


The La Salle Club's

61st Annual Sacramento Baseball Hall of Fame Dinner



Saturday, February 21st, 2015
Christian Brothers High School



The La Salle Club Presents:
The 61st Annual
Sacramento Area Baseball Hall of Fame


Welcome
Bernie Church, La Salle Club President

Invocation:
Father Troy David Powers

The National Anthem
Carrie Hennessey, Soprano

Dinner

Inductee Introductions
Joe McNamara, Event Chairman



Welcome

On behalf of the La Salle Club, I welcome you to the 61st annual Sacramento Area Baseball Hall of Fame Dinner; a storytelling wonderland where every pop up is a line drive and every home run is a tape measure clout.

Before the dinner came under the stewardship of the of the La Salle Club, brothers Joe and Jack O'Neil, two standout players in the 1920's, initiated the idea of holding an annual baseball dinner.

The original plan was to pay homage to the many successful "bush" teams that played in the Sacramento area and to mark the end of the "hot stove" league and the beginning of spring training for the Sacramento Solons. The first gathering was held on April 2nd, 1938 in the Southside Park Club House. The event was so successful and heavily attended that plans had to be made to find a bigger venue.

Following the war, the dinner continued in various forms and sponsorships until it landed in the spacious and welcoming Christian Brothers High School Gymnasium. Previous dinners funded medical accounts for injured ball players, but with the La Salle Club now in charge of organizing the event, a decision was made to forward the proceeds to the athletic programs at Christian Brothers.

The first La Salle Club hosted dinner was held at the old Christian Brothers campus at 21st and Broadway on February 16th 1952, but it wasn't till the following year that the dinner became a true Hall of Fame, when John "Buddy" Ryan, former manager of the Sacramento Solons, was the sole inductee of the inaugural class.

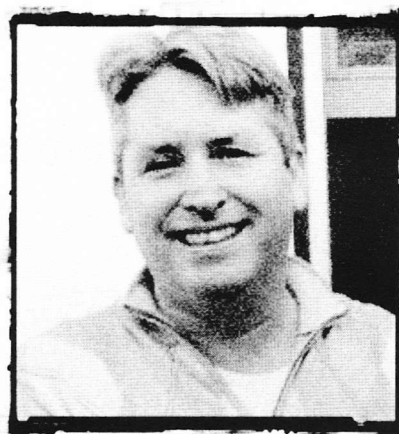
I would like to heartily congratulate this year's inductees: Leon Brown, Eddie Cervantes, the late Joe Gordon, Don Lyle, Jerry Manuel, Greg Orr, Manuel Perry, Joe Viega, and Randy Zanze. These nine men have contributed mightily to our great game of baseball.

Tonight's event features a little music, historic baseball displays, and many stars of yesterday, today, and tomorrow. I sincerely hope that you take the time to explore the room, introduce yourself to a stranger and come back and see us next year.

Warmest regards,

Joe McNamara

Hall of Fame Chairman



The La Salle Club Baseball Hall of Fame

Since its inception in 1939, the La Salle Club has provided continuous financial assistance to all the athletic programs at Christian Brothers High School. Our membership is comprised of alumni, parents, grandparents, and friends of Christian Brothers who generously give their time and resources to reach out goals.

Nominations and selection to the Baseball Hall of Fame is based on a combination of the following criteria:

- 60 years or older;
- Must have distinguished themselves by participating significantly in the game of baseball as a manager, player, scout, umpire, or writer;
- Level of participation may be high school, college, semi-pro, or professional;
- Must have been from the greater Sacramento area, Northern California, or have played locally;
- Inductees are chosen by the La Salle Club Baseball Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

In addition to recognizing and honoring our new inductees, our purpose tonight is to provide you with an opportunity to renew old acquaintances, relive memories, and keep alive the rich history of baseball in the Sacramento area. We sincerely appreciate your presence and support.

If you would like to nominate someone for the Hall of Fame, please visit our web page www.thelasalleclub.com and download the nomination form.

The La Salle Club Baseball Hall of Fame Selection Committee

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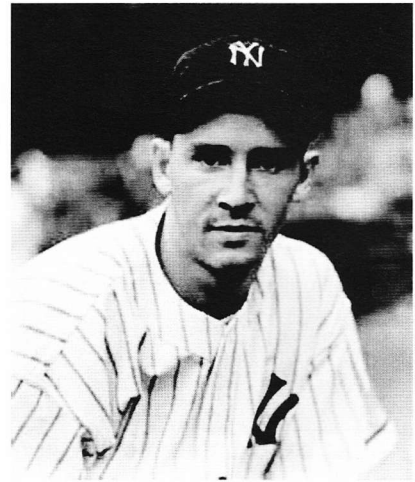
Bill Bigley

Joe McNamara

Joe Gordon

Joseph L “Joe” Gordon was born on February 18, 1915 in Los Angeles, California. A product of the American Legion baseball program, the gifted infielder attended the University of Oregon before signing with the New York Yankees in 1936.

Gordon played shortstop for the Oakland Oaks of the Pacific Coast League his rookie year and batted .300 in 143 games with 33 doubles, 6 home runs and 56 RBIs. The following season he was with Newark of the International League where he batted .280 and clouted 26 home runs. He joined the Yankees as a second baseman in 1938 and enjoyed an outstanding rookie season batting .255 with 25 home runs and 97 RBIs.



