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- International League Announces 2019 Hall of Fame Class - Cox, Jethroe, McMillon, & Schwechheimer to be Enshrined

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The International League announced today that Governors' Cup winner and National Baseball Hall of Famer **Bobby Cox**, two-time All-Star **Sam Jethroe**, two-time batting champion **Billy McMillon**, and the 1992 Sporting News Minor League Executive of the Year **Lou Schwechheimer** will be inducted into the League's Hall of Fame as members of the Class of 2019. The four men were elected to the IL Hall by a vote of living Hall of Famers, longtime executives, broadcasters, and members of the media.

The members of the Class of 2019 have been added to the International League Hall of Fame plaque display. The new inductees or family members will be presented with "The Curtain Call" statue during individual enshrinement ceremonies yet to be scheduled. The IL Hall of Fame plaque display serves as a traveling testament to the storied legacy of the International League.

Bobby Cox won Governors' Cups as both a player and manager with the Syracuse Chiefs. In four seasons as the club's skipper, he took the Chiefs to three finals appearances and captured the 1976 League title. Before embarking on his Hall of Fame managerial career in the Major Leagues, Cox posted the highest winning percentage (.538) in the Chiefs' franchise history, earning induction to the Syracuse Baseball Wall of Fame. In 2007, Cox moved into 4th place on the all-time MLB managerial wins list. He was elected to Cooperstown in 2014.

Sam "The Jet" Jethroe hit .293 over seven seasons in the International League for Montreal and Toronto. The two-time All-Star played for two Governors' Cup champions and three pennant winners. He led the circuit twice in hits and three times in both runs scored and stolen bases. His totals of 207 hits and 154 runs in 1949 have not been matched since in the IL. The former Negro Leagues star was the 1950 National League Rookie of the Year for the Boston Braves.

The newly named manager of the Pawtucket Red Sox, Billy McMillon, earns induction to the IL Hall of Fame on the strength of his playing career with Charlotte, Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, Toledo, and Columbus. McMillon entered the League with a bang in 1996, hitting .352 with 17 home runs and 70 RBI to earn IL Rookie of the Year honors. That year the outfielder also picked up his first of three All-Star nods and first of two League batting titles. McMillon's MLB career saw him appear in 269 games for the Marlins, Phillies, Tigers, and A's. He retired following the 2004 season.

Lou Schwechheimer was twice honored as the IL Executive of the Year during a remarkable run of 37 years of service for the Pawtucket Red Sox. Hired as an intern in 1978, he would eventually be the franchise's part-owner. Schwechheimer served as Pawtucket's Vice-President and General Manager from 1986 through 2015. Over 17 million fans passed through McCoy Stadium's gates during his tenure. PawSox Vice Chairman and IL Hall of Famer Mike Tamburro called Schwechheimer "a pillar on which the Pawtucket Red Sox franchise was built."

The IL Hall of Fame, established in 1947, was dormant from 1964 until the League's 125th Anniversary season in 2008. Following a three-year transition period (2008-10) in which a total of 50 individuals were inducted after having been selected by a committee, the Class of 2019 was the ninth chosen by the current annual election process. Each year the top three vote-getters who also receive a vote on the majority of ballots cast are elected. Due to two individuals having received an equal number of votes in this year's balloting, for the first time a class is being expanded to four inductees.

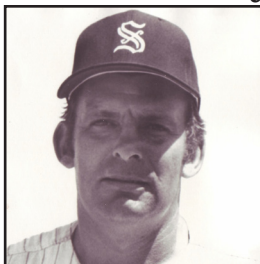
Complete statistical data and biographical information on all 126 members of the IL Hall of Fame, along with a copy of the International League Hall of Fame policies, procedures, and guidelines are available at ILBaseball.com.



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CLASS OF
2019

Bobby Cox



- THIRD BASEMAN -

Richmond 1967
Syracuse 1970

- MANAGER -
Syracuse 1973-76

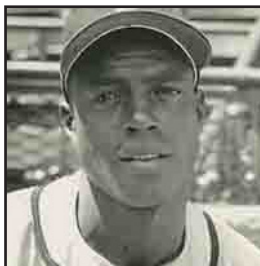
- * Managed 1976 Governors' Cup Champs
- * Syracuse All-Time Highest Winning Pct.

