

CLASS OF 1948



Herb Pennock

- PITCHER -
Providence 1915
Buffalo 1916

- * Posted 1.67 ERA in 1916
- * Member of 1916 IL Pennant Winners

Herb Pennock is one of the most successful left-handed hurlers of his era. "The Knight of Kennett Square" went directly from prep school to the big leagues, though he later appeared in 31 games in the International League, posting a 13-10 record. Pennock went on to record 240 Major League wins, plus a 5-0 mark in World Series play. The native of Kennett Square, PA was elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1948, the same year he earned induction into the IL Hall.



Dick Rudolph

- PITCHER -
Toronto 1907-12

- * Career Record of 120-70
- * Threw 10-Inning No-Hitter in 1910
- * Led IL with 25 Victories in 1912

New York City's Dick Rudolph pitched in over 230 games with Toronto before being sold to the Boston Braves in 1913, with whom he would win 121 games in 11 seasons. Rudolph was one of 17 pitchers allowed to continue throwing spitballs after baseball banned the practice in 1920. During his IL career, Rudolph won at least 18 games in five different seasons, highlighted by his 25-10 record in 1912, the circuit's best winning percentage (.714). On Sept. 12, 1910, he no-hit Montreal for 10 innings - the Maple Leafs won the game 2-1 in 12 frames.



Alphonse "Tommy" Thomas

- PITCHER -
Buffalo 1918-20
Baltimore 1921-25,35,41,43-44

- MANAGER -
Baltimore 1940-49

- * Led IL in Wins & Strikeouts in 1925
- * Member of 6 IL Champion Teams
- * Career Record of 138-85, 3.30 ERA

Baltimore native Alphonse "Tommy" Thomas is one of the great figures in the history of the Orioles franchise. From 1921-25, Thomas went 105-54 for five consecutive pennant winners in Baltimore. In 1925 he led the IL with 32 W, 268 K, 56 G, 354 IP, and 28 CG. Thomas returned as manager of the Orioles in the 1940's, winning 719 games. His 1944 team won both the Governors' Cup and Junior World Series championships, earning Thomas the Minor League Manager of the Year Award from *The Sporting News*. Thomas later became Baltimore's Vice-President/General Manager.

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Ed Holly

- SHORTSTOP -
Rochester 1908-10
Montreal 1910-11
Toronto 1912-13
Newark 1918

- MANAGER -
Montreal 1928-32

- * Member of 3 IL Pennant Winners
- * Five Winning Seasons as Manager
- * 143 Career Stolen Bases

Ed Holly played in 800 games in the International League with four different clubs. The Chicago native was considered one of the top defensive shortstops of his era. He was a member of three IL pennant winners (Rochester in 1909-10 and Toronto in 1912). In 1928, Holly returned to Montreal as manager, where he guided a strong Royals team for parts of five seasons. Holly's best year as skipper came in 1930 when the Royals went 96-72 (.571), the winningest season in franchise history to that point.



Bill Meyer

- MANAGER -
Newark 1942-45

- * Managed 1942 IL Pennant Winners
- * Managed 1945 Gov. Cup Champions
- * Lifetime Winning Percentage .573

Bill Meyer is one of the most successful managers in Minor League Baseball history, winning pennants in the IL, New York-Penn League, Eastern League, and American Association. Remembered as a good teacher and compassionate man, Meyer took the Newark Bears into the postseason in three of his four seasons at the helm, winning at least 85 games each year. The Knoxville, TN native guided his club to the Governors' Cup Championship in 1945, defeating Montreal in seven games. He later managed the Pittsburgh Pirates for five seasons.



George Toporcer

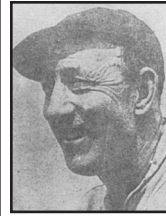
- SECOND BASEMAN -
Syracuse 1921, 1935
Rochester 1928-1934
Jersey City 1931

- MANAGER -
Jersey City 1931
Rochester 1932-34
Buffalo 1951

- * 1,172 Career Hits, 139 Stolen Bases
- * Member of 5 IL Champion Teams
- * Led IL in Runs Scored 1929 (142)

George Toporcer, better known as "Specs", spent over 32 years in baseball as a player, manager, scout, and farm director before losing his eyesight in 1951. Remembered as the first Major League infielder to wear glasses, Toporcer was the starting second baseman on the Rochester club that won four consecutive IL pennants from 1928-31. He later became the team's manager, twice guiding the Red Wings to the Governors' Cup Finals. The New York City native was the first-ever captain of the Syracuse Chiefs in 1935.

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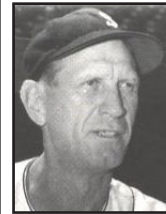
Jack Dunn

- SECOND BASEMAN -
Toronto 1896
Providence 1905-06
Baltimore 1907-11

- MANAGER -
Providence 1905-06
Baltimore 1907-28

- * Managed 9 IL Pennant Winners
- * Career Record 2,107-1,530
- * Led IL With 157 Hits in 1905

Jack Dunn won the IL pennant in 1905 as player/manager of Providence, two years before taking over as skipper in Baltimore. Over the next 20 years Dunn built one of baseball's most prestigious franchises, winning eight more pennants (1908, 1919-25). Also owner of the Orioles, Dunn found and developed such stars as Lefty Grove, Babe Ruth, and Jack Bentley. The Meadville, PA native posted a career winning percentage of .600 in 24 seasons before passing away after the 1928 campaign.



Jewel Ens

- INFIELDER -
Providence 1913-14
Syracuse 1921

- MANAGER -
Syracuse 1942-49

- * Managed 3 Gov. Cup Champions
- * 611 Career Managerial Victories
- * Hit .335 with 19 HR in 1921

Jewel Ens was a former Syracuse third baseman who became the club's manager in 1942, leading the Chiefs to two consecutive Governors' Cup titles in his first two years. The St. Louis native led Syracuse to the Governors' Cup Finals five times during the 1940's, also winning it all in 1947. Ens also served as the team's General Manager in 1949, before passing away the following offseason. In 1964 Ens was selected as manager of the Chiefs' All-Time Team, and in 2000 he was enshrined in the Syracuse Chiefs Hall of Fame.



Dan Howley

- CATCHER -
Montreal 1914-17
Toronto 1918

- MANAGER -
Montreal 1914-17
Toronto 1918,23-26,33,37-38

- * Managed 2 IL Pennant Winners
- * 950 Career Managerial Victories
- * Player/Manager 1914-18

In 1914 journeyman catcher Dan Howley was appointed manager of Montreal at the age of 28. After four years with the Royals, in which he also served as the backup catcher, Howley took over in Toronto, guiding the Maple Leafs to the 1918 pennant. In 1926 "Dapper Dan" won his second pennant with Toronto, breaking Baltimore's string of seven straight titles. The native of Weymouth, MA managed over 1,800 games in the IL, going on to manage and scout in the Major Leagues before passing away in 1944.