Nicknamed “The Flash”, Gordon was an American League all-star for the next five seasons, appeared in five World Series and was the league’s Most Valuable Player of 1942, when he batted .322 with 18 home runs and 103 RBIs. In six seasons, Gordon hit 142 home runs, batted .278 and stole 66 bases. Teamed with Frank Crosetti and then Phil Rizzuto, he made up an exceptional double play combination with his defensive wizardry.

After hitting 253 home runs and batting .268 in 1,566 major league games, Gordon was a player-manager with Sacramento and San Francisco of the Pacific Coast League. In 1958, he became manager of the Cleveland Indians, leading them to a second-place finish in 1959. He managed the Detroit Tigers during the second half of 1960 and took over as skipper of the Kansas City Athletics in 1961. He later worked for the Angels as a scout and batting instructor until being named as manager of the expansion Kansas City Royals in 1969. He stepped down after one season but remained with the club in a scouting and instructional role until 1972.

Joe Gordon passed away from a heart ailment on April 14, 1978 in Sacramento, California, aged 63. he was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 2009. Accepting the award tonight, on behalf of the Gordon Family, will be Harry Dunlop.



Joe Viega

Joe's mother and father were both Portuguese immigrants from the Azores Islands. They met and were married in Sacramento, settling into the bustling district known as Southside Park. Joe grew up and thrived in that ethnically diverse neighborhood and had a host of friends that introduced him to the wonderful world of athletics.

Joe and his pals would play basketball at the Baptist Christian Center, and baseball in the streets and parks until dark. Joe's athletic life really began in March of 1943 when he wandered over to the Crocker Playground and participated in the City of Sacramento Annual Playground Achievement Test Field Day. He won first prize in the 11-year old category. Thus began a life-long passion for athletics and sports, especially baseball.

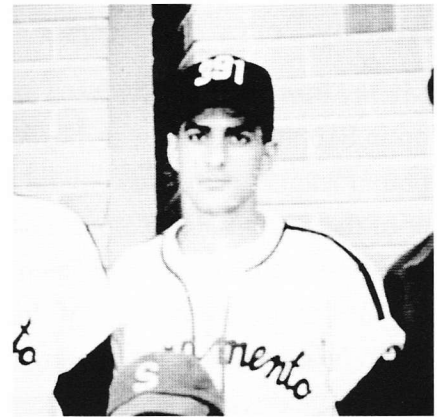
Joe attended Sacramento High and played both baseball and football. He pitched, played the outfield and was a key member of the 1950 City Championship team. His teammates included future big leaguers Harry Dunlop and Woody Held.

Joe also played for Manhart Post 391, and pitched for the Jr. Optimists League where his teams won district championships in Santa Cruz two years in a row.

After service in the U.S. Army in Korea, Joe returned to Sacramento where he went on to play for over 25 years in local bush ball. In the county league he played for Sierra Floor Company where fellow inductee Manny Perry remembers him as a solid hitter. Joe was a pretty good pitcher but preferred to play the outfield. He remembered a winter league matchup in Chico when he was facing the dangerous Clay Darlymple just as twilight began to set in. According to Joe, Clay hit a ball that disappeared into the Chico darkness, and is probably still going!

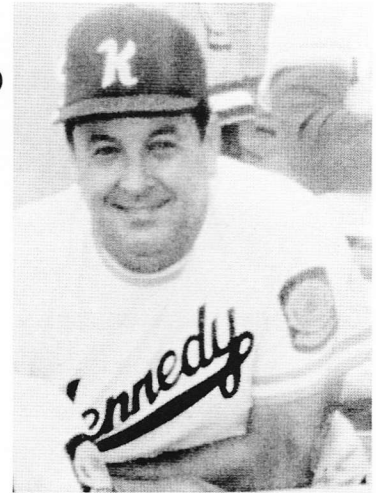
Joe played in the Sacramento County League and won a batting title in the California Mexican League. He remembers Tony Stathos to be the toughest pitcher he ever faced, while Mike Aberghini and certainly Clay Darlymple to be the best hitters. Playing against and beating the Portuguese teams always gave Joe the biggest thrill.

Joe has passed his love of sports on to his two sons and four grandsons. He continues to be a big fan of baseball and his grandsons are fascinated by his "old baseball tales".



Manny Perry

Manny Perry has always been an organizer. As a young boy growing up in Sacramento, he spearheaded an effort to get uniforms for his 100 pound league team. One day he tracked down Earl Sheely, the manager of the Sacramento Solons, and asked for a sponsor. Young Manny told Earl that he wanted his team to be called the "Sacramento Solon Jrs" and that Earl should buy shirts for the whole team. The Solons could be quite frugal in passing out new equipment and uniforms, but somehow Manny persuaded the old manager to buy new jerseys for the team. Earl had one condition: the teams' name would have to be the "Earl Sheelys!"



Manny played the outfield for the great McClatchy teams in 1948 and 49. He was a member of the memorable Post 61 American Legion team of 1949 that featured 10 future La Salle Club Hall of Famers including Rip Robinett, Tony Stathos, Chris Christian, Mike Virga, Arden Golke, Ralph Rose, and Earl Rose.

