith*

1978

Clement "Boo" Coyle*
Herb Forsch*
Gus Kortstein*
William Peccole*
Manuel Salvo*
Harold "Sam" Sperbeck*
Jack Stassi*
Earl Wagner*
Lloyd Wagner*

1979

Mike Bakarich*
Lou Bordisso
Ned Carbone
N.G. Culjis*
Joe Duarte*
Percy Gassoway*
Karl Reimer*
Lloyd Toomey*

1980

Robert Duggan*
Tony Dutra*
Lou Heinzer*
Victor Pitts*
Elton Rogers*
Bill Svilich*
George Terra*
Lou Vezilich

1981

Clarence Azevedo*
Ken Brock*
Manuel Joseph*
Bill Kenealy*
John Pintar*
Mark Separovich*
Glenn Smith*
Vincent F. Stanich*
Vito Virga

1982

Ernie Cervantes*
Syl DeGregorio*
Jimmy Flynn*
Joe Frates*
Fir Galli*
Ed Hughes*
Tom Parodi*
Tony Separovich*
Pete Tomasini*
Johnny Vergez*



1983

Joe Anderson*
Dooley Bertolani*
Jim Cluff*
Horace Dunning*
Howard Jan*
Joe Orengo*
Bob Peccole*
Ernie Perry*
Bobby Schang*
Orval Tregallas*

1984

Ponce Alvarado*
Wilbert Azevedo*
Bill Gianatasio*
Scotty Mackay*
Frank Nelson*
Elmer Newman*
Art Quadros*
Woodrow Scott*
Yubi G. Separovich*
Ray Silva*
Soto Trillo*

X

1985

Babe Bertolani*
Paul Bowa*
Jack Dark*
Joe Faraci*
Eddie Fitzgerald
Bill Hallauer*
Jim "Tiny" Hansen*
Eddie Katsulis*
Ed Keenan*
Fred Keinle*
Hank Lema
Charles Luchini*
Pete Pitalo
Fred Schroeder*
Izzy Smith
Ital Vesci*

Connie Weisker*
Carl Younglove*
Steve Zupan*

1986

Jack Andrews*
Joe Borich*
Harry Bright*
William Conlin*
Curtis Coppin
Glen Dufour*
James Herrera*
Les Lollis
Charles Schanz*
Curt Schmidt*
Manuel "Babe" Thomas
Wally Westlake

1987

Gene Brocker
Norman Coad*
Virgil Farnsworth*
Wayne Hanscom*
Larry Manuian
Joe Masi*
"Buddy" Peterson*
John Rakela*
Bill Taylor*
Milton P. Thomas*
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Dick
Bach



Al
Dunlop



Gene
Hurych



George
Pickett



Bill
Raimondi



Bob
Roselli

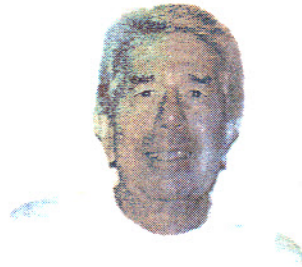
Inductees ~ 2006



John
Strohmayer



Dick
Traversi



Chado
Vasquez



John
Virga



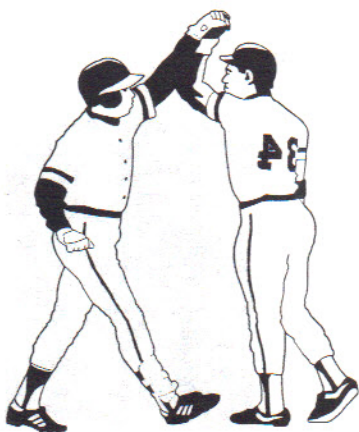
Jim
Westlake

1988

Ernie Bertolotti*
Dan Bianchini*
Bert Bonomi*
Steve Cuckovich*
Orval Grove*
Henry "Bud" Hanna*
Carl Lauchert*
Martin Slavich*
Wally Turpen
Joe Valine*
Emerson Wallace*

1989

Julian Elorduy*
Tommy Glaviano*
"Nippy" Jones*
Al Lee*
Hank Paschane*
William Rico
Allen Simas, Sr.*
Sam Stassi, Jr.*
Tommy Torchia
Chick Verdina*
Chick Wardlaw*



