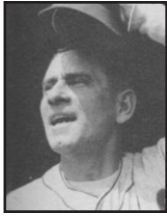


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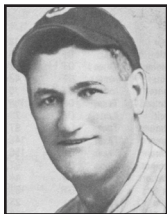


Christian "Bruno" Betzel

- MANAGER -
Montreal 1944-45
Jersey City 1946-48
Syracuse 1950-53
Toronto 1956

- * 776 Career Managerial Victories
- * Managed 3 IL Pennant Winners
- * Eclipsed 85 Wins Four Times

Christian Frederick Albert John Henry David Betzel, better known as "Bruno", spent 26 years as a Minor League manager, including 10 seasons in the International League. Overall Betzel won seven pennants with seven different teams, three of them coming in the IL - Montreal in 1945, Jersey City in 1947, and Toronto in 1956 in his final season. The native of Chattanooga, OH guided his team to the Governors' Cup Finals three times (1945, 1951, and 1956), only to lose each series. The former St. Louis Cardinals infielder passed away in 1965 at the age of 70.



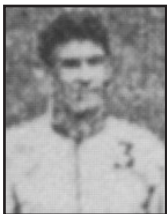
Ike Boone

- OUTFIELDER -
Newark 1931
Jersey City 1932
Toronto 1933-36

- MANAGER -
Toronto 1933-36

- * 1934 IL Most Valuable Player
- * Managed 1934 Gov. Cup Champions
- * IL Batting Champion 1931, 1934

Ike Boone is Minor League Baseball's alltime leading hitter (.370). Boone was 34 when he joined Newark for his first season in the International League. The Samantha, AL native became a Toronto Maple Leaf in 1933, and the following year was appointed player-manager. In his first year as skipper, Boone led the circuit with a .372 average and drove in 108 runs, guiding the club to the Governors' Cup Title. In 2003, Boone was inducted into the Pacific Coast League Hall of Fame, making him the only man enshrined in the Hall of both current Triple-A leagues.



James "Rube" Parnham

- PITCHER -
Baltimore 1917-20, 22-24, 26
Reading 1927
Newark 1927

- * Most Ever Consecutive Wins (20)
- * Lifetime Record 141-68, 3.42 ERA
- * Led IL in Victories 1919, 1923

James "Rube" Parnham was a 6'3" right hander who posted eight winning seasons with the Baltimore Orioles during the team's glory years. Parnham led the IL in strikeouts (187) in 1919. The unpredictable native of Heidelberg, PA quit the team twice (1920 & 1924) and sat out two entire seasons (1921 & 1925), but dominated hitters when he did play. In 1923 Parnham posted an unbelievable 33-7 record, winning his last 20 decisions to establish an alltime IL mark. No International League hurler since has reached that many victories in one season.

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Jack Bentley

- FIRST BASE/PITCHER -
Baltimore 1916-17, 1919-22
Newark 1927-28
Rochester 1931

- * 1921 Triple Crown Champion
- * Led IL in ERA 1920 (2.11), 1922 (1.73)
- * IL Single Season Hit Record (246)

Jack Bentley may be the greatest all-around talent in the history of the International League; he certainly owns claim to the circuit's best ever single season. In 1921, Bentley became the first man to win the Triple Crown, hitting .412 with 24 HR and 120 RBI - his 246 hits is the League's alltime mark. He also posted the best winning percentage of any pitcher by going 12-1 with a 2.35 ERA. The Sandy Spring, MD native is a two-time IL RBI champ (1920-21) and a two-time ERA champ (1920,22). For his career he hit .357 with 88 HR, and went 65-19 with an ERA of 2.86.