Following high school, Manny played for the strong Sacramento City College team of 1950. The following year, he joined the Air Force and immediately tried out for and made the baseball team. Every American Air Force Base in Germany, including the dangerous Russian surrounded one in West Berlin, had a well-kept baseball diamond and Manny played all over the country. He remembers one memorable game against a team featuring Johnny Blanchard, a catcher for the New York Yankees. Blanchard had broken his leg earlier in the week, but he was nevertheless summoned to pinch hit in a close game with one goal in mind: hit a home run. He did. Manny still shakes his head in disbelief, 65 years later.

After his military service, Manny returned to Sacramento and played in the various bush leagues and eventually Golden Seniors softball. At about this time he began to try his hand at coaching, starting with Doc Oliver in the Land Park Colt League. Manny had some good years managing Post 61, before taking over the duties at Kennedy Legion. In 1981, Manny was at the helm of one of Sacramento's most successful teams in American Legion history, as his Kennedy squad won the state title and earned a spot in the 8-team Legion World Series. Every 10 years, the team meets at Manny's house for a reunion.

"He was selfless" remembers Mark Merritt a young second baseman on that Kennedy team, "He did not have a child in that program yet he was out there volunteering his time for us." Mark's father had recently passed away, and Manny became a paternal figure for him and many others on that tight knit team.

One of the many stars on that team, Lavelle Freeman, who would go on to play for the Milwaukee Brewers remembers Coach Perry as "the perfect manager for us...he was a Sparky Anderson type, part manager, part psychologist who knew how to mix the different personalities together and

make it work.”

Freeman remembers that they played relaxed and sound fundamental baseball, hitting cutoffs and turning double plays because Coach Perry kept such an even keel. Both Lavelle Freeman and Mark Merritt revere Manny Perry and note that he helped them develop not just as ball players but as young men.

Leon Brown

Leon Brown met Willie McCovey and Willie Mays when he was nine years old and immediately set his sights on becoming a big league ball player. Young Leon did not have to go far to find healthy baseball competition in a neighborhood that featured his brother Curtis, Leron and Leon Lee, Bob Oliver, and Dusty Baker. Leron Lee and Leon Brown were so good that they were not allowed to play on the same little league team!

Leon played baseball at Grant High School where he caught the attention of scout Ken Wollenberg. The previous year, Wollenberg had successfully showcased Curtis Brown to major league scouts, and they were eager to sign up the younger brother as well. In June of 1966, Leon was selected by the Baltimore Orioles in the amateur draft.

In the late 1960's the Orioles had a talent-laden farm system packed with future stars. Leon signed as a shortstop but so did Bobby Grich, Junior Kennedy, and Doug DeCinces. With Mark Belanger firmly anchored on the big league club, Leon moved to the outfield where the competition featured Rich Coggins, Al Bumbry, and Don Baylor.

In the Orioles' chain, Leon continued to add depth to his game, and in 1970, he stole 51 bases for the Stockton Ports. Leon knew he was fast, but his racing competition back home had been the Grant High School Relay Team, and no one in minor league ball was that fast.

In 1971, his first year of Double-A ball, he hit .272 was voted by his teammates to the Texas League All Star Team. The following year he was selected by the San Francisco Giants in the minor league draft. As excited as he was to be playing with Mays and McCovey, Leon took a look at the Giants' outfield depth chart and saw: Mays, Bobby Bonds, Gary Mathews, and Gary Maddox. Leon enjoyed competing against them but he knew it would be a tough outfield to crack.

Leon spent four years in the Giant's chain, mostly in Phoenix, where he had the pleasure of playing for Jim Davenport and Rocky Bridges. He also fell in love with the Arizona climate.

During spring training of 1976, Leon was traded to the New York Mets and started the season with their top farm club in Tidewater. After just 21 games, where he hit .327, Leon Brown was called up to the majors. He made his major league debut on May 1st 1976 against another Sacramento



native Larry Bowa and the Philadelphia Phillies. His first at bat came as a pinch hitter in the bottom of the ninth inning against future All-Star Gene Garber. Leon swung at the first pitch and looped a double down the line. Leon hit .214 in 74 plate appearances to close out 1976. One of his greatest thrills was playing at Dodger Stadium against longtime neighborhood pals Dusty Baker and Leron Lee.

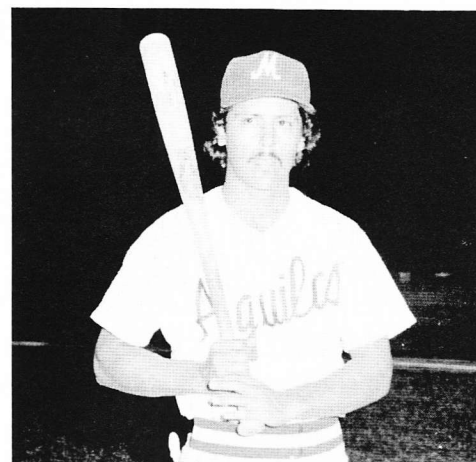
The following year, Leon was traded to St. Louis and spent three years in their chain. After 13 years in professional baseball, Leon retired in 1981. His career batting average was .278.

Today, Leon is involved with the Arizona Major League Alumni Association where he instructs young players on the fundamentals of baseball.

