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On behalf of the Town of St. Marys, it is my great pleasure to offer greetings and a warm welcome to the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum's 2013 Induction Ceremony.

This prestigious event is a true highlight for our community and one we look forward to celebrating each year with a deep sense of pride.

Congratulations to inductees George Bell, Tim Raines, Rob Ducey, Tom Cheek and Nat Bailey. These men have made outstanding contributions to Canadian baseball and we extend our heartfelt appreciation and admiration.

St. Marys is honoured to be the home of the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum. The dedicated efforts of many, many people – staff, board of directors, members, sponsors and volunteers – have ensured St. Marys a spot on the international map and have significantly added to the success of our Town. We thank each and every one of you.

Once again, welcome to St. Marys and enjoy the festivities!



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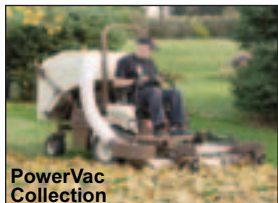
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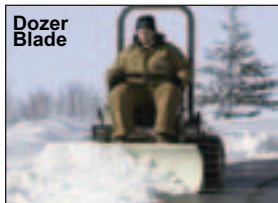
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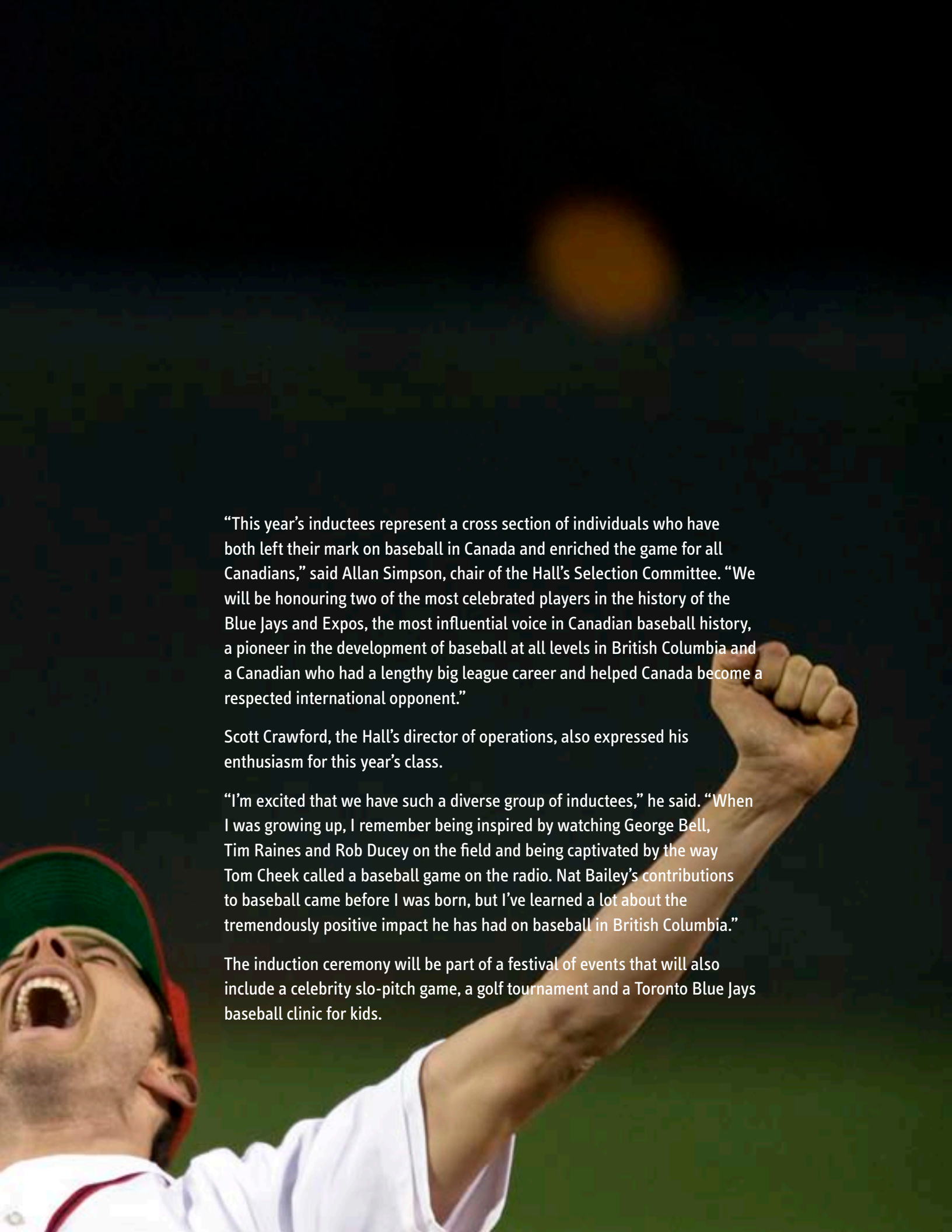
BELL AND RAINES TO HEADLINE CANADIAN BALL HALL'S CLASS OF 2013

Rob Ducey, Tom Cheek and Nat Bailey will also be honoured in a ceremony to take place at 11 a.m. ET on Saturday, June 29 on the museum's ceremonial grounds in St. Marys

St. Marys, Ont. – While George Bell was belting 47 home runs en route to the American League MVP award for the Toronto Blue Jays in 1987, fellow left fielder Tim Raines was scoring a National League-leading 123 runs and serving as the catalyst of the Montreal Expos' offence.