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The following season saw the beginning of Cox's managerial career in the minors, and in 1973 he returned to Syracuse where he took the Chiefs to three finals appearances in four years. His 1976 club remains the last Syracuse team to win the Governors' Cup. Cox went on to a highly successful managerial career in the Major Leagues with Atlanta (1978-81 & 1990-2010) and Toronto (1982-85). He was named Manager of the Year four times, won the 1995 World Series, and had his uniform number six retired by the Braves.

In 2007 Cox passed Sparky Anderson to move into 4th on the all-time MLB managerial wins list. He was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame as a member of the Class of 2014.

Sam Jethroe



- OUTFIELDER -

Montreal 1948-49
Toronto 1954-58

- * 2-Time IL All-Star & Gov. Cup Champion
- * Led IL in Hits (2x), Runs (3x), Steals (3x)

Sam "The Jet" Jethroe was a star in the Negro Leagues before he signed with the Montreal Royals in 1948, just two seasons after Jackie Robinson broke the IL's color barrier with the same team. In 1949, Jethroe was an IL All-Star. His 207 hits and 154 runs scored that season are marks that have not been matched since in the International League, and just one player since Jethroe (Otis Nixon, 1983) has surpassed 89 stolen bases. The Royals captured the Governors' Cup that season.

Jethroe was the 1950 National League Rookie of the Year. Despite winning a pair of MLB stolen base titles, he was back in Triple-A by the 1953 season with Toledo of the American Association. He returned to the IL the following season with Toronto, still among the League's top players as the Maple Leafs won the Governors' Cup.

In seven seasons and 875 games played in the IL, Jethroe hit .293 with 615 runs scored and 205 stolen bases. After retiring, Jethroe moved to Erie, Pennsylvania where he worked in a factory for several years before opening a bar. He passed away in 2001.

Billy McMillon



- OUTFIELDER -

Charlotte 1996-97
Scranton/WB 1997-99
Toledo 2000
Columbus 2002

- * 1996 IL Rookie of the Year
- * 2-Time IL Batting Champ; 3-Time All-Star

Billy McMillon was drafted by the Florida Marlins in 1993 out of Clemson University where he owned the school's highest career batting average. His 12-year playing career included parts of six seasons in the major leagues as an outfielder with the Florida Marlins (1996-97), Philadelphia Phillies (1997), Detroit Tigers (2000-01), and Oakland Athletics (2001-04).

Along the way, he hit .310 in over 600 International League games with the Knights, Red Barons, Mud Hens, and Clippers. McMillon was the 1996 IL Rookie of the Year after hitting .352 for Charlotte, and the following season he became just the second player in Knights history to hit three home runs in a game. After spending parts of three seasons with SWB, McMillon went to Toledo in 2000 and captured his second League batting title. Two years later he played his final season in the IL for Columbus and earned his third All-Star nod.

Since 2008 McMillon has worked in the Red Sox farm system, where as a skipper he's captured a League championship in Class-A and Manager of the Year honors in Double-A. McMillon was named manager of the IL's Pawtucket Red Sox for the 2019 season.

Lou Schwechheimer



Pawtucket Red Sox

Executive Vice-President
&
General Manager
1986-2015

- * 1987 & 1992 IL Executive of the Year
- * 1992 *Sporting News* Minor League Exec. of Yr.

Lou Schwechheimer was hired by the Pawtucket Red Sox as an intern in 1978; he would eventually be part-owner of the club before departing with 37 years of service to the franchise. Schwechheimer was named International League Executive of the Year in 1987 and 1992, and the PawSox under his stewardship twice won the Bob Freitas Award, as selected by Baseball America, for excellence in Minor League Baseball operations. Pawtucket hosted the Triple-A All-Star Game in 2004. More than 17 million fans passed through the gates of McCoy Stadium during his tenure.

"Lou Schwechheimer was a pillar on which the Pawtucket Red Sox franchise was built," IL Hall of Famer Mike Tamburro said. "His hard work, vision and creativity allowed the PawSox to take their place among Minor League Baseball's premier clubs."

Schwechheimer was a driving force behind McCoy Stadium's renovations in the late 1990's as well as securing exhibition games at McCoy Stadium for USA Baseball's collegiate team versus Chinese Taipei in 2000 and Italy in 2005. He led the team's sales and marketing operation, coordinating corporate accounts and promotional schedules as well as organizing special events. Schwechheimer is today the principal owner of the New Orleans Baby Cakes in the Pacific Coast League and the Charlotte Stone Crabs of the Florida State League.