Eddie Cervantes

The Cervantes family has been synonymous with Sacramento baseball excellence for decades. Ernie Cervantes was elected to the La Salle Club Hall of Fame in 1982, and Ernie Cervantes Jr. was elected in 2010. Tonight, Eddie Cervantes joins his father and brother.

Eddie's first foray into baseball was on the diamonds of Tahoe Tallac Little League, and remembers being at the ballpark "all the time." He played varsity baseball for Cliff Perry at Hiram Johnson in 1968 and 69. Teamed with Bobby Forsch, Eddie and the other Warriors defeated Bobby Del Charo and a tough Grant team 2 to 1 in the first high school tournament of champions in 1968. Later that year, he would play for Al Simas Sr. and the Fort Sutter Legion team where he made friends and memories that "will last a lifetime."



Eddie was building a reputation as a smooth middle infielder, but during his senior year, Coach Perry asked him to don the tools of ignorance and exchange his glove for a catcher's mitt. Eddie still managed to hit .401 and was selected to the Sacramento Union All Star team despite some tough competition.

Following high school, it was a "no brainer" for Eddie, he enrolled in the baseball factory that was known as Sacramento City College. In 1971, Eddie made All-Conference and was the co-MVP of the season, along with John Hughes. He was chosen the "Outstanding Athlete" for SCC in 1971.

Eddie attracted considerable attention from the scouting community, specifically the Cleveland Indians, but he wanted to play ball and not wait around, so in 1971, he signed as a free agent with the Baltimore Orioles. As fellow inductee Leon Brown learned, the Baltimore Orioles in the early 1970's were stacked with talented players. Eddie remembers that Bobby Grich, a future 6 time All Star infielder, languished in Triple-A for five years where he averaged 20 home runs and a batting

average over .300. Eddie played two years in the Orioles' organization, put up some decent numbers, but was released two days before Christmas in 1972. "Merry Christmas", Eddie remembers saying to himself when he received the news.

Over the next 11 years, Eddie would embark upon a baseball odyssey that would take him to the Portland Mavericks, enshrined in the recent Netflix documentary "The Battered Bastards of Baseball" down to the Mexican League where he would play some of his best ball, alongside his brother Eric. After spending 14 seasons in professional ball, Eddie would retire as a career .297 hitter. The man known as "silk" for the way he turned the double play had to endure endless contractual difficulties that hampered his rise to the big leagues, but you will hear no bitterness from Eddie Cervantes. He was getting paid to play baseball.

Forever linked to baseball, Eddie was in the glove making business and eventually became a highly respected high school and college umpire for 20 years.

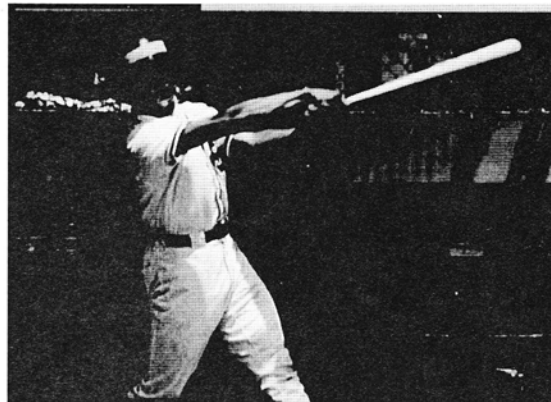
Eddie is now the head baseball coach at Inderkum High School. One of his assistant coaches, Brian Estenson, had this to say about him:

"Eddie has served not only as a coach to the kids at Inderkum but also as a mentor to the coaching staff. While much of the coaching at the high school level is focused on fundamentals, Eddie "Silky" Cervantes also teaches the small nuances of the game that allow his players to reach new heights. Quick with a sly smile or a story from his Portland Mavericks days, Eddie is a legend, though most kids are clueless they are being taught by one. Inderkum High is truly blessed to have Coach Cervantes run the program in his own unique style."

Greg Orr

Greg Orr made his baseball debut as an 8 year old outfielder for Airport Little League. Not lacking in confidence, Greg took his center field position with a glove bereft of stitching in the web. The first fly ball hit to him fell right through his glove and hit him on top of the head. The next day, his grandfather bought him a new glove with laces in the pocket. Over the next 15 years, Greg didn't drop many fly balls as a player, and he certainly didn't miss many prospects in his long career as a major league scout.

Back in the days when the best athletes played all three major sports in high school, Greg added a fourth sport by running track. But when it came time to choose, Greg was hooked on baseball. He played for Bert Bonomi's Southside Legion squad for two years and remembers learning how to play "hard-nosed" baseball. Bert always instilled a "let's go" attitude on the field. After high school, Greg played for Del Bandy at Sacramento College in 1970. Confident in his



athletic abilities, Greg was somewhat confused when he was summoned into Coach Bandy's office during "cut week." He was not being cut, but Coach Bandy did ask Greg to cut his hair.

Greg had two great years at SCC, he played shortstop, the outfield and even pitched. He was also very active in the various bush leagues around Sacramento, most notably the night league at Harry Renfree Field. Greg played for the Joe Borich managed Culjis team that featured some of Sacramento's best players including Mike Furtado, Randy Brown, Bob Mathews and Joe Soto.

Greg credits Gary Hughes, Murray Cook, and Ronnie King for introducing him to the world of scouting. At first he was intimidated by the geographic challenges of covering territory that included Bakersfield, Canada, Wyoming, and all the places in between. Ronnie King told him that the best way to "beat the bushes" was to see one game a day.