In the mid-to-late '80s, many baseball pundits would have agreed that Canada's major league teams boasted the top two offensive left fielders in the game. So it seems fitting that more than 20 years later, Bell and Raines will be inducted into the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame together.

Toronto-born outfielder Rob Ducey, who made his big league debut in 1987 and eventually played left field for the Blue Jays and Expos, will also be enshrined, along with Blue Jays broadcasting legend Tom Cheek and Vancouver baseball icon Nat Bailey, who will both be honoured posthumously.



“This year’s inductees represent a cross section of individuals who have both left their mark on baseball in Canada and enriched the game for all Canadians,” said Allan Simpson, chair of the Hall’s Selection Committee. “We will be honouring two of the most celebrated players in the history of the Blue Jays and Expos, the most influential voice in Canadian baseball history, a pioneer in the development of baseball at all levels in British Columbia and a Canadian who had a lengthy big league career and helped Canada become a respected international opponent.”

Scott Crawford, the Hall’s director of operations, also expressed his enthusiasm for this year’s class.

“I’m excited that we have such a diverse group of inductees,” he said. “When I was growing up, I remember being inspired by watching George Bell, Tim Lincecum and Rob Ducey on the field and being captivated by the way Tom Cheek called a baseball game on the radio. Nat Bailey’s contributions to baseball came before I was born, but I’ve learned a lot about the tremendously positive impact he has had on baseball in British Columbia.”

The induction ceremony will be part of a festival of events that will also include a celebrity slo-pitch game, a golf tournament and a Toronto Blue Jays baseball clinic for kids.

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GEORGE BELL



Born in 1959 in San Pedro De Macoris, Dominican Republic, Bell remains the only Blue Jay to win the American League MVP Award. His monster 1987 campaign – that saw him belt a then-club record 47 homers and lead the league in RBIs (134), total bases (369) and extra base hits (83) – is one of the best in

franchise history. Plucked from the Philadelphia Phillies in the 1980 Rule 5 draft, the power-hitting outfielder was an offensive force in Toronto for parts of nine seasons. A three-time all-star and three-time Silver Slugger Award winner, Bell socked over 20 homers in six seasons and recorded more than 85 RBIs seven times with the Jays. He also smashed a major league record three home

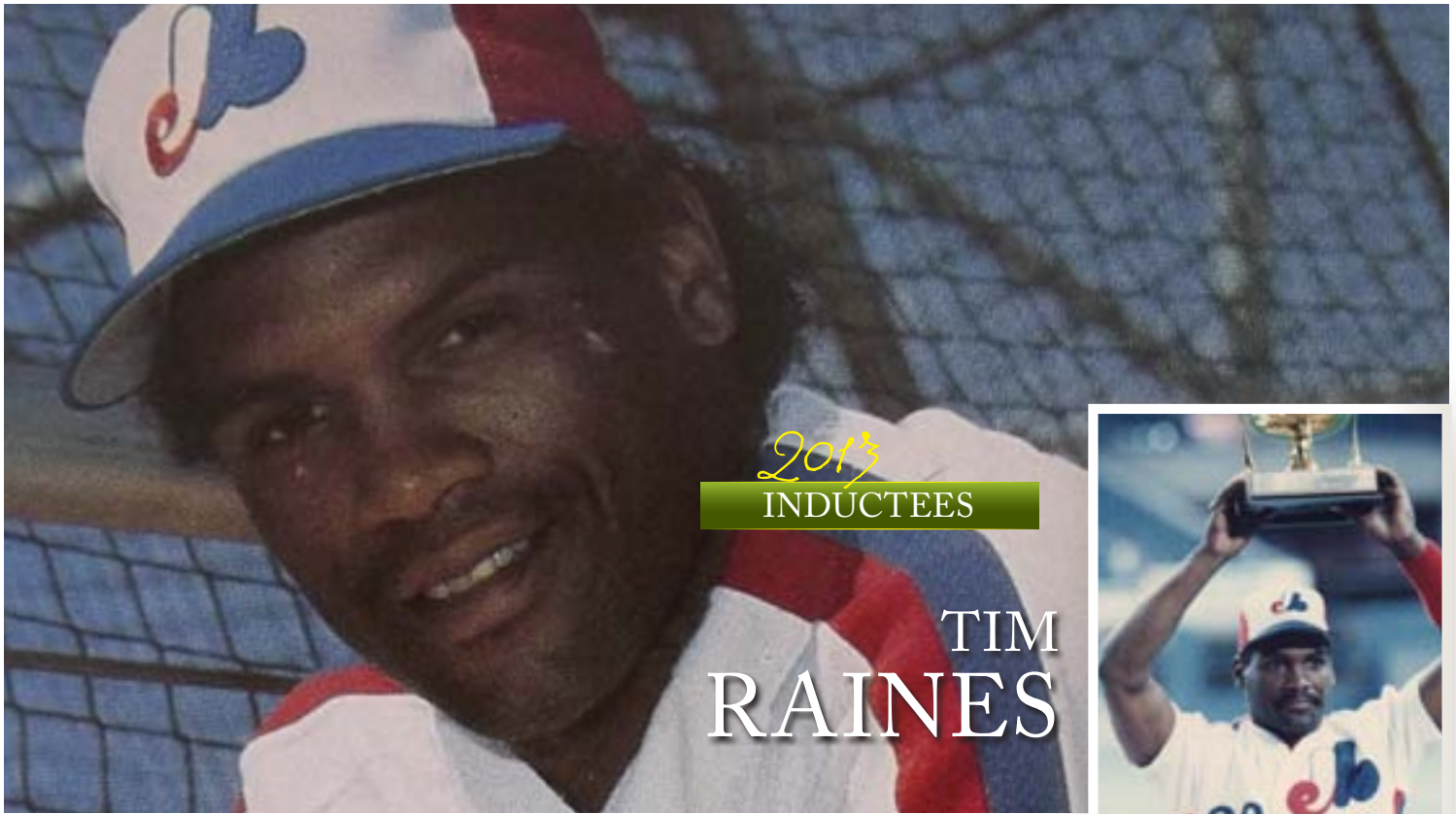
runs on Opening Day against the Kansas City Royals in 1988. The former slugger ranks in the top five in most of the club's all-time offensive categories, including third in RBIs (740), total bases (2,201) and extra-base hits (471) and fourth in home runs (202). For his efforts, he was named the club's MVP four times and was an inaugural member of the Blue Jays' Level of Excellence in 1996. His tenure with the Jays