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE - 2019

Bobby Cox

Third Baseman / Manager



Full Name Robert Joe Cox
Born May 21, 1941 in Tulsa, OK
Bats/Throws Right/Right
Height 5'11"
Weight 180

NOTES: Managed 1976 Governors' Cup Champions
 Played for 1967 Pennant Winners & 1970 Governors' Cup Champions
 Owns highest managerial winning pct. (.538) in Syracuse franchise history
 Inducted into Syracuse Baseball Wall of Fame (2008)

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>
1967 Richmond	.297	99	350	52	104	17	4	14	51	3
1970 Syracuse	.219	90	251	34	55	15	0	9	30	0
TOTALS	.265	189	601	86	159	32	4	23	81	3

IL MANAGERIAL CAREER				
	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>POS</u>
1973 Syracuse	76	70	.521	3rd
1974 Syracuse	74	70	.514	2nd <i>Lost in Gov. Cup Finals</i>
1975 Syracuse	72	64	.529	3rd <i>Lost in Gov. Cup Finals</i>
1976 Syracuse	82	57	.590	2nd <i>Governors' Cup Champions</i>
TOTALS	304	261	.538	

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HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE - 2019

Sam Jethroe

Outfielder



Full Name Samuel Jethroe
Born January 23, 1917 in Lowndes County, MS
Died June 16, 2001 in Erie, PA
Bats/Throws Both/Right
Height 6'1"
Weight 178

NOTES: 1949 & 1954 IL Postseason All-Star
 Played for 1948 and 1949 Governors' Cup Champions
 Played for 1954, 1956, and 1957 IL Pennant Winners
 Led IL in hits in 1949 (207) and 1954 (181)
 Led IL in runs scored in 1949 (154), 1954 (113), and 1956 (105)
 Led IL in stolen bases in 1948 (18), 1949 (89), and 1955 (24)

IL PLAYING CAREER										
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1948 Montreal	.322	76	292	52	94	19	11	1	25	18
1949 Montreal	.326	153	635	154	207	34	19	17	83	89
1954 Toronto	.305	154	593	113	181	36	8	21	84	23
1955 Toronto	.262	145	485	88	127	16	4	16	66	24
1956 Toronto	.287	149	567	105	163	25	4	19	68	22
1957 Toronto	.277	130	451	83	125	16	6	15	39	24
1958 Toronto	.234	68	184	20	43	11	0	2	18	5
TOTALS	.293	875	3207	615	940	157	52	91	383	205

Sam "The Jet" Jethroe was a star in the Negro Leagues in the 1940's. He and Jackie Robinson were among three players selected for a tryout with the Boston Red Sox in 1945 that were never signed. Jethroe would ultimately join the Montreal Royals in 1948, two seasons after Robinson broke the IL's color barrier with the same team. In 1949, Jethroe was an IL All-Star. His 207 hits and 154 runs scored that season are marks that have not been matched since in the International League, and just one player since Jethroe (Otis Nixon, 1983) has surpassed 89 stolen bases.

Jethroe was the 1950 National League Rookie of the Year, breaking the city of Boston's color barrier as a member of the Braves. Despite winning a pair of MLB stolen base titles, he was back in Triple-A by the 1953 season with Toledo of the American Association. He returned to the IL the following season with Toronto, still among the League's top players.

After retiring, Jethroe moved to Erie, Pennsylvania where he worked in a factory for several years before opening a bar. He passed away in 2001.

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE - 2019

Billy McMillon

Outfielder

Full Name William Edward McMillon
Born November 17, 1971 in Alamogordo, NM
Bats/Throws Left/Left
Height 5'11"
Weight 172

NOTES: 1996 IL Rookie of the Year
 1996 & 2000 IL Postseason All-Star
 1996, 2000, & 2002 IL Mid-season All-Star
 1996 & 2000 IL Batting Champion



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1996 Charlotte	.352	97	347	72	122	32	2	17	70	5
1997 Charlotte/Scranton-WB	.284	83	296	52	84	26	1	12	47	10
1998 Scranton-WB	.258	77	267	42	69	16	1	13	38	6
1999 Scranton-WB	.304	132	464	97	141	38	4	16	85	11
2000 Toledo	.345	105	380	61	131	30	1	13	50	3
2002 Columbus	.301	115	442	72	133	32	3	8	46	2
TOTALS	.310	609	2196	396	680	174	12	79	336	37

Billy McMillon hit .310 in over 600 International League games with the Knights, Red Barons, Mud Hens, and Clippers. The three-time All-Star won two batting crowns. On May 14, 1997, he became just the second player in Charlotte Knights history to hit three home runs in a game.

