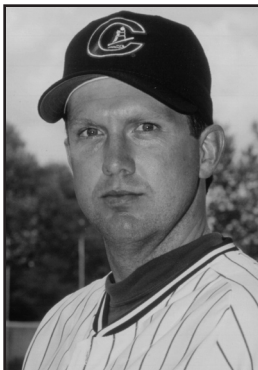


# INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE HALL OF FAME

CLASS OF  
2012

## Dave Eiland



- PITCHER -  
Columbus 1988-91,94-97  
Charlotte 1993  
Durham 1998-2000

- PITCHING COACH -  
Scranton/WB 2007

- \* 1990 IL Most Valuable Pitcher
- \* Three-Time Governors' Cup Winner
- \* Career Record 82-42, 3.44 ERA, 21 CG

Dave Eiland was born in Dade City, Florida in 1966. He would eventually star at the collegiate level for both the University of South Florida and the University of Florida before being drafted by the New York Yankees in 1987.

Eiland pitched in over 180 games in the International League between 1988 and 2000, along the way compiling a record of 82-42 with a 3.44 ERA. This was intermingled with a Major League career in which he played 248 games with the Yankees, Padres, and Devil Rays over the same time span.

Eiland was the IL's Most Valuable Pitcher in 1990, leading the circuit in wins, complete games, and shutouts. He went on to become the League's most accomplished starting pitcher of the 1990's, leading the IL in wins, innings pitched, complete games, and strikeouts. He was a member of Governors' Cup champion clubs in 1991 and 1996 with Columbus, as well as 1993 with Charlotte.

During his time in the Major Leagues, Eiland was part of some unique moments. He is the only pitcher in big league history to give up a home run to the first batter he ever faced (Paul Molitor) and also hit a home run in his first at-bat (four years later in San Diego). In 1999 while a member of the Devil Rays, Eiland was selected to act as a body-double for Kevin Costner in the film *For the Love of the Game*.

Following his retirement, Eiland became a pitching coach in the Yankees organization. In 2007 he served in that role for the IL's Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Yankees, helping lead the club to a division title thanks to the League's 3rd-best ERA (3.64) that season.

The next year Eiland was promoted to New York, where he spent three seasons as the pitching coach for the Yankees. After one year in Tampa Bay serving as an advisor for the Rays, Eiland was hired to be pitching coach for the Kansas City Royals for the 2012 season.

## Bill Evers



- MANAGER -  
Columbus 1995  
Durham 1998-2005

- \* Managed Two Gov. Cup Winners
- \* Durham All-Time Leader Wins (613)
- \* 2001 IL All-Star Manager

Newport Richey, Florida's Bill Evers had a brief playing career in the Cubs organization during the late 1970's. He batted .250 over four seasons and hit a total of eleven home runs.

Evers would later return to the game as a manager, beginning a two-year stint in the Midwest League in 1987. After three seasons in the Texas League, Evers made his Triple-A managing debut in 1992 with Phoenix in the Pacific Coast League. In 1995 he piloted his first International League club, guiding Columbus to a 71-68 record.

Evers then joined the newly-announced expansion Tampa Bay Devil Rays as one of the team's original field personnel members. He managed the organization's first game in 1996 in the rookie-level Gulf Coast League.

In 1998 Evers became the first-ever manager of the Triple-A Durham Bulls. During the franchise's first eight seasons at the Triple-A level, Evers guided the Bulls to seven winning seasons, six playoff appearances, five division titles and two Governors' Cup championships.

Evers became the first skipper in IL history to sweep consecutive Governors' Cup finals when Durham took three straight from Buffalo in 2002 and Pawtucket in 2003. The second championship club won all six of its postseason games, becoming just the fifth team in the Governors' Cup era to sweep through the playoffs. Overall, Evers posted a playoff record of 25-13.

Following the 2005 season, Evers left the Bulls as the franchise's all-time leader in managerial victories and owning the second-most career victories amongst active Minor League skippers. Evers joined Tampa Bay's Major League staff. He is currently the field coordinator for the organization.

## Mike Tamburro



General Manager  
Pawtucket  
1977-85

President  
Pawtucket  
1985-Present

- \* 5-Time IL Executive of the Year
- \* 1990 and 2003 Bob Freitas Award
- \* 1990 President's Trophy

Mike Tamburro came to Pawtucket in 1977 at the urging of team owner Ben Mondor, who had recently acquired the troubled Boston affiliate. Tamburro, who had been honored in 1976 as "General Manager of the Year" with Elmira of the New York-Penn League, helped create an incredible turn-around as Pawtucket became one of the strongest and most successful franchises in professional baseball. Under Tamburro's leadership, the PawSox have gone from drawing 70,000 fans in 1977 to over 688,000 fans in the club-record setting season of 2005. One of his major achievements was spearheading a \$16 million renovation of McCoy Stadium for the 1999 season.

In 2003 the PawSox welcomed their 10 millionth fan to McCoy Stadium during Tamburro's tenure. In 2004, the same year Pawtucket played host to the Triple-A All-Star Game, the PawSox led the entire International League in attendance for the first time ever. They would repeat the feat two more times in the next four seasons.

The International League began recognizing an Executive of the Year in 1964, and since that time no one has received the honor more than 5-time IL Executive of the Year Mike Tamburro. Tamburro has been a positive force for all of Minor League Baseball during his three-plus decades in Pawtucket. He is a member and former Chairman of the Minor League Baseball Board of Trustees. He served as Chairman of the Presidential Search Committee that was charged to find a new President of Minor League Baseball in 2008.

Tamburro will long be remembered for coining his team's nickname "PawSox" when a uniform crisis in his first season led to the restitching of "Boston" uniforms with the six-letter moniker that has become synonymous with the franchise. Tamburro is involved with a number of community charities. He is a trustee of Big Brothers of Rhode Island as well as Memorial Hospital, and helped create the Pawtucket Red Sox Charitable Foundation that supports numerous groups throughout New England. He is the former Director of the Cox Charities of New England and of the Providence Journal Summertime Fund. He has served as Vice President of the Pawtucket Education Foundation and the Vice President of the Boys and Girls Club of Pawtucket.