was followed by three seasons in Chicago with the Cubs (1991) and White Sox (1992, 1993). He retired after the 1993 campaign with 265 career homers and 1,002 RBIs.

"Thank you for honouring my life and career with this decision by the Selection Committee," said Bell. "I'm very excited and proud to be part of the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame."



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TIM RAINES



Born in 1959 in Sanford, Fla., Raines blossomed into one of the best leadoff hitters in major league history. A fifth-round pick of the Montreal Expos in 1977, Raines excelled for parts of 13 seasons in Canada. From 1981 to 1987, the fleet-footed outfielder was selected to seven consecutive all-star teams and was named the MVP of the 1987 Midsummer Classic. During that same period, he also won a National League batting title in 1986 and topped the Senior Circuit

in runs twice and in stolen bases four times.

In 1,452 games with the Expos, Raines set franchise records in runs (947), stolen bases (635), triples (82), walks (793), and singles (1,163). He also ranks second in Expos history in batting average (.301) and hits (1,622).

In December 1990, Raines was dealt to the Chicago White Sox, where he toiled for five seasons, before being traded to the

New York Yankees, where he earned two World Series rings (1996, 1998). In 2001, he returned to the Expos and hit .308 in 47 contests. In all, in a 23-year big league career – that also included stints with the Oakland A’s, Baltimore Orioles and Florida Marlins – Raines collected 2,605 hits and 808 stolen bases (fifth all-time). Following his playing career, he coached and managed in the Expos organization and his No. 30 was retired by the club in 2004. Raines has also served as

a first base coach with the White Sox and is currently a minor league baserunning and outfield instructor with the Blue Jays.

“This is wonderful news,” said Raines, upon being informed of his induction. “I’ll always cherish my time with the Montreal Expos and I look forward to seeing many of the team’s fans again at the induction ceremony in June.”

