

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE HALL OF FAME

CLASS OF
2014

Jeff Manto



- INFIELDER /
OUTFIELDER -
Richmond 1992
Scranton/WB 1993
Norfolk 1994
Rochester 1994
Pawtucket 1996
Syracuse 1997
Buffalo 1998-2000

- * 1994 IL Most Valuable Player
- * Played for 1998 Gov. Cup Champions
- * .275, 125 HR, 426 RBI in 638 IL Games

Jeff Manto was a versatile player who starred in all three Triple-A leagues in the 1990's. Along the way he played in 298 big league games, hitting 31 home runs for the Indians, Phillies, Orioles, Red Sox, Mariners, Tigers, Yankees, and Rockies.

Manto was born in Bristol, Pennsylvania and eventually played baseball at Temple University. He was selected in the 14th round of the 1985 draft by the California Angels. He reached the Triple-A level in 1989 and got his first taste of the big leagues in 1990 with Cleveland.

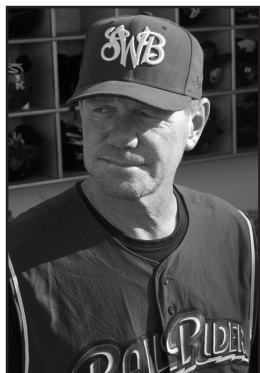
Manto totaled 30 homers in his first two IL seasons with Richmond and Scranton/Wilkes-Barre. In 1994, despite being traded midseason, he led the IL in home runs (31) and RBI (100), earning MVP honors.

His most extensive action as a major leaguer came in 1995 with the Orioles, batting .256 and clubbing 17 home runs with 38 RBI in 89 games. That season he made history by going deep in four consecutive plate appearances between June 8-10.

In June of 1997, while having a subpar season with Syracuse, Manto was dealt to Cleveland and promptly led the Buffalo Bisons to the American Association title. In 1998, when the Bisons joined the IL, Manto hit .311 with 23 HR to lead Buffalo to a Governors' Cup championship. After his career ended, Manto's #30 became just the third uniform number in Buffalo history to be retired. He is 5th on the franchise's all-time home run list, trailing four IL Hall of Famers (Carnegie, Kelly, Easter, and Tucker).

After his playing career ended, he worked as an instructor and scout, as well as manager for Class-A Lakewood. He was hitting coach for the Pittsburgh Pirates from 2006-2007, and later served in the same role for the Chicago White Sox from 2012 to 2013. Manto was named Minor League hitting coordinator for the Orioles for the 2014 season.

Dave Miley



- MANAGER -
Indianapolis 1998-99
Louisville 2000-03
Columbus 2006
Scranton/WB 2007-Present

- * Managed Two Gov. Cup Winners
- * 2007 & 2012 IL Manager of the Year
- * 3-Time IL All-Star Manager

Dave Miley was born in Tampa, Florida. He was a standout player who was selected by the Cincinnati Reds in the 2nd round of the 1980 draft out of Chamberlain High School in Tampa.

As a player, Miley spent seven seasons as a Reds Minor League catcher. The organization hired him to manage in its minor league system beginning in 1988. Miley's career in the International League began in 1998 when his Indianapolis Indians joined the IL during Triple-A realignment and expansion. In 2000, when the Reds affiliation changed, he was moved to Louisville. Over the next four years, he established then-franchise records for wins and games managed, guiding the Bats to their first Governors' Cup championship in 2001.

Miley was named manager of the Cincinnati Reds on July 28, 2003, going 125-164 over parts of three seasons as a big league skipper before being replaced in June of 2005. The following season he joined the Yankees organization to serve as its Triple-A manager, spending one year in Columbus before New York's affiliation moved to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre.

Upon joining SWB in 2007, Dave Miley delivered four straight division titles and the franchise's first Governors' Cup, his second as a skipper. He was named International League Manager of the Year in 2007 and again in 2012. Baseball America recognized Miley as the 2012 Minor League Manager of the Year, thanks in large part to guiding the Yankees to the North Division title during an entire season played away from PNC Field in Pennsylvania as the ballpark was reconstructed.

In 2013 he tied a record by managing in his third Triple-A All-Star Game. Through the end of the 2013 campaign, Miley owned a record of 1,081-890 (.548) as a skipper in the International League. He has piloted seven division winners; just three times in fourteen seasons has his club finished below .500.

Jim Weber



- BROADCASTER -
Toledo 1975-Present

- * Called over 5,000 Consecutive Games
- * 1990 & 2006 IL All-Star Broadcaster
- * Longest Tenured Broadcaster in IL

Jim Weber was raised in the south end of Toledo, Ohio. After attending Bowsher High School, he went to work for Jeep and devoted his spare time to playing in a band when he began dabbling in radio in 1969. His distinguished broadcasting career started by helping a friend who was announcing high school football and basketball games.

By the mid-1970's he helped arrange radio agreements for the Mud Hens and soon found himself as the team's play-by-play voice. While it was several years before every game during each season was aired, Weber never missed a scheduled broadcast.

In addition to his radio duties, Weber also now does television broadcasts for the Mud Hens and has been the team's traveling secretary since 1984. He has also covered Bowling Green State University sports.

Jim Weber called his 5,000th consecutive game for the Toledo Mud Hens in 2013 during his 39th season at the microphone, the longest tenure of any announcer in the International League. According to Mud Hens team historian John Husman, "It is very likely that Jim Weber has done more consecutive scheduled broadcasts, for the same team, than anyone else ever has, major or minor league. Comparisons are difficult, especially for the minor leagues, but it appears that Jim Weber's streak is unmatched."

Husman's efforts to find another baseball broadcaster to call 5,000 consecutively scheduled broadcasts for one team were not successful - the closest he found being Detroit's Ernie Harwell (who missed two games between 1960 and 2002), Harry Caray (who called over 6,000 consecutive games between 1945 and 1987 but for four different teams) and Toronto's Tom Cheek (4,306 consecutive games from 1977 to 2004).

As eighteen managers and over 1,000 players have come and gone for the Mud Hens since 1975, Jim Weber has been a constant for Toledo baseball fans in good seasons and bad. He ranks the 2005 and 2006 seasons, back-to-back Governors' Cup championships for the Mud Hens, as the highlight of his career.