



#### Walter Alston

- INFIELDER -Rochester 1937, 1943-44

> - MANAGER -Montreal 1950-53

## \* Managed 2 Gov. Cup Champions \* Managed 2 IL Pennant Winners \* 365-245 (.598) Record as Manager

Walter Alston assumed the reigns of the Montreal Royals in 1950 and proceeded to win two Governors' Cups, two Pennants, and a Junior World Series title during the next four seasons. The Venice, OH native posted a 365-245 record during his stint as manager of the Royals before beginning a 23-year tenure as skipper of the Dodgers that would earn him induction into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. Alston was the first of only two managers ever to win multiple Governors' Cups and World Series titles (Dick Williams).



#### **Bobby Grich**

- INFIELDER -Rochester 1970-71

- \* 1971 IL Most Valuable Player \* Led IL in Avg., HR, and Runs in 1971
- \* Played for 1971 Gov. Cup Champs

Muskegon, MN native Bobby Grich spent two spectacular seasons in the IL. In 1970 he hit .383 with 9 HR and 42 RBI at second base before being promoted to Baltimore. Returning in 1971 to transition to shortstop, he delivered one of the great seasons in IL history, leading the circuit with a .336 average and 32 HR as the Red Wings surged to the Governors' Cup and Junior World Series titles. He was named IL MVP and *Sporting News* Minor League Player of the Year. He was inducted into the Red Wings Hall of Fame in 1989.



#### Don Baylor

- OUTFIELDER -Rochester 1968, 1970-71

## Postseason IL All-Star 1970, 1971 1970 Minor League Player of Year Played for 1971 Gov. Cup Champions

In two full seasons as the Red Wings center fielder, Baylor awed fans with his combination of speed and power. In 1970, he batted .327 with 22 HR, 107 RBI, and 26 SB while leading the IL in runs, doubles, and triples to earn honors as the *Sporting News* Minor League Player of the Year. The following year he helped lead Rochester to a Junior World Series title by hitting .313 with 20 HR and 95 RBI. The native of Austin, TX was inducted into the Red Wings Hall of Fame in 1990, ten years before being selected to the franchise's All-Century Team.



### Mike Ryba

- PITCHER -Rochester 1939-40

- \* 1940 IL Most Valuable Player
- \* Led IL in Wins & IP in 1940
- \* Played for 1939 Gov. Cup Champions

In two seasons with Rochester, Mike Ryba posted a record of 42-20. His .677 winning percentage and 2.82 ERA rank 5th in franchise history. In 1939, he won 18 games with a 2.69 ERA to lead Rochester to its first Governors' Cup. The following year, he won the IL Most Valuable Player Award while pacing the League in victories and innings pitched, as well as complete games and shutouts for the second consecutive season. The DeLancey, PA native also briefly managed the Red Wings during the pennantwinning campaign of 1940.



#### **Coaker Triplett**

- OUTFIELDER -Buffalo 1946-51 Ottawa 1952

> - MANAGER -Buffalo 1951

\* Led IL in Hitting in 1948

- \* Played for 1949 IL Pennant Winners
- \* .324 Lifetime Average

In six seasons with Buffalo, Triplett never hit below .300. He paced the team in hitting three times, including an IL-best .353 mark in 1948. He led Buffalo to the Pennant in 1949 by slamming 22 HR with 102 RBI. During his last year in Buffalo, he was made manager part way through the season and guided the Bisons to a playoff berth. The Boone, NC native retired in 1952 following a brief stint with Ottawa. He is tied for 10th all-time in Buffalo history with 69 HR and 5th all-time with 359 RBI, and is a member of the Buffalo Baseball Hall of Fame.

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#### Frank Carswell

- OUTFIELDER -Buffalo 1946, 1951-54

- MANAGER -Syracuse 1963-66 Toledo 1970

## \* Led IL in Hitting & HR in 1952 \* IL Postseason All-Star 1953 \* .323 Lifetime Average

In 500 games with Buffalo from 1951-54, Carswell hit .323 with 78 HR and 342 RBI. In 1952 he fell just 12 RBI short of the Triple Crown, leading the circuit with a .344 average and 30 HR. He led the Bisons three times in hitting and twice in RBI. He remains among the franchise's top ten producers of homers (6th), RBI (9th), and doubles (10th), and was inducted into the Buffalo Baseball Hall of Fame in 1986. The native of Palenstine, TX also managed five seasons in the IL. He took Syracuse to the playoffs in each of his first three years at the helm.

#### **Bob Seeds**

- OUTFIELDER -Montreal 1935-36 Newark 1937-38 Baltimore 1941-42

\* Played for 2 Gov. Cup Champions
\* .305 Lifetime Average
\* 7 HR, 17 RBI in 2-Game Stretch

Journeyman "Suitcase" Bob Seeds played in over 600 games in the IL. He was a key member of the Newark club that won consecutive Governors' Cups in 1937-38. He hit .305 with 20 HR for the 1937 champs, but it was in 1938 that he displayed an almost unbelievable amount of power. In early May he had arguably the greatest two-game stretch in IL history, going 9-10 with 7 HR and 17 RBI in Buffalo. In just 59 games that year before being sold to the

history, going 9-10 with 7 HR and 17 RBI in Buffalo. In just 59 games that year before being sold to the NY Giants, the Ringgold, TX native hit .335 with 28 HR and 95 RBI.