Congratulations



Tim Raines

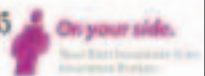
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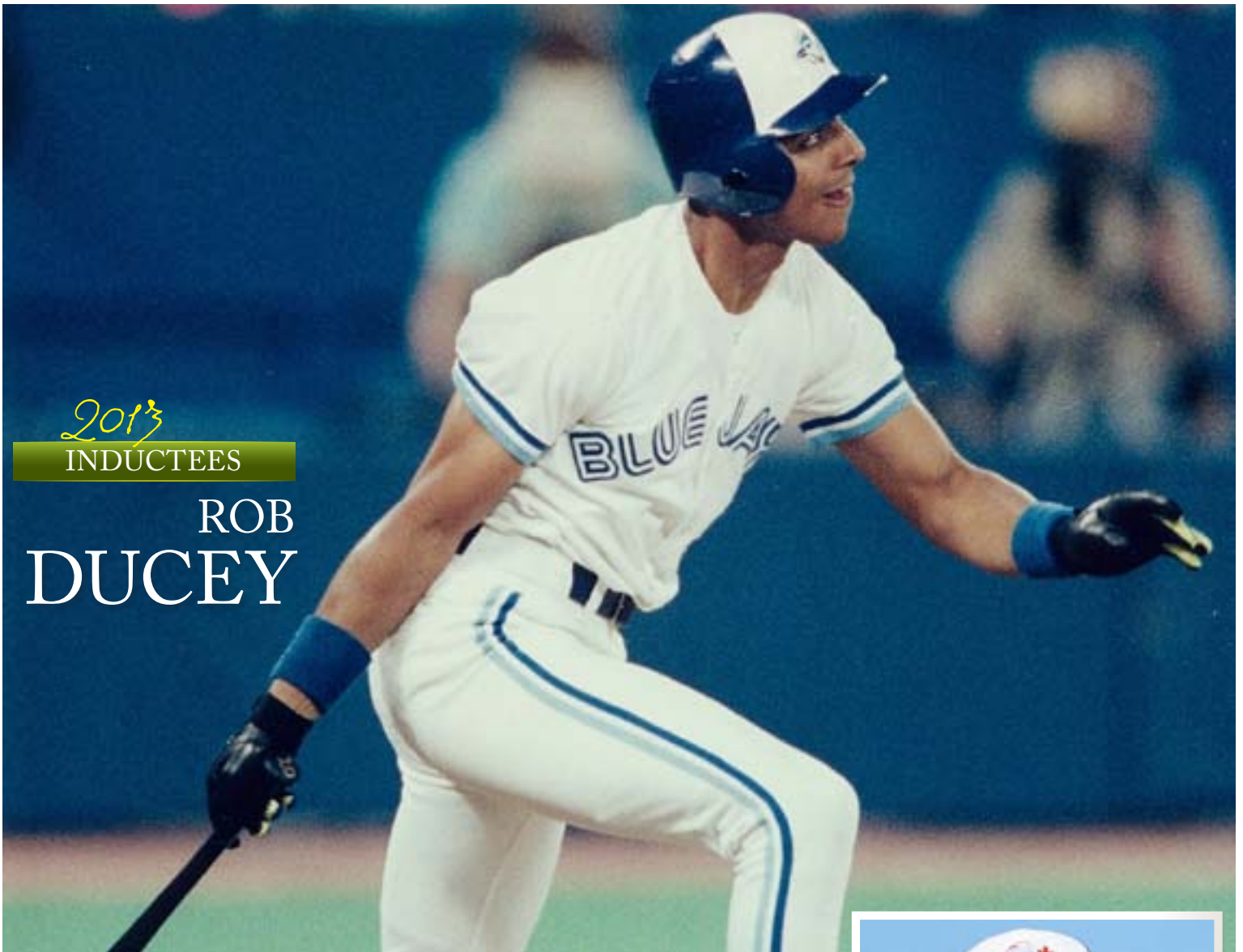
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ROB DUCEY



Born in Toronto in 1965, Ducey was raised in Cambridge, Ont. The left-handed hitting outfielder was signed as a free agent by the Blue Jays in 1984. After being named MVP of the Rookie Ball Medicine Hat Blue Jays that year, he rose through the organization's ranks to make his big league debut on May 1, 1987. His first major league homer came on September 14, 1987 in a contest in which the Jays clubbed a big league record 10 round-trippers to defeat the Orioles 18-3.

The talented Canadian suited up for parts of five more seasons with the Jays, prior to being dealt to the

Angels in 1992. Tenures with the Texas Rangers, Seattle Mariners and Philadelphia Phillies would follow, as well as a two-year stint in the Japanese Pacific League with the Nippon Ham Fighters in 1995 and 1996 that saw him belt 51 home runs. He returned to Toronto for five games in 2000 and saw his final big league action with the Montreal Expos in 2001, making him the second Canadian (along with Denis Boucher) to start his major league career with the Jays and end it with the Expos. Ducey is also one of only four Canadians (Boucher, Shawn Hill and Matt Stairs are the others) to suit up for both the Jays and Expos. In all, Ducey played 19

seasons in professional baseball, making him one of just 12 Canadians to do so.

Following his professional career, Ducey competed for Canada at the 2004 Olympics and served as a coach at the 2006 World Baseball Classic and 2008 Olympics. He has also been a scout for the Blue Jays and is currently working in player development for a Mexican League team.