As a young scout, Greg often wondered, why would I ever leave Sacramento? This is where all the baseball talent resides! Greg still uses the great players who came out of Sacramento as his barometer for evaluating talent --- names like Jim Graff, Sam Lovelace, and Buck Martinez, just to name a few. The names just go on and on. Greg has seen firsthand how baseball is played all over the world but believes that Sacramento had the best competition.

"Back in the day" Greg remembers, "we had the sandlot and we played every day, there were no X-boxes back then."

Greg has spent 33 years in professional baseball, mostly with the storied New York Yankees. "We never called him "The Boss", Greg remembered, "It was always Mr. Steinbrenner." The Yankees mercurial owner was fond of drafting baseball players who also played football. Back when current San Francisco Giants General Manager Brian Sabean was the scouting director for the New Yankees, he sent Greg to a track meet in Oregon where he was told not to let a certain multi-sport athlete get on a plane to fly back to college in Tallahassee. Greg was able to convince Deion Sanders not to fly home and to sign with the Yankees.

Greg said that if he was playing today his walk-up music would be Kool and the Gang's "Celebrate" and with his wife, three kids, seven grandkids and seven World Series rings, he has every reason to indeed celebrate.

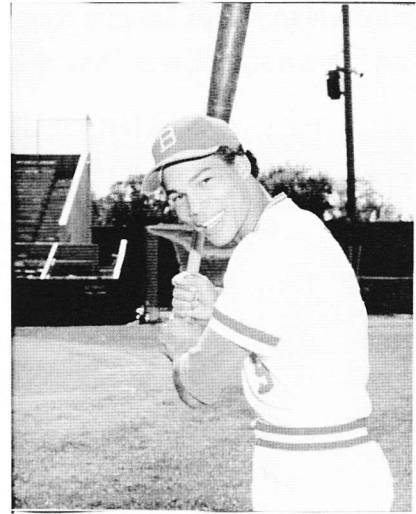


Greg Orr trying to dodge Randy Zanze

Don Lyle

Don began his young career on the fields at Oakridge Little League, and has early memories of Jim Graf as someone who taught him the fundamentals of baseball. He played both football and baseball at Sacramento High School. During his senior year, Don sustained a back injury when a defensive back slammed into his back as he stretched his frame upwards to catch a high pass. Unfortunately, it would be the first of many injuries that would plague Don throughout his career.

In 1972, Don led the Sacramento area in hitting for most of the year, ending with an impressive .459 average. Fellow inductee Jerry Manuel won the batting title that year with a .467 average. Don did make the "All-Metro" League and was selected to play in the first Sacramento Optimist All-Star game at Renfree Field in 1972.



At an early age, Don developed enormous respect for area scout Ronnie King. Thinking back to those volatile times, Don said: "When there were riots happening at Sac High, many of the scouts stopped coming to games. But not Ronnie, he kept coming out."

After high school, Don attended Cosumnes River College where he helped the team win the Valley Conference. After one year of college, Don moved to Phoenix to attend a trade school when he heard about a tryout sponsored by the Cincinnati Reds. Don showed up for the tryout in the casual attire of shorts and sandals. But the Reds, notoriously conservative and by the book, chose Don out of a field of 86. He signed the next day for \$500.00.

Don played for 7 seasons in the Red's organization with stops in Billings, Tampa, Trois Rivieres, Nashville, and Indianapolis. With 2584 at bats, Don finished his professional career with a solid .280 batting average. Don's minor league career sparkles with milestones and achievements. He was the first professional African American to play for the Nashville Sounds of the Southern League, he was awarded the Reds Organization Double-A Player of the Year for the 1978 season.

Don loved to hit the fastball, and credits Reds coach Ron Plaza for making him into a "free swinger." Don remembers a memorable match-up with hard throwing and future All-Star Lee Smith. Don fouled off 15 fast balls before succumbing to a slider. Always in search of the right batting stroke, he patterned his swing after Pete Rose and became a gap hitter and a "doubles guy", and of his career 640 hits, 115 of them were doubles. Don was never waived or released by the Reds, but he saw that his future with the ball club was limited. He had battled leg and back injuries throughout his career, so at the age of 27, he retired as a player.

Scouting came natural to Dan Lyle. As a player, he had always watched the game like a scout, and for over 20 years he has been one of the best. He started with the San Diego Padres in 1991 and is

currently the Area Scouting Supervisor for the Cleveland Indians. Don has signed more than 50 prospects to Major League contracts. Of those, over 20% have made it to the Major Leagues. His best known signee was Derrek Lee out of El Camino High School in 1993.

Fellow inductee Greg Orr said it best about Don Lyle. "I have tremendous respect for Donny, not only as an excellent baseball scout, but a person as well. He is knowledgeable, has a true eye for talent, and truly loves the game of baseball.

Randy Zanze

Randy grew up in the shadow of the ball field in McKinley Park where so many memorable Sacramento baseball games were played. The family business was the bakery, and through the years the Zanze's unofficial motto was "Bread and Baseball."

Randy remembers a childhood full of baseball where every city park diamond was taken and sometimes they had to bribe a groundskeeper with bread just to reserve the field!