McMillon was drafted by Florida in 1993 and would eventually play for the Marlins, Phillies, A's, and Tigers. In 2010 he began managing in the Boston Red Sox farm system. He was named manager of Pawtucket prior to the 2019 season.

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE - 2019

Lou Schwechheimer

Executive

Full Name Ludwig H. Schwechheimer
Born September 13, 1957 in Newburyport, MA

NOTES: Executive Vice-President/General Manager, Pawtucket Red Sox, 1986-2015
Asst. General Manager, Pawtucket Red Sox, 1984-85
Public Relations Director, Pawtucket Red Sox, 1980-83
1992 Sporting News Minor League Executive of the Year
1987 and 1992 IL Executive of the Year
Organization Received 1990 and 2003 Triple-A Bob Freitas Award
Organization Received 1990 President's Trophy as National Association's Most Complete Franchise



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CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE HALL OF FAME

As of January 29, 2019 (126 Members)

Aaron, Tommie	2008	Hessman, Mike	2018	Powers, Pat	1961
Alexander, Dale	2008	Holly, Ed	1949	Puccinelli, George	2008
Alston, Walter	2010	Hopper, Clay	2009	Quellich, George	2008
Altobelli, Joe	2008	Howley, Dan	1950	Rice, Jim	2008
Arlett, Russell "Buzz"	2009	Hutchinson, Fred	1954	Richmond, Don	2013
Balboni, Steve	2011	Jacobson, Merwin	1955	Ripken, Jr., Cal	2011
Barrett, Charles "Red"	2009	Jethroe, Sam	2019	Ripple, Jimmy	1956
Baylor, Don	2010	Jones, Mack	2013	Robinson, Jackie	1960
Bentley, Jack	1958	Keller, Charlie	1947	Rosenfield, Dave	2008
Berly, Jack	1955	Kelly, Bill	1954	Rudolph, Dick	1948
Betzel, Christian "Bruno"	1957	Kisinger, Charles "Rube"	2009	Ryba, Mike	2010
Boggs, Wade	2011	Knight, Joe	2009	Sankey, Ben	1947
Boley, Joe	1954	Labbruzzo, Don	2015	Sauer, Hank	2008
Bombard, Marc	2015	Lanigan, Ernest	1947	Schnacke, Ken	2018
Boone, Ike	1957	Lasorda, Tommy	2008	Schoendienst, Red	2009
Brant, Marshall	2015	Maisel, Frederick "Fritz"	1959	Schumacher, Max	2017
Brown, Joe	1962	Mamaux, Al	1951	Schwechheimer, Lou	2019
Buford, Don	2008	Manley, William	1953	Seeds, Bob	2010
Carnegie, Ollie	1947	Manto, Jeff	2014	Selkirk, George	1958
Carswell, Frank	2010	McCarthy, Joe	1956	Shaughnessy, Frank	1947
Cazen, Walter	2009	McGowan, Frank	1947	Short, Bill	2009
Collins, James "Rip"	1951	McMillon, Billy	2019	Silver, Morrie	2008
Cook, Gene	2008	Mele, Albert "Dutch"	2009	Simone, Anthony "Tex"	2008
Cooper, Harold	2007	Merkle, Fred	1953	Sisler, Jr., George	2007
Cox, Bobby	2019	Merrill, Carl "Stump"	2009	Smythe, William "Harry"	1959
Crabtree, Estel	1953	Meulens, Hensley	2016	Southworth, Billy	1947
Demeter, Steve	2009	Meyer, Bill	1949	Stallings, George	1959
Derry, Russ	2008	Miley, Dave	2014	Stevens, Ed	2009
Dunn, Jack	1950	Mondor, Ben	2008	Tamburro, Mike	2012
Earnshaw, George	1956	Montoyo, Charlie	2016	Thomas, Alphonse "Tommy"	1948
Easter, Luke	2008	Morgan, Joe	2008	Tiefenauer, Bobby	2008
Eiland, Dave	2012	Moss, Howie	1960	Toporcer, George	1949
Ens, Jewel	1950	Murray, Billy	1952	Triplett, Coaker	2010
Evers, Bill	2012	Nelson, Glenn "Rocky"	1960	Tucker, Ollie	2008
Gardner, Lee	2017	Ogden, Jack	1952	Verdi, Frank	2008
Garr, Ralph	2008	O'Neill, Steve	1947	Walker, Fred "Dixie"	1947
Gilhooley, Sr., Frank	2008	Onslow, Ed	1951	Walker, Harry "The Hat"	2009
Grich, Bobby	2010	Parnham, James "Rube"	1957	Walsh, Jimmy	1958
Grove, Robert "Lefty"	2008	Parrish, Larry	2013	Weber, Jim	2014
Hamlin, Luke	1955	Pennock, Herb	1948	Whitman, Hobart "Rabbit"	2008
Hauser, Joe	2008	Petagine, Roberto	2009	Wilson, Archie	2008
Herrera, Frank "Pancho"	2008	Porter, Dick	1963	Wiltse, George	1952



