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Russell "Buzz" Arlett

- OUTFIELDER -
Baltimore 1932-33
Syracuse 1937

- * IL Home Run Champion 1932-33
- * 54 HR in 1932, 2nd-most in IL History
- * 290 RBI in 310 IL games

In two amazing seasons with Baltimore, Buzz Arlett clubbed 93 homers and drove in 290 runs. His 54 long balls in 1932 is the second-most in IL history. The Elmhurst, CA native twice hit four homers in a single game, a feat accomplished only seven other times in the International League. Arlett paced the circuit in home runs and runs both years, while also leading the RBI chase in 1932. Nearly 50 years after his retirement in 1937, the Society for American Baseball Research named Arlett the Most Outstanding Player in the history of Minor League Baseball.



Charles "Red" Barrett

- PITCHER -
Syracuse 1938, 1942
Buffalo 1951
Toronto 1952

- * 1942 IL Most Valuable Player
- * Led IL in ERA in 1938
- * Played for 1942 Gov. Cup Champs

On his way to a long Major League career, Red Barrett enjoyed two masterful seasons for Syracuse. He led the IL with a 2.34 ERA in 1938, winning 16 of 19 decisions. He returned to the Chiefs in 1942, leading Syracuse to the Governors' Cup as the IL's MVP. The Santa Barbara, CA native led the League in wins, innings pitched, complete games, and shutouts, missing another ERA title by just 0.06. Barrett later pitched in 28 games with the 1951 Bisons and one with Toronto the following year. He was inducted into the Syracuse Baseball Wall of Fame in 1998.



Walter Cazen

- OUTFIELDER -
Baltimore 1935-36
Syracuse 1936-37, 1942-45
Rochester 1940

- * Led IL in Hits and SB in 1945
- * Played for 1942-43 Gov. Cup Champs
- * Holds Syracuse Career Record for SB

Walter Cazen played nearly 800 games in the IL over eight seasons. He still ranks among the top Chiefs players of all-time in steals (1st), triples (2nd), hits (5th), doubles (6th), and runs (6th), earning him a place in the Syracuse Baseball Wall of Fame. His last year in baseball was arguably his best, as the native of Niagara Falls hit .329 and led the League with 204 hits and a franchise record 74 stolen bases, a number reached only three times in the following 60 years of IL baseball. Cazen died the next May after contracting Tuberculosis.

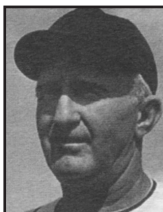


Steve Demeter

- THIRD BASEMAN -
Buffalo 1955
Toronto 1960-63
Rochester 1964-68
Syracuse 1969
- MANAGER -
Charleston 1974-75

- * 159 HR, 778 RBI in 11 Seasons
- * Postseason All-Star 1955, 1966, 1967
- * Played for 3 Gov. Cup Champs

Steve Demeter was an IL All-Star with Buffalo in 1955. He returned to the League five years later and became a staple of the IL in the 1960's, playing in over 1,250 games and winning three Governors' Cups during the decade. The Homer City, PA native enjoyed nine seasons with double-digit long ball totals, including 26 bombs in 1962. He led the League in RBI in 1965, hits in 1966, and the following year he paced the circuit for the third straight time in doubles. Demeter returned to the IL as a manager in 1974, taking Charleston to the playoffs one year later.



Clay Hopper

- MANAGER -
Montreal 1946-49

- * Managed 3 Gov. Cup Champs
- * Managed 2 IL Pennant Winners
- * 371-243 (.604) Record in 4 Seasons

Clay Hopper's Montreal Royals of the late 1940's are often ranked among the best Minor League teams of all time. Hopper is the only manager in IL history to win three Governors' Cups in a four-year span after his club posted an incredible 371-243 record. His 1946 team, which included Jackie Robinson, won 100 games and the first of two Junior World Series titles Hopper would bring back to Montreal. From the third base coaching box, the Portersville, MS native turned his players loose on the basepaths, leading to four of the most exciting seasons in League history.