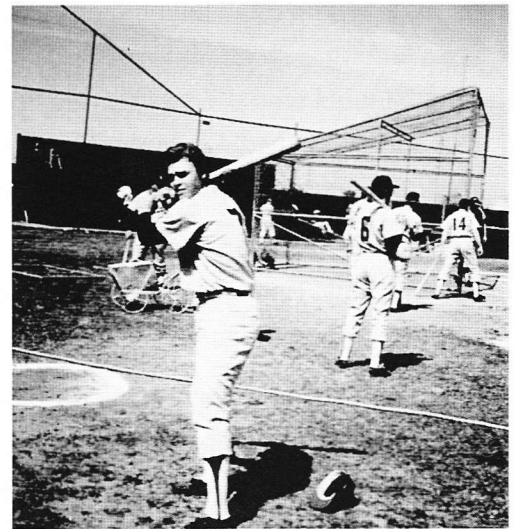
His father and uncle were early influences on his game and after years of sandlot ball, Randy hit his stride at Bishop Armstrong where he played from 1966 to 1968. During a stellar senior year, the hard-hitting shortstop was voted the team MVP, and was first team All-City for both the Sacramento Bee and Union. Randy played four years of American Legion for Southside as a shortstop and catcher. In 1969, he was chosen as the team MVP.

He spent his entire collegiate career (69-72) at the University of San Francisco where he played third base and catcher. In 1972 he was voted the team MVP and led the WCC in batting with an impressive .442 average. He was also selected to the All WCC 1st team. Unfortunately, Randy tore ligaments in his right ankle during the last game of his collegiate career.

Returning to Sacramento as a player/manager, Randy played on pennant-winning teams in the Night League and Winter League with Gold Nugget, California Loan, and Country Maid, then came up with a team of his own, the Sacramento Stars. He won two pennants with the Stars, then, after a year with Culjis, entered the Legion ranks and won a title in his first year with Post 61.

Randy coached Post 61 from 1979 to 1991. During his tenure, his teams won 5 district titles, 2 area titles, 2 state titles, and two state tournament appearances.

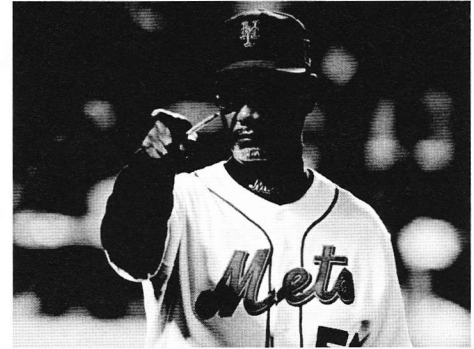
Randy remembers Bert Bonomi, Bob Oliver, and Jim Fellos as having a huge influence on how he played the game. He also considers Oscar Broyer and Ralph Rose as two of the best hitters he ever played against in Sacramento.



Randy feasted off of left-handed pitching and is remembered for his booming line drives and his years of service to American Legion baseball.

Jerry Manuel

Longtime Cordova High Baseball Coach Guy Anderson has seen plenty of good athletes throughout his 45 years as the head Lancer. Anderson once said: "If you said to any coach here, 'who was the best athlete you ever had at Cordova High School', it would be Jerry Manuel."



Recently Anderson reminisced about the Manuel years in the early 1970's: "I had Jerry for three years as a varsity baseball player at Cordova High School. Jerry's three years with the Lancers were all championship years. He was a starter as a sophomore, and he played both second and third base for me. The he was my starting shortstop the next two years until he was the No. 1 draft pick by the Detroit Tigers."

Jerry had a five year career in the Major Leagues with stops in Detroit, Montreal, and San Diego. Although he played sparingly in the Majors, he was the starting second baseman for the Montreal Expos in their only postseason victory in 1981.

Following his playing days, Jerry embarked on a coaching career that spread out over 12 years, culminating with a World Series victory in 1997 with the Florida Marlins. Just over a month later, Jerry signed a multi-year deal to manage the Chicago White Sox.

Over the next six seasons, he amassed 500 wins and led the Sox to 95 wins in 2000 alone. He guided the White Sox to a first place finish in the American League Central, and was named the American League Manager of the Year.

In 2005, he signed on to coach with his old friend Willie Randolph, who was just named the new manager of the New York Mets. On June 17, 2008, Jerry was named the manager of the New York Mets and he would stay at that post until October of 2010.

Jerry Manuel is more than just stats on a page. He combines a deep sense of baseball knowledge with an appreciation of history and social change. Often his interviews and speeches are laden with metaphors and similes inspired by Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr. It is no coincidence that he is sometimes referred to as "The Sage."