"I was very excited and honoured to hear about my induction. I'm also very thankful and appreciative for



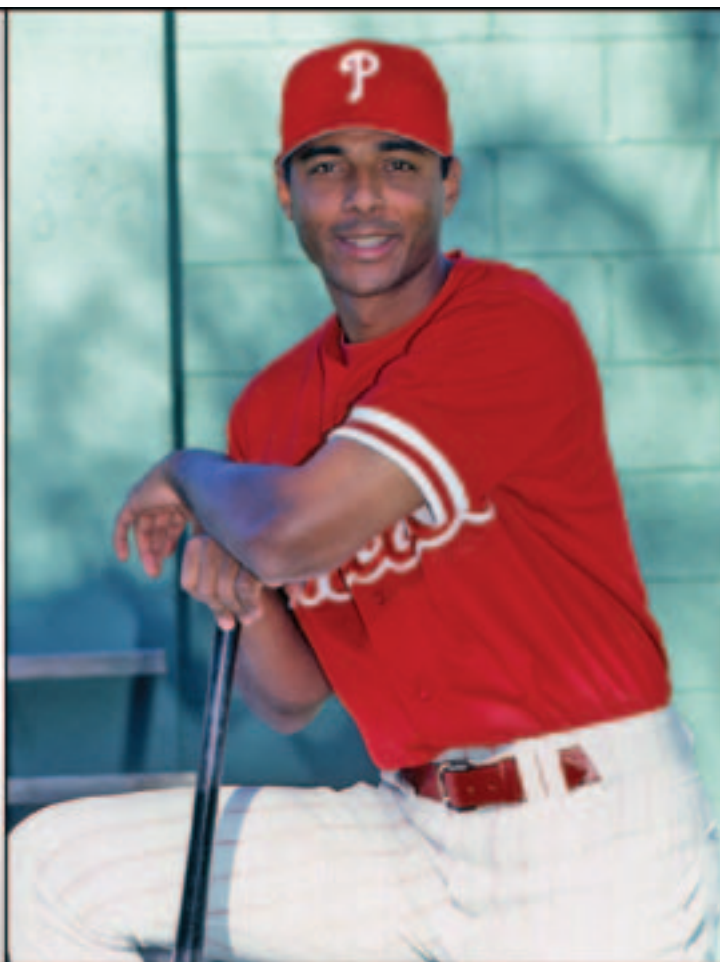
being thought of in this light," said Ducey. "I want to be – and have been – creative in my approach to this game. Along my travels, I have met many good people and developed tremendous friendships. I'm a baseball lifer and I hope to continue to work in the game in one capacity or another."

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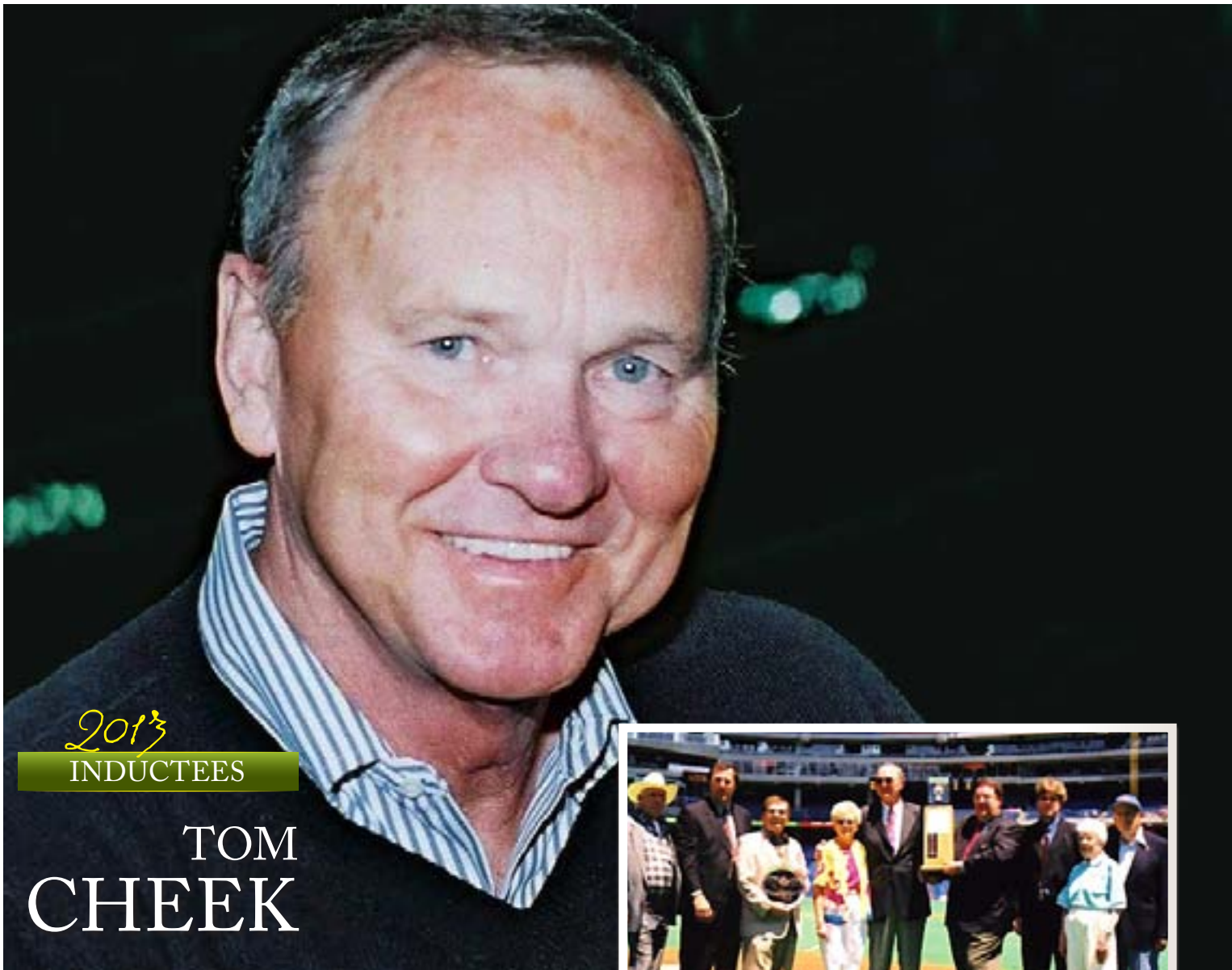


