

## HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE - 2008

### Russ Derry

Outfielder

**Full Name** Alva Russell Derry  
**Born** October 7, 1916 in Princeton, MO  
**Died** October 26, 2004 in Kansas City, MO  
**Bats/Throws** Left/Right  
**Height** 6'1"  
**Weight** 180



**NOTES:** Rochester All-Time leader in home runs (134)  
 Led IL in home runs in 1949 (42) and 1950 (30)  
 Led IL in RBI in 1950 (102)  
 Holds IL single-season record for assists by an outfielder (29 in 1949)  
 Played for 1952 Governors' Cup Champions  
 Played for 1942 and 1950 IL Pennant Winners  
 Member of 1949 and 1950 IL Postseason All-Star Teams  
 Member of Rochester Red Wings Hall of Fame (1989)

		<b>IL PLAYING CAREER</b>									
		<u>AVG</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>SB</u>
1942	Newark	.280	112	329	61	92	17	4	22	65	11
1943	Newark	.314	40	153	24	48	11	1	6	19	2
1947	Rochester	.269	143	458	78	123	19	9	26	89	15
1948	Rochester	.215	108	274	51	59	5	2	16	42	9
1949	Rochester	.279	148	491	120	137	19	4	42	122	6
1950	Rochester	.281	133	438	95	123	20	2	30	102	3
1951	Rochester	.249	116	337	59	84	17	3	19	53	2
1952	Rochester	.141	35	78	7	11	1	1	1	5	0
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>.265</b>	<b>835</b>	<b>2558</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>677</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>48</b>

Russ Derry is Rochester's All-Time Home Run King. He also established franchise single-season records in 1949 for home runs (42) and walks (134). He's 3rd on the team's all-time list in RBI (413) and 4th in games played (683).

Derry, a fan favorite in Rochester, established his single-season HR record in 1949 despite being pitched around most of the year by IL pitchers, allowing him to also draw a team record 134 walks. He combined for 72 home runs and 224 RBI in 1949 and 1950.

The bulk of Derry's big league career came from 1944-1946 with the Yankees and Athletics. In 1945 he hit two homers on Opening Day, becoming the first player in American League history to hit a grand slam on Opening Day. In 1989, Derry became an inaugural member of the Rochester Red Wings Hall of Fame. Ten years later he was selected by vote of the fans to the franchise's All-Century Team. In 2000, the Red Wings honored him by holding "Russ Derry Day". The first 4,000 fans that day were given a replica of his 1949 Red Wings jersey.