Jerry and his family have established the "Jerry Manuel Foundation", with the goal to focus on young people and their journeys through life. Through, academics, baseball, and community service, The Jerry Manuel Foundation will indeed be instrumental in creating the dynamic leaders of tomorrow. For more information please visit www.jerrymanuelfoundation.com

THE LA SALLE CLUB

Baseball Hall of Fame

1953

John "Buddy" Ryan

1955

The Knezovich Brothers

Al, Mel, Paul*, Ray* & Don*

1957

Al Heist*

1958

Brick Eldred *

Living Members of the

Rooney/ONeil Family

1959

Earl McNeely*

1960

Joe Marty*

1961

Elwood "Kettle" Woods

1962

Cliff Darringer*

Mel French*

(class of 62 cont)

Fred Pearl*

Joe Williams*

1963

Julius Anapolsky*

Julius Style Shop

Baseball Club 1934-35

Harry Lilly*

Horace Smith*

Ralph Stroud*

1964

Henry Clark*

Dan Donovan*

Walter Mails*

Fred Murphy*

1965

"Big" Bill James

James Lane*

Manuel Petralli*

Captain Bill Ryan*

1966

Dewey Elliot*

Vern Hodge*

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Eddie Manger*

Bob Schang*

1967

Frank Bacon*

Jack Dooley*

Tommy Dunk *

Arthur Luddy*

Frank Osborne*

1968

Fred Bottaro*

Edwin Grove*

Francis Hall*

Frank Rooney*

Llyod Snook*

1969

Jim Gorman*

Pete Hepting*

Steve Marietta*

Ray Rohwer*

Bill Schick*

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1970

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

1971

Dick Deterding*
Harry Hooper*
George Lial*
Frank Ratoni*
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*

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James R. Kelly*
Tom Pendergast*

1974

Allan Byrne*
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

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Elmer Enos*
Steve George*
Larry Gillick*
Elwood J. Keema*
Phil McGee*
Mike Separovich*

1977

Bill Avila*
Earl Eberlain*
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*

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(class of 78 cont)

Llyod Wagner*

1979

Mike Bakarich*

Lou Bordisso*

Ned Carbone*

N.J. Culjis*

Joe Duarte*

Percy Gassoway*

Karl Reimer*

Llyod Toomey*

1980

Robert Duggan*

Tony Dutra*

Lou Heinzer*

Victor Pitts*

Elton Rogers*

Bill Svillch*

George Terra*

Lou Vezilich*

1981

Clarence Azevedo*

Ken Brock*

Manuel Joseph*

(class of 81 cont)

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 Orenge*

(class of 83 cont)

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*

1985

Babe Bertolani*

Paul Bowa*

Jack Dark*

Eddie Katsulis*

Ed Keenan*

Fred Keinle*

Joe Faraci*

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Eddie Fitz Gerald

Bill Hallauer*

Jim "Tiny" Hansen

Hank Lema*

Charles Luchini*

Pete Pitalo

Fred Schroeder*

Izzy Smith*

Italo Vescei*

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

(Class of 86 cont)

Wally Westlake

1987

Gene Brocker*

Norman Coad*

Virgil Farnsworth*

Wayne Hanscom*

Larry Manuian*

Joe Masi*

Buddy Petterson*

Milton Thomas*

George Valine*

John Vukovich*

Bill Wright*

1988

Ernie Bertolotti*

Dan Bianchini*

Bert Bonomi*

Steve Cuckovich*

Orval Grove*

Henry "Bud" Hanna*

Carl Lauchert*

Martin Slavich*

Wally Turpen

(Class of 88 cont)

Joe Valine*

Emerson Wallace*

1989

Julian Elorduy*

Tommy Glaviano*

Vernal "Nippy" Jones*

Al Lee*

Hank Paschane*

William Rico

Allen Simas, Jr.*

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*

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Eddie Samcoff

Ned Sheehan*

1991

George Babich*

Dr. "Bud" Lewis Beasley

Eddie Booth*

Tony Ferrara*

Monte Latino*

Sam Latino*

Al Lazzarone

Ed Reeder

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*

Lilo Marcucci*

Jim McCarthy*

Ned Pedisich*

Gabe Sady*

Edmond Silvey*

Frank Silvey*

Mike Sypnicki*

Gus Sathos

1994

Tony Alvarado*

Dick Bartell *

Carroll Canfield *

Bill Fleming

Bob Linck*

Dale Miline*

Mike Radan*

Bob Rodness*

Nick Smyrmi

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" Jorgenson

Ray Lujan

Joe Nevis*

Vince Pisani

Leroy Stevens

Bud Watkins*

Jim Westlake*

Mel White*



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1997

Augie Amorena
Al Anicich*
Del Bandy
John Briggs
Msgr. James Church
Sam Kanelos
Don McKenzie
Bill Monohan*
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 Berrisford
Tom Gali
Frank Mascaro*
Tony Plescia*
Gene Roenspie
Tony Stathos*
Mike Virga
Manny Williams*
Ken Wollenberg

2000

Chris Christian*
Pete Gonsalves
Norm Greenslate
Frank McNamara
Clyde Perry
Jack Picart*
Stan Priebe
Frank Rios
Don Saner*
Ray Sislar*
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

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2003

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

2004

Dave Borges
Nick Capachi
Mel Dalrymple
Hank de Lotty, Jr.*
Russ Grove*
Bob Hanlon*
Jerry Kaaesar
Paul Kereazis*
Larry Kelley

(class of 2004 cont)

John Stanich
Walt Swedman*
Ray Webster

2005

Dick Alejo
Bob Ayers
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
Jerry Higdon
Johnny Lopes

(class of 2006 cont)

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 "Chado" Vasquez
John Virga
Jim Westlake

2008

Eddie Bockman*
Bill Bican
Arden Golke

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(2008 cont)

Doc Haskell
Vern Kemp
Jim Long
John Rice
Rip Robinett
Al Scott*
Bruce Wood

2009

Mike Bakarich
Jim Barudoni
Pete Daley
Mike Elorduy
Jim Fox*
Lou LeDuc
Larry Marietti
Bill McNulty
Bob Michael
Ted Williams