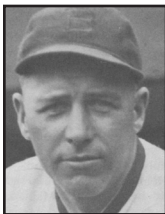
George Selkirk

- OUTFIELDER -
Rochester 1927, 1933
Jersey City 1928-31
Newark 1932-34, 1946
Toronto 1932

- MANAGER -
Newark 1946-47

- * .307 Lifetime Average in 937 Games
- * Member of 3 IL Pennant Winners
- * 90 HR, 481 RBI, 66 SB for Career

George Selkirk, a native of Huntsville, Ontario, is the only Canadian in the IL Hall of Fame. He was nicknamed "Twinkletoes" by his Newark teammates because of the way he ran with his weight on the balls of his feet. Selkirk played eight years in the IL on his way to the majors, when in 1935 he famously replaced Babe Ruth as the Yankees' right fielder. Selkirk was a key part of the new Yankee dynasty, helping win five World Series. Selkirk went on to manage in the Minor Leagues before becoming a Vice President and GM of the Washington Senators.



Jimmy Walsh

- OUTFIELDER -
Baltimore 1910-12, 1922-23
Akron 1920
Newark 1921
Jersey City 1924, 1928-29
Buffalo 1925-26
Toronto 1927

- MANAGER -
Newark 1921

- * .325 Lifetime Average, 2,158 Hits
- * Member of 2 IL Pennant Winners
- * IL Batting Champion 1925-26

Jimmy Walsh played in over 1,800 games spanning 13 seasons in the International League, hitting better than .300 ten times. Walsh played for Baltimore from 1910-12, then spent the rest of the decade in the Major Leagues, playing in two World Series. The native of Kallilla, Ireland was back in the IL during the 20's, playing on two pennant winners in Baltimore. He led the League with a .357 average in 1925 and a .388 average in 1926 at the age of 41, also driving in 131 runs. Walsh played for six different IL clubs in an era when only eight teams were in the League.

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Frederick "Fritz" Maisel

- INFIELDER -
Baltimore 1911-13, 1919-28

- MANAGER -
Baltimore 1929-32

- * IL Alltime Stolen Base Leader (384)
- * Led IL in Runs 1913, 1919, 1925
- * Member of 7 IL Pennant Winners

Fritz Maisel was a speedy shortstop/third baseman who spent three years in Baltimore on his way to the New York Yankees. After his Major League career ended, Maisel returned to the Orioles in 1919 and sparked the team to seven straight pennants. The Catonsville, MD native led the IL in steals just once (44 in 1913), but over his 13-year career he amassed more stolen bases than any man in League history. Maisel was hired as Baltimore's manager after his playing career ended, leading the club to a 374-294 record in four seasons at the helm.



William "Harry" Smythe

- PITCHER -
Baltimore 1930-33
Montreal 1934-38

- * Career Record 126-86, 3.78 ERA
- * Member of 1935 Pennant Winners
- * Led IL in Winning Pct. 1933 (21-8)

After pitching in 44 games with the Phillies over two seasons, Harry Smythe joined the Baltimore Orioles in 1930 beginning a nine-year stint in the IL for the native of Augusta, GA. Smythe had his best year in Baltimore in 1933, winning 21 games to earn him one more shot in the majors. After going just 1-3 in 16 games, Smythe returned to the IL with the Montreal Royals. In 1935 Smythe led Montreal to the pennant, going 22-11 with a 3.30 ERA and striking out a career-high 109 batters. Smythe, just 5'10" tall, used a nasty curve ball to fool opposing hitters.



George Stallings

- CATCHER -
Toronto 1887
Toledo 1889

- MANAGER -
Buffalo 1902-06, 1911-12
Newark 1908
Rochester 1920-27
Montreal 1928

- * 1,336 Managerial Victories
- * Managed 2 IL Pennant Winners
- * Three 100-Win Seasons

"Gentleman George" Stallings played briefly in the IL in the 1880's before his 22nd birthday, but his true mark on the League was made years later as a manager. The Augusta, GA native guided Buffalo to the pennant in 1904 and 1906. Stallings managed Rochester from 1920-27, winning 100 games three times but never the pennant. In 1928 he was instrumental in bringing baseball back to Montreal as the team's owner and manager. Stallings passed away the following May at the age of 61. Legend has it that on his deathbed, when asked what put him there, he groaned, "Oh, those bases on balls!"