

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE - 2008

Frank Verdi

Infielder / Manager

Full Name Frank Michael Verdi
Born June 2, 1926 in Brooklyn, NY
Died July 11, 2010 in New Port Reachey, FL
Bats/Throws Right/Right



NOTES: Managed 1969, 1970, and 1981 Governors' Cup Champions
 1970 IL Manager of the Year

IL PLAYING CAREER										
	<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>
1953 Syracuse	.270	90	330	50	89	13	3	1	29	12
1955 Columbus	.271	141	459	83	149	20	7	4	48	12
1956 Columbus	.248	62	214	24	53	9	0	2	14	1
1957 Rochester	.284	129	469	68	133	16	8	2	31	13
1958 Rochester	.237	107	300	41	71	9	4	2	31	6
1959 Rochester	.295	115	373	45	110	16	2	2	41	3
1961 Syracuse	.287	67	195	28	56	2	1	0	11	3
1962 Syracuse	.262	26	65	8	17	2	2	0	6	2
TOTALS	.282	737	2405	347	678	87	27	13	211	52

IL MANAGERIAL CAREER					
	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>POS</u>	
1961 Syracuse	44	44	.500	8th	<i>Managed only portion of season</i>
1962 Syracuse	33	53	.384	8th	<i>Managed only portion of season</i>
1965 Toledo	68	78	.466	7th	
1968 Syracuse	51	44	.537	5th	<i>Managed only portion of season</i>
1969 Syracuse	75	65	.536	3rd	<i>Governors' Cup Champions</i>
1970 Syracuse	84	56	.600	1st	<i>Governors' Cup Champions</i>
1972 Syracuse	64	80	.444	7th	
1977 Tidewater	73	67	.521	3rd	<i>Playoff Participant</i>
1978 Tidewater	69	71	.493	5th	
1979 Tidewater	73	67	.521	4th	<i>Playoff Participant</i>
1980 Tidewater	67	72	.482	6th	
1981 Columbus	88	51	.633	1st	<i>Governors' Cup Champions</i>
1982 Columbus	79	61	.564	2nd	<i>Playoff Participant</i>
1984 Rochester	52	88	.371	8th	
1985 Rochester	18	40	.310	7th	<i>Managed only portion of season</i>
TOTALS	938	937	.500		

Frank Verdi played for three different IL clubs, and later went on to manage five clubs between 1961-1985. In his 15 seasons as a skipper in the IL, Verdi led his teams to six playoff appearances and three Governors' Cup Championships.

Known as "old school", Verdi instilled a hard-nosed work ethic in his players along with a dedicated will to win. While he taught his clubs the importance of winning, he never lost sight of the parent club's goal of developing players for the Major Leagues. It is virtually impossible to count the number of players that he prepared for major league success during his career.

Verdi was a career minor leaguer, playing only one Major League game with the New York Yankees in 1953. He passed away in July of 2010 in Florida.