Congratulations to

ROB DUCEY

and all the
2013 inductees





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TOM CHEEK

Cheek broadcast 4,306 consecutive Toronto Blue Jays games from April 7, 1977 to June 2, 2004. He was also in the booth for all 41 of the franchise's post-season contests, including Game 6 of the 1993 World Series, which inspired his most famous call. After Jays slugger Joe Carter clubbed his World Series-winning homer in the bottom of the ninth, Cheek quipped, "Touch'em all, Joe. You'll never hit a bigger home run in your life."

Prior to landing with the Jays, Cheek, who was born in Pensacola, Fla. in 1939, served as a backup broadcaster for the Montreal Expos from 1974 to 1976. His rich, soothing

baritone earned him a reputation as one of the best play-by-play men in the business and in 2001, he was rewarded with the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame's Jack Graney Award for his significant contributions to baseball in Canada. In June 2004, Cheek missed his first Blue Jays' game in order to attend his father's funeral. Shortly after his return, he was diagnosed with a brain tumor.

In August 2004, Cheek's name was added to the Blue Jays' Level of Excellence, and the following year, the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame created the Tom Cheek Media Leadership Award in his honour. He was the inaugural recipient of the



L-R: Murray King, Tom Valcke, Len Bramson, Shirley Cheek, Tom Cheek, Randy Echlin, Scott Crawford, Georgina and Gordon Smith

award that has since been presented annually. For more than a year, Cheek waged a valiant battle against brain cancer, before he passed away on October 9, 2005. This July, Cheek will be honoured with the National Baseball Hall of Fame's prestigious Ford C. Frick Award, an accolade handed out annually to a broadcaster who has made major contributions to baseball.

"My first thought was, 'Wow, am I hearing Scott (Crawford, Hall

Director of Operations) right?" recounted Cheek's wife, Shirley, when asked about how she felt when she was informed of her husband's upcoming induction.

"Tom would be so proud to know that he is being honoured by the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame and I'll do my best to represent him."

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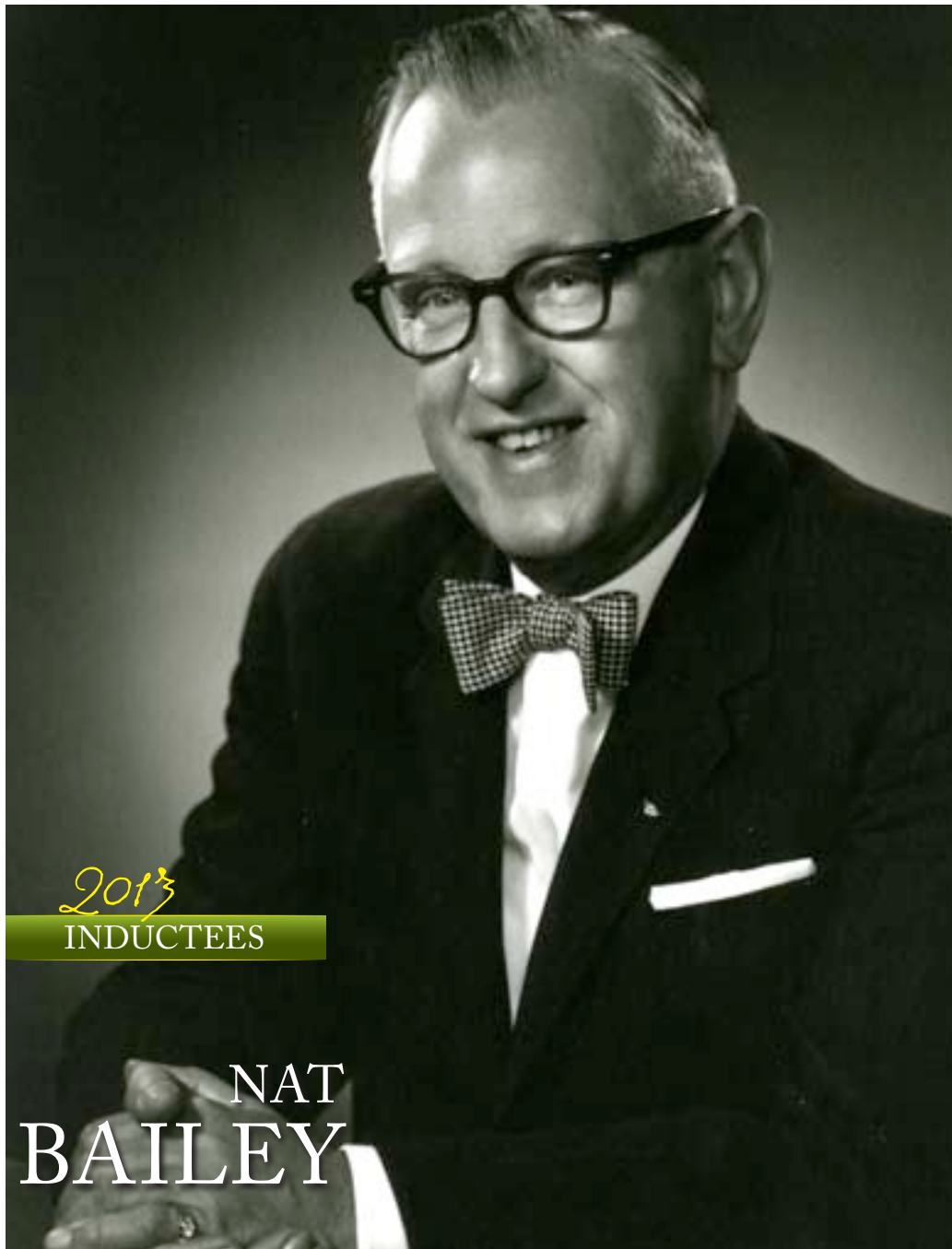
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NAT
BAILEY

