

**CLASS OF  
1954**



**Joe Boley**

- SHORTSTOP -  
Baltimore 1919-26

- \* .313 Lifetime Average, 1,404 Hits
- \* Member of 7 IL Pennant Winners
- \* Played in 1,197 Games

Joe Boley was the shortstop for the Baltimore club that won seven consecutive pennants from 1919-25. Boley was an outstanding fielder who played an average of 150 games per season in each of his eight years in the IL, hitting less than .300 only once. After "RBI" became an official statistic in 1922, Boley drove home at least 90 runs every year through 1926. The native of Mahanoy City, PA was sold to the Philadelphia Athletics in 1927, where he anchored an infield that helped win three pennants and two World Series from 1929-31.

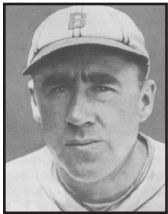


**Fred Hutchinson**

- PITCHER -  
Buffalo 1940-41

- \* 1941 IL Most Valuable Player
- \* Led IL in Victories 1941 (26)
- \* .354 Lifetime Average in 189 AB

On his way to becoming a valuable member of the Detroit Tigers pitching staff in the 1940's and 50's, Fred Hutchinson played two seasons with the Buffalo Bisons and left quite a mark on the IL. The Seattle native was the League's MVP in 1941, posting a 26-7 record with a 2.44 ERA while hitting .392. After the remarkable season, Hutchinson put his promising career on hold to serve four years in the Navy during World War II, but went on to win 95 games with the Tigers. Hutchinson became one of baseball's most beloved managers until his death in 1964.



**Bill Kelly**

- FIRST BASEMAN -  
Buffalo 1922-26, 1928, 1930  
Newark 1927  
Rochester 1928  
- MANAGER -  
Springfield 1951-52  
IL Umpire 1934, 1937-39

- \* Led IL in Home Runs 1924, 1926
- \* Led IL in RBI 1924-26
- \* .316 Lifetime Average, 156 HR

"Big Bill" Kelly was one of the great IL sluggers of the 1920's, playing in over 1,000 games, mostly for Buffalo. Kelly reached his prime in 1924, hitting .324 with 28 HR and 155 RBI. He followed that up with a .318-26-125 season in 1925 and a .330-44-151 campaign in 1926. Kelly is the only man in the history of the International League to serve as a player, manager, and umpire. He has also been inducted into the Buffalo and Syracuse Halls of Fame. Kelly passed away in his hometown of Syracuse in 1990 at the age of 91.

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**Jack Berly**

- PITCHER -  
Rochester 1928-30,34-35,40-41  
Baltimore 1935-36  
Toronto 1936-40

- \* 103 Career Victories, 742 Strikeouts
- \* 3.68 Career ERA
- \* Member of 4 IL Pennant Winners

Jack Berly played eleven seasons in the International League, ultimately winning over 100 games. The native of Natchitoches, LA joined the Rochester Red Wings in 1928 and became a major contributor to three pennant winners under Billy Southworth. Berly returned to Rochester twice more in his career, also pitching for the 1940 pennant winning club. Berly was used as both a starter and a reliever during his career, succeeding in both roles. Four times he posted an ERA under 3.50, including 2.49 in 1930 and 2.21 in 1939.



**Luke Hamlin**

- PITCHER -  
Toronto 1933, 1943, 1945-48

- \* Lifetime Record 91-58, 600 K
- \* 1947 IL ERA Champion (2.22)
- \* Career ERA 3.06

Interspersed with a Major League career in which he played 265 games with the Tigers, Dodgers, Pirates, and Athletics, Luke Hamlin pitched 171 games in six different years with Toronto. The Ferris Center, MI native was known as "Hot Potato" because of the way he juggled the ball when preparing to pitch. Hamlin won 21 games in his first IL season in 1933, then matched that total 10 years later when he returned to the Maple Leafs. During his career in the IL he tossed 105 complete games, including 13 shutouts.



**Merwin Jacobson**

- OUTFIELDER -  
Rochester 1916  
Toronto 1917, 1927-28  
Baltimore 1919-24, 1933  
Jersey City 1925  
Newark 1928-29

- \* IL Batting Champion 1920 (.404)
- \* Member of 7 IL Pennant Winners
- \* .317 Lifetime Average in 1,698 Games

Merwin Jacobson, often called "Jake", was a speedy outfielder. After winning a pennant with Toronto in 1917, Jacobson joined the Orioles and sparked the club to six pennants from 1919-24. The New Britain, CT native led the League with 203 hits in 1919, before completely dominating the circuit in 1920. That season he hit .404, one of just two men to hit .400 in the IL during the 20th century. Jacobson also led the League with 235 hits and 161 runs scored. He played in only 133 big league games, but was paid handsomely during his IL tenure. He retired with 1,976 hits and 1,270 runs scored in the IL.

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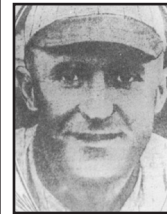


**George Earnshaw**

- PITCHER -  
Baltimore 1924-28

- \* Career Record 78-48 in 174 Games
- \* Member of 2 IL Pennant Winners
- \* 29 Wins, 200 Strikeouts in 1925

6'4" George "Moose" Earnshaw was a three-sport star in college when he signed with Baltimore. He joined the Orioles during the 1924 pennant run, going 7-0 with a 3.38 ERA. He blossomed in 1925, going 29-11, striking out 200 batters, and posting a career-best 3.52 ERA. The New York native won three complete games in leading the Orioles to the Little World Series title. Moose was sold to the Athletics in 1928, and the following year he led the American League with 24 victories. Moose led the A's to three pennants and two World Series championships.

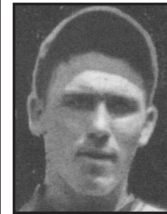


**Joe McCarthy**

- SECOND BASEMAN -  
Buffalo 1914-15

- \* IL Assist Leader 1914-15
- \* Led IL in Fielding Pct. 1914
- \* 280 Hits, 44 Stolen Bases

In 1914, 27-year-old Joe McCarthy joined the Buffalo club, where he played for two years as the team's starting second baseman. He hit .266 both seasons but was arguably the League's top defensive second baseman. One of the first pitchers he faced was Baltimore's Babe Ruth, whom McCarthy would later manage. McCarthy never played in the big leagues, but as a manager he won nine pennants and posted the best all-time winning percentage (.614). In 1957 the Philadelphia native was inducted in the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown.



**Jimmy Ripple**

- OUTFIELDER -  
Montreal 1929-35, 1940  
Rochester 1941-42  
Toronto 1942-43

- \* Five Seasons Batting Over .300
- \* 114 Home Runs, 735 RBI
- \* Member of 2 IL Pennant Winners

In 1929 Jimmy Ripple joined the Montreal Royals at the age of 19. In his first full season he hit .312 and drove in 65 runs. The Export, PA native went on to play 1,263 games in the International League, hitting .299 for his career. He hit .333 with 115 RBI to lead the Royals to the 1935 IL pennant, then left for the Major Leagues where he played for 2 pennant winners as well as Cincinnati's 1940 World Series Champion team. Ripple hit .333 in the series, homered once, and scored the winning run in Game 7. At age 30 he returned to the IL, winning another pennant in his final season with Toronto in 1943.