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IL MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS

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Brant, Marshall
Buford, Don
Carnegie, Ollie
Grich, Bobby
Herrera, Frank "Pancho"
Hessman, Mike
Hutchinson, Fred
Manto, Jeff
McGowan, Frank
Meulens, Hensley
Morgan, Joe
Moss, Howie
Nelson, Glenn "Rocky"
Petagine, Roberto
Puccinelli, George
Rice, Jim
Ryba, Mike
Sauer, Hank
Schoendienst, Red
Wilson, Archie
TOTAL = 23

IL MOST VALUABLE PITCHERS

Eiland, Dave
Lasorda, Tommy
Short, Bill
TOTAL = 3

IL MANAGERS OF THE YEAR

Altobelli, Joe
Bombard, Marc
Miley, Dave
Montoyo, Charlie
Morgan, Joe
Parrish, Larry
Verdi, Frank
TOTAL = 7

BATTING TRIPLE CROWN WINNERS

Alexander, Dale
Bentley, Jack
Herrera, Frank "Pancho"
Nelson, Glenn "Rocky"
Puccinelli, George
Rice, Jim
TOTAL = 6
***TOTAL IN IL HISTORY = 6**

ALSO INDUCTED IN COOPERSTOWN

Alston, Walter
Boggs, Wade
Cox, Bobby
Grove, Lefty
Lasorda, Tommy
McCarthy, Joe
Pennock, Herb
Rice, Jim
Ripken, Jr., Cal
Robinson, Jackie
Schoendienst, Red
Southworth, Billy
TOTAL = 12

IL BATTING CHAMPIONS

Alexander, Dale
Bentley, Jack
Boggs, Wade
Boone, Ike
Buford, Don
Carswell, Frank
Collins, James "Rip"
Garr, Ralph
Grich, Bobby
Herrera, Frank "Pancho"
Jacobsen, Merwin
Keller, Charlie
Knight, Joe
McMillon, Billy
Nelson, Glenn "Rocky"
Porter, Dick
Puccinelli, George
Richmond, Don
Rice, Jim
Robinson, Jackie
Schoendienst, Red
Triplett, Coaker
Walsh, Jimmy
TOTAL = 23

IL HOME RUN CHAMPIONS

Alexander, Dale
Altobelli, Joe
Arlett, Buzz
Balboni, Steve
Bentley, Jack
Brant, Marshall
Carnegie, Ollie
Carswell, Frank
Collins, James "Rip"
Derry, Russ
Easter, Luke
Grich, Bobby
Hauser, Joe
Herrera, Frank "Pancho"
Hessman, Mike
Jones, Mack
Kelly, Bill
Manto, Jeff
Meulens, Hensley
Moss, Howie
Nelson, Glenn "Rocky"
Puccinelli, George
Rice, Jim
TOTAL = 23

IL ERA CHAMPIONS

Barrett, Charles "Red"
Bentley, Jack
Berly, Jack
Hamlin, Luke
Mamaux, Al
Tiefenauer, Bobby
TOTAL = 6