

**CLASS OF  
1947**



**Ollie Carnegie**

- OUTFIELDER -  
Buffalo 1931-41, 1945

- \* Alltime IL Home Run, RBI King
- \* 1938 IL Most Valuable Player
- \* Led IL in HR, RBI in 1938, 1939

5'7" Ollie Carnegie holds the career records for home runs (258) and RBI (1,044) in the International League. Considered the most popular player in Buffalo history, Carnegie first played for the Bisons in 1931 at the age of 32. The Hayes, PA native went on to establish franchise records for games (1,273), hits (1,362), and doubles (249). His mark of 45 homers in 1938 remains the club record. Carnegie was an inaugural member of the Buffalo Baseball Hall of Fame, and is one of just three men to have his uniform number (#6) retired by the Bisons.



**Frank McGowan**

- OUTFIELDER -  
Newark 1921  
Baltimore 1930-34, 1938-39  
Buffalo 1934-37  
- MANAGER -  
Baltimore 1933

- \* 1936 IL Most Valuable Player
- \* Career .312 Hitter, 140 HR, 718 RBI
- \* Member of 1936 Gov. Cup Champs

Frank McGowan, nicknamed "Beauty" because of his thick mane of silver hair, was the IL's most potent left-handed hitter of the 1930's. McGowan collected 222 hits in 1930 with Baltimore, and two years later hit .317 with 37 HR and 135 RBI. His best season came in 1936 with Buffalo, as the Branford, CT native hit .356 with 23 HR and 111 RBI to lead the Bisons to the Governors' Cup title. McGowan managed the Orioles in 1933, and after the organization joined the American League in 1954 he served as a scouting director for two decades.



**Frank Shaughnessy**

- FIRST BASEMAN/MGR -  
Syracuse 1921-25  
- MANAGER -  
Providence 1925  
Reading 1926  
Montreal 1934-36  
League President 1937-60

- \* Creator of "Shaughnessy" Playoffs
- \* Managed 1935 IL Pennant Winners
- \* 24 Years of Service as IL President

On July 30, 1921, Frank "Shag" Shaughnessy was appointed manager of Syracuse, beginning a 40-year tenure in the IL. As GM of Montreal in 1932, the native of Ambroy, IL introduced a playoff system that forever changed the way the League determined its championship. One year after piloting the Royals to the 1935 pennant, Shag was elected President of the International League. In 1953, he was honored as the "King of Baseball", the first former player to win the award. He retired following the 1960 season, and passed away nine years later at the age of 89.



**Charlie Keller**

- OUTFIELDER -  
Newark 1937-38, 1949

- \* 1937 IL Batting Champion
- \* Led IL in Hits, Runs 1937 & 1938
- \* Member of 1937-38 Gov. Cup Champs

In 1937 the Newark Bears received 20-year-old Charlie Keller directly from the University of Maryland. In his rookie campaign "King Kong" Keller was named the Sporting News Minor League Player of the Year. In his first two seasons the powerful lefty hit .353 and .365, clubbing 35 total home runs and driving in 218 runs, leading the Bears to back-to-back Governors' Cup titles before beginning a 13-year Major League career with the Yankees and Tigers. The Middletown, MD native was a part of three Yankees' World Series winners.



**Steve O'Neill**

- CATCHER -  
Reading 1925  
Toronto 1926, 1929-31  
- MANAGER -  
Toronto 1929-31  
Buffalo 1938-40

- \* Player/Manager for Toronto 1929-31
- \* Won 499 Games as an IL Manager
- \* Hit .321 in 1929

Steve O'Neill had already established himself as the greatest catcher in the history of the Cleveland Indians before playing in his first International League game in 1925. The native of Minooka, PA played in 426 games in the IL, the bulk of which came as the player/manager of Toronto. After managing Cleveland in the mid-30's, O'Neill returned to the IL to pilot Buffalo, leading the Bisons to the Governors' Cup Finals in his first year. O'Neill ultimately managed 14 years in the Major Leagues, all winning seasons, including the 1945 World Championship with Detroit.



**Billy Southworth**

- OUTFIELDER -  
Rochester 1928-32  
Toronto 1940  
- MANAGER -  
Rochester 1928-32, 1939-40

- \* Managed 4 IL Pennant Winners
- \* Managed 1939 Gov. Cup Champions
- \* .333 Lifetime Average

During his first four years as player/manager of the Rochester Red Wings, Billy Southworth hit .335 and guided the team to four consecutive pennants. Rochester won over 100 games each year from 1929-31, capturing the Little World Series title twice. The Harvard, NE native was the orchestrator of the most successful era in Red Wings history. Southworth returned to Rochester in 1939 and led the team to the Governors' Cup Championship. Southworth went on to win over 1,000 games as a Major League skipper with the Cardinals and Braves.



**Ernest Lanigan**

IL Secretary  
1911-29  
IL Information Director  
1935-42

- \* Baseball Writer
- \* Premier Statistician & Historian

Ernest J. Lanigan was a titan of baseball writing and record keeping for the first half of the 20th century. Lanigan was instrumental in capturing the early history of the International League and its clubs, serving as the League's Secretary and Information Director. The Chicago native was also the Press Representative for the Syracuse Stars. Lanigan wrote baseball's first comprehensive biographical encyclopedia before becoming Director of the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum. Lanigan is remembered for pushing to create the "RBI" as an official statistic.



**Ben Sankey**

- INFIELDER -  
Montreal 1934-39  
Syracuse 1939  
Baltimore 1939-41

- \* 888 Career Hits, 406 Runs
- \* Member of 1935 IL Pennant Winners
- \* Played in 994 IL Games

After a brief Major League Baseball career with the Pittsburgh Pirates, slick fielding shortstop Ben Sankey was signed by Montreal to fill a hole in the Royals' infield. Sankey was a key component of the 1935 pennant winning club, driving in a career-best 86 runs. The Nauvoo, AL native was a fan favorite in Montreal, where he was one of the few players who learned to speak French. Sankey spent his last three IL seasons as a shortstop and third baseman with Syracuse and Baltimore. Sankey passed away on October 14, 2001 at the age of 94.



**Fred "Dixie" Walker**

- OUTFIELDER -  
Jersey City 1930-31  
Toronto 1931  
Newark 1932, 1935  
- MANAGER -  
Rochester 1955-56  
Toronto 1957-59

- \* .335 Lifetime Average in 396 Games
- \* Managed 1955-56 Gov. Cup Champs
- \* Member of 1932 IL Pennant Winners

Fred "Dixie" Walker played nearly 400 games in the International League before becoming entrenched in the majors, where he hit .306 in nearly 2,000 contests. Walker hit .350 with 15 HR and 105 RBI for the 1932 Newark club that won 109 games. In the mid-50's Walker returned to the IL as manager of Rochester, guiding the Red Wings to back-to-back Governors' Cup titles in his two years at the helm. In 1957 his Toronto club won the pennant by going 88-65, Walker's finest mark as a skipper in the IL. The native of Villa Rica, GA won over 400 games as an IL manager.