Born in St. Paul, Minn., in 1902, Bailey moved to Vancouver as a child. He was hired by Canadian Baseball Hall of Famer Robert Brown to work at Vancouver's Athletic Park, where he became a jack of all trades, doing everything from selling hot dogs and peanuts to announcing the players. In the process, he became a popular figure at the park and earned himself the nickname "Caruso Nat."

Bailey evolved into a successful restaurateur in B.C. In 1928, he

opened Canada's first drive-in restaurant called White Spot in Vancouver. The restaurant prospered and soon he opened a chain of them across the province. When his restaurants thrived, he used a significant portion of his profits to sponsor little league teams.

In the mid-'50s, Bailey purchased the Triple-A Vancouver Mounties and his commitment to the club over the next decade helped raise interest in professional baseball to new heights in the city. After Bailey passed away

in 1978, Capilano Stadium, where the Mounties played, was renamed Nat Bailey Stadium in his honour. For the past three seasons, the Vancouver Canadians, the Toronto Blue Jays' Class-A Short-Season club, have played in this stadium and have won Northwest League championships in 2011 and 2012. For his contributions to sports in B.C., Bailey was inducted into the B.C. Sports Hall of Fame in 2003.

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George Selkirk – Huntsville, ON
Frank Shaughnessy – USA

1984

Andrew Bilesky – Trail, B.C.
Charles Bronfman – Montreal, QC
Jack Graney – St. Thomas, ON
Claude Raymond – St. Jean, QC
Goody Rosen – Toronto, ON

1985

Carmen Bush – Toronto, ON
Jack Kent Cooke – Toronto, ON
Dick Fowler – Toronto, ON
John Hiller – Toronto, ON
Ron Taylor – Toronto, ON

1986

Reggie Cleveland – Swift Current, SK
Bob Emslie – Guelph, ON
Oscar Judd – London, ON
Bob Prentice – Toronto, ON

1987

Russ Ford – Brandon, MB
George (Moon) Gibson – London, ON
Ferguson Jenkins – Chatham, ON
Glenn (Rocky) Nelson – USA

1988

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Bill Phillips – St. John, NB
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1989

Robert Brown – USA
Arthur Irwin – Toronto, ON

1990

Jimmy Archer – Toronto, ON

1991

Jackie Robinson – USA
Pete Ward – Montreal, QC
Jimmy Williams – Toronto, ON

1992

Tom Burgess – London, ON
National Youth Team-1991 – Canada

1995

Terry Puhl – Melville, SK

1996

Justin Jay Clarke – Amherstburg, ON
Father Ronald Cullen – Windsor, ON
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1997

Pat Gillick – USA
John McHale – USA

1998

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Ron Roncetti – Toronto, ON

1999

Frank Colman – London, ON
Bobby Mattick – USA
George Sleeman – Guelph, ON

2000

Jim Fanning – USA

2001

Gary Carter – USA
Dave McKay – Vancouver, B.C.