1990

George Androvich*
Bill Balakin*
Bill Christie*
Clay Dalrymple
Tony Koester*
John Parino*
Sam Powell*
Al Saccani*
Eddie Samcoff
Ned Sheehan*

1991

George Babich*
Dr. "Bud" Lewis Beasley*
Eddie Booth*
Tony Ferrara*
Monte Latino ★
Sam Latino*
Al Lazzarone
Ed Reeder
George Relles*
Eugene Sullivan*
Henri Warren*

1992

Julian Cisneros
Bob De La Vergne*
John Eres
Gene Harris*
Leonard Keene*
Ron King
Chuck Lotta
William Robertson*
Bob Stassi
George Vernatchi
Leroy Winter



1993

Ellis Daugherty*
Joe Felipe*
Ray Gallagher
Sal Gomez*
Lilio Marcucci*
Jim McCarthy*
Ned Pedisich*
Gabe Sady
Edmond Silvey*
Frank Silvey*
Mike Sypnicki*
Gus Stathos

1994

Tony Alvarado*
Dick Bartell*
Carroll Canfield*
Bill Fleming
Bob Linck
Dale Miille*
Mike Radan
Bob Rodness*
Nick Smyrni*
Dick Warner*

1995

Bob Barbeau
Bill De Fazio*
Bob Gallagher
Harry Knight
John Latino
Jim McNamara
Alex Muirhead

Richie Myers
Jim Tsukamoto*
Bill Zanze*

1996

John Ceccarelli
John Hathaway*
John "Spider" Jorgensen*
Ray Lujan
Joe Nevis*
Vince Pisani
Leroy Stevens
Bud Watkins
Jim Westlake*
Mel White*

1997

Augie Amorena
Al Anicich*
Del Bandy
John Briggs
Monsignor Jim Church
Sam Kanelos
Don McKenzie
Bill Monahan
Bob Palmer
Gilbert Urbano

1998

Cuno Barragan
Daryl Cook
Woodie Held
Al Jacinto*
Joe Kirrene
George Masi
John McNamara
Rudy Rodoni
Earl Rose
Ralph Rose*
Park Schuler*
Carl Tomei

1999

Tom Agosta
Buzz Berriesford
Tom Galli
Frank Mascaro*
Tony Plescia*
Gene Roenspie
Tony Stathos
Mike Virga
Manny Williams
Ken Wollenberg

2000

Chris Christin*
Pete Gonsalves
Norm Greenslate
Frank McNamara
Clyde Perry
Jack Pickart
Stan Priebe
Frank Rios
Don Saner
Ray Sisler
Nino Spatafore
Sam Vartanian



2001

Norm Blackwell
Vic Buccola*
Joe Duarte
Jim Fellos
Bobby Gonsalves*
Pete Mikacich
Roger Osenbaugh
Notch Parino
Trusten Scotten*
Dick Sperbeck

2002

Fred Besana
Buddy Boyer*
Harry Dunlop
Jim Frasinetti
Dan Mooradian
Bob Nelson
Ken Orvick
Joe Stanka
Pete Stathos
Pete Vartanian

2003

Jim Knight
Ernie Maskovich*
J.C. Masters
Paul Palermo
B.J. Rice
Frank Sanchez
George Stanich
Neil Sheridan
Ralph Silva
Jack Slaven
Victor Vesci
Fred Wristen

2004

Dave Borges
Nick Capachi
Mel Dalrymple
Hank deLotty, Jr.
Russ Grove
Bob Hanlon
Jerry Kaeser
Paul Kereazis*
Larry Kelley
John Stanich
Walt Swedman*
Ray Webster

2005

Dick Alejo
Bob Ayres
Pete Campos
Herb Marshall
Ray Newman
Wally Predovich
George Radovich
Jerry Streeter
Bob Willis
John Zanze

2006

Bob Caselli
Angelo Dal Porto
Bill Enos
Larry Hampshire
Jack Higdon
Johnny Lopes
Gus Niklas
Hal Perry
Doug Sale
Chuck Stevens
Bill Werry

2007

Dick Bach
Al Dunlop
Gene Hurych
George Pickett
Bill Raimondi
Bob Roselli
John Strohmayr
Dick Traversi
Sal Vasquez
John Virga
Jim Westlake

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