Charles "Rube" Kisinger

- PITCHER -
Toronto 1903
Buffalo 1904-10
Jersey City 1910-11

- * Holds IL Career Shutout Record (31)
- * Played for 2 IL Pennant Winners
- * 150 Wins in 9 Seasons

Rube Kisinger joined the Buffalo Bisons in 1904, where in his first three campaigns he won 67 games and led the club to its first two pennants. Kisinger won at least 15 games in seven straight seasons with Buffalo, also delivering a 9-inning no-hitter against Rochester in 1909. The Adrian, MI native's last season in the League came in 1911. He retired with a mark of 150-108, including an International League record for shutouts (31) that still stands. Kisinger was inducted into the Buffalo Baseball Hall of Fame in 1987.

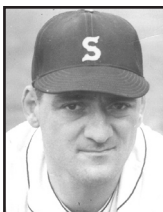


Joe Knight

- OUTFIELDER -
Hamilton 1886-88 Binghamton 1892-93
London 1889 Wilkes-Barre 1894-98
Rochester 1891 Providence 1894-97
Syracuse 1892 Ottawa 1898
Utica 1892 Buffalo 1899

- * .345 Lifetime Avg., 312 Stolen Bases
- * Led IL in Hitting in 1893 & 1894
- * Played for 3 IL Pennant Winners

"Quiet" Joe Knight joined Hamilton in 1886 as a pitcher (going 11-3), but soon his bat necessitated a permanent move to the lineup. For the next 14 years, Knight roamed IL outfields in ten cities, hitting higher than .335 ten times. The Ontario native was the class of the first generation of IL hitters, winning two batting championships. He led the circuit in hits and doubles twice, and triples once. After six games with Buffalo in 1899 (hitting .360), the 40-year-old Knight retired with 1,865 hits in 1,265 games, returning home to Canada.

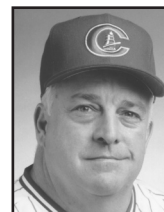


Albert "Dutch" Mele

- OUTFIELDER -
Baltimore 1939
Syracuse 1942-47, 1949-50
Jersey City 1950
Ottawa 1951

- * Played for 3 Gov. Cup Champs
- * IL Postseason All-Star in 1947
- * 115 HR, 708 RBI in 10 Seasons

New York city native Albert "Dutch" Mele was a key member of the powerhouse Syracuse Chiefs teams that won three Governors' Cups in the 1940's. Mele was a clutch performer, as evidenced by his .462 average in the 1947 Junior World Series. To this day he remains the Syracuse franchise's all-time leader in home runs (111), hits (1,082), runs (572), doubles (193), games (1,044) and at-bats (3,795). Local sportswriters in 1964 named him to the Chiefs All-Time team, and in 1999 he was inducted into the Syracuse Baseball Wall of Fame.



Carl "Stump" Merrill

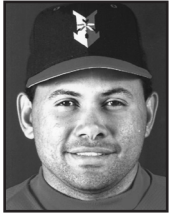
- MANAGER -
Columbus 1984-85, '90, '93-94,
'96-98, 2002

- * Managed 1996 Gov. Cup Champs
- * Columbus All-Time Leader in Wins
- * 608-515 (.541) Record in 9 Seasons

Stump Merrill has served countless roles within the Yankees organization, including five separate stints as manager of the Triple-A Columbus Clippers. Over parts of nine seasons at the helm, Merrill's teams made the playoffs four times, winning a pennant and a Governors' Cup championship along the way. Only once did he post a losing record over a complete season. Overall for his IL career, the Brunswick, ME native owns a 608-515 (.541) managing record.