2010

Bert Bonomi
Ernie Cervantes, Jr.
Jim Graf

(2010 cont)

Don Nannini
Bob Oliver
Brian Ross
Al Simas Jr.
Jim "Spider" Thomas
Dave Torgerson

2011

Tony De Cristoforo
John Firenza
Johnny Gonzales
Bobby Mathews
Gary Nolan
Dick Nunes
Byron Randolph
Gary Rushing
Joe Soto

2012

Jim Barr
Pat Fall
Mike Furtado
Ken Hottman
Leron Lee

(2012 cont)

Don Murphy
Bob Puccinelli
Rich Separovich

2013

Fred Arroyo
Tom Dicktakes
Joe Gill*
Mike Green
Leon Lee
Butch Metzger
Nick Peters
Gene Sackett
Gary Szakacs

2014

Mike Baldwin
Carl Boyer
Curtis Brown
Oscar Broyer
Scratch DeFazio
Don Hammitt
Buck Martinez



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2015

Leon Brown

Eddie Cervantes

Joe Gordon*

Don Lyle

Jerry Manuel

Greg Orr

Manuel Perry

Joe Viega

Randy Zanze

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Program can be updated.

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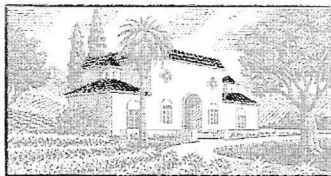
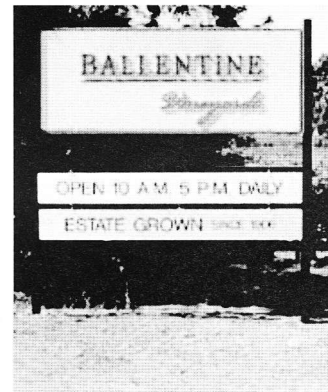
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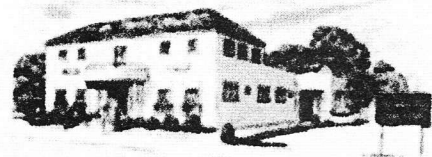
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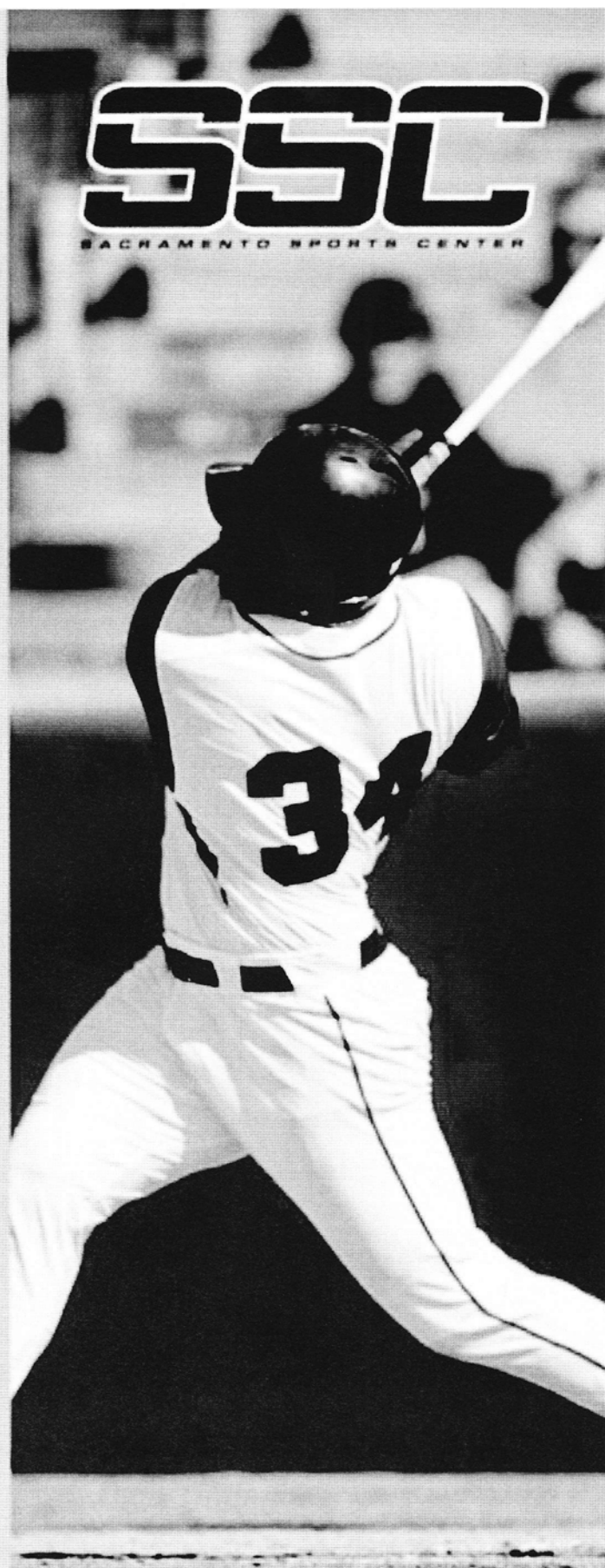
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