2002

Paul Beeston – Welland, ON
Cito Gaston – USA
Don McDougall – Charlottetown, PEI
Dave Shury – Wilkie, SK
Harry Simmons – USA
Bill Slack – Petrolia, ON

2003

Richard Belec – Montreal, QC
Joe Carter – USA
Kirk McCaskill – Kapuskasing, ON
Vancouver Asahi – British Columbia

2004

Andre Dawson – USA
Peter Hardy – London, ON
Joseph Lannin – Lac Beauport, QC
Jim McKean – Montreal, QC

2005

Steve Rogers – USA
Charles (Pop) Smith – Digby, NS
Dave Stieb – USA
Harold (Doc) Younker – USA

2006

Ron Hayter – Regina, SK
Tommy Lasorda – USA
John McLean – Fredericton, NB
Ron Stead – London, ON

2007

George (Sparky) Anderson – USA
John Haar – Vancouver, B.C.
Sherrard Robertson – Montreal, QC

2008

Tony Fernandez – D.R.
Billy Harris – Duguayville, NB
Gladwyn Scott – Hamiota, MB
Peter Widdrington – Toronto, ON

2009

Roy (Doc) Miller – Chatham, ON
Bernie Soulliere – Windsor, ON
Larry Walker – Maple Ridge, B.C.
Ernie Whitt – USA

2010

Roberto Alomar – P.R.
Calvin Griffith – Montreal, QC
Paul Quantrill – London, ON
Allan Roth – Montreal, QC

2011

Tom Henke – USA
Allan Simpson – Kelowna, B.C.
George Wood – Pownal, PEI

2012

Rhéal Cormier – Cape Pele, NB
Doug Melvin – Chatham, ON
Daniel (Rusty) Staub – USA
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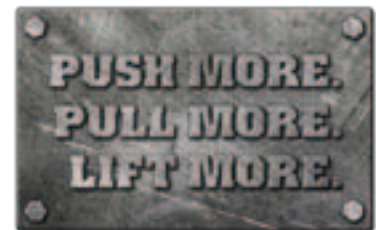


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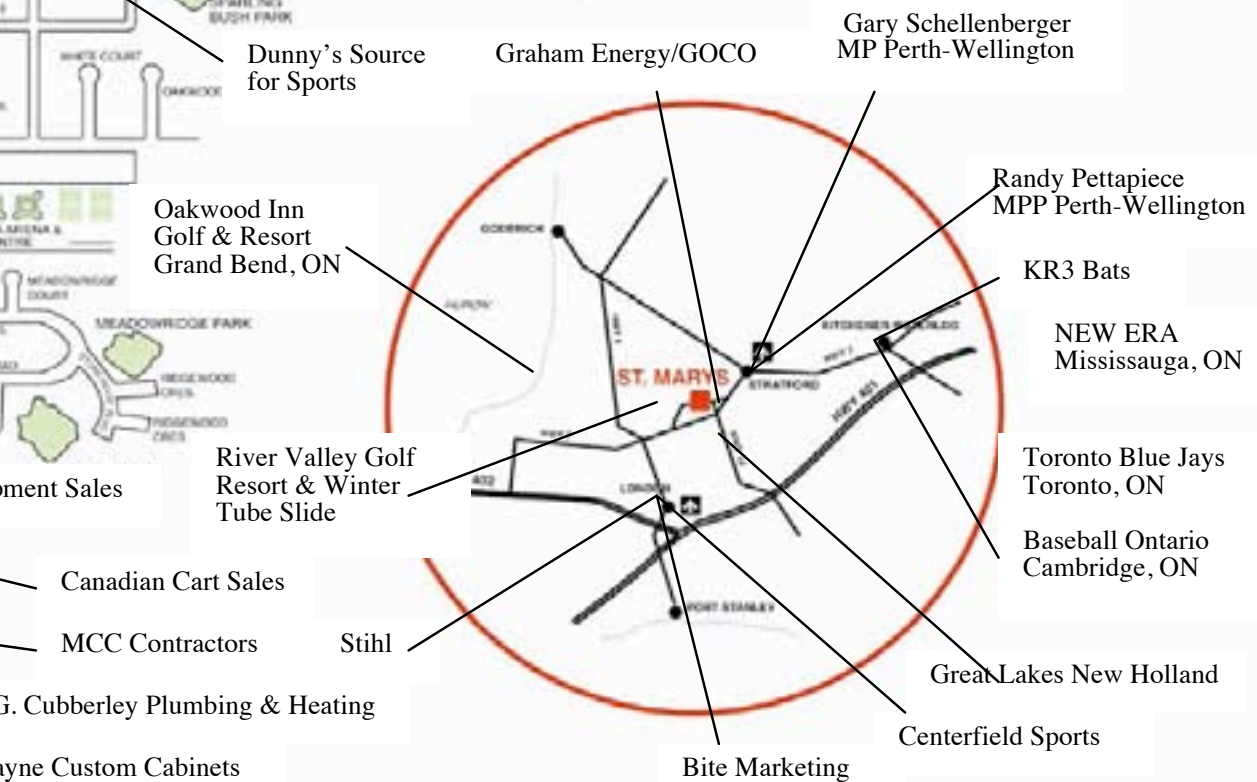