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Roberto Petagine

- FIRST BASEMAN -
Norfolk 1996-97
Indianapolis 1998
Pawtucket 2005

- * 1997 & 1998 IL Most Valuable Player
- * .323 Lifetime Average, 87 HR in 400 G
- * Led IL in on-base % in 1997, 1998

Roberto Petagine's first taste of the International League came in 1996 when he hit .318 with 12 HR in 95 games for Norfolk. The next two seasons he dominated the League, hitting .323 with 55 HR and 209 RBI to become the first player in IL history to win consecutive MVP awards. A well rounded player, Petagine also led the League in on-base percentage both years, and in 1998 *Baseball America* named him the IL's best defensive first baseman. The Venezuelan native returned for 74 games in 2005 with Pawtucket, hitting .327 with 20 home runs.

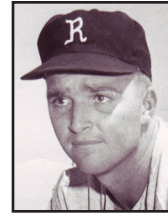


Red Schoendienst

- SHORTSTOP -
Rochester 1943-44

- * 1943 IL Most Valuable Player
- * Led IL in Avg., Hits in 1943
- * .342 Lifetime Average in 161 G

One of the most popular players in Rochester history is Albert "Red" Schoendienst. Known as "The Team", Schoendienst was MVP of the International League in 1943, pacing the circuit with a .337 batting average and 187 hits while swiping 20 bases. The Germantown, IL native started the following year by hitting .372 for the first 25 games before he was called to serve his country in World War II. He went on to a distinguished career with the Cardinals as a player and manager, earning him a place in Cooperstown as part of the Class of 1989.



Bill Short

- PITCHER -
Richmond 1959-61
Rochester 1962-66
Columbus 1967

- * 1959 IL Most Valuable Pitcher
- * Played for 1964 Gov. Cup Champs
- * 83-50 Record, 3.08 ERA in 9 Seasons

Southpaw Bill Short from Kingston, NY won 83 games in 9 IL seasons, a career bookended by All-Star campaigns. In 1959 at the age of 21, Short was the League's Most Valuable Pitcher, going 17-6 with a 2.48 ERA for the Virginians. He won 13 games in 1963 with Rochester, posting a 3.38 ERA he nearly matched a year later to help guide the Red Wings to the Governors' Cup. He led the IL with a .765 winning percentage in 1965 (13-4), and in 1967 he was again named the left-handed pitcher on the Postseason All-Star Team after winning 14 games for Columbus.

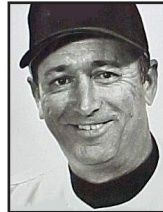


Ed Stevens

- FIRST BASEMAN -
Montreal 1944-45, 1947
Toronto 1952-56
Rochester 1957-58

- * 188 HR, 810 RBI in 10 Seasons
- * Postseason All-Star 1947 & 1952
- * Played for 4 IL Pennant Winners

"Big Ed" Stevens saw his Major League career cut short when the Dodgers replaced him with Jackie Robinson in 1947, but the Galveston, TX native enjoyed a long and prosperous career in the International League. Stevens, only 19 when he drove in 102 runs for Montreal in 1944, went on to a pair of RBI titles in the 1950's with Toronto. He played in over 1,200 IL games, turning in four seasons with at least 20 homers (plus two more with 19) and four years with at least 100 RBI. Stevens starred for four pennant winners in his career.



Harry "The Hat" Walker

- OUTFIELDER -
Rochester 1940, 1952-55
- MANAGER -
Rochester 1952-55
Atlanta 1963
Jacksonville 1964

- * .332 Lifetime Average in 317 G
- * Won 2 Pennants, 1 Gov. Cup as Mgr.
- * Postseason All-Star 1952

In 1940 Harry "The Hat" Walker made a brief stop in Rochester. Twelve years later at the tail-end of his playing career he returned as the team's player/manager, leading the Red Wings to the 1952 Governors' Cup and Junior World Series titles. Rochester won the pennant the following season, a year which included a franchise record 19-game winning streak. The Pascagoula, MS native went on to manage in the big leagues before winning another IL pennant in 1964 with Jacksonville. Walker was inducted into the Red Wings Hall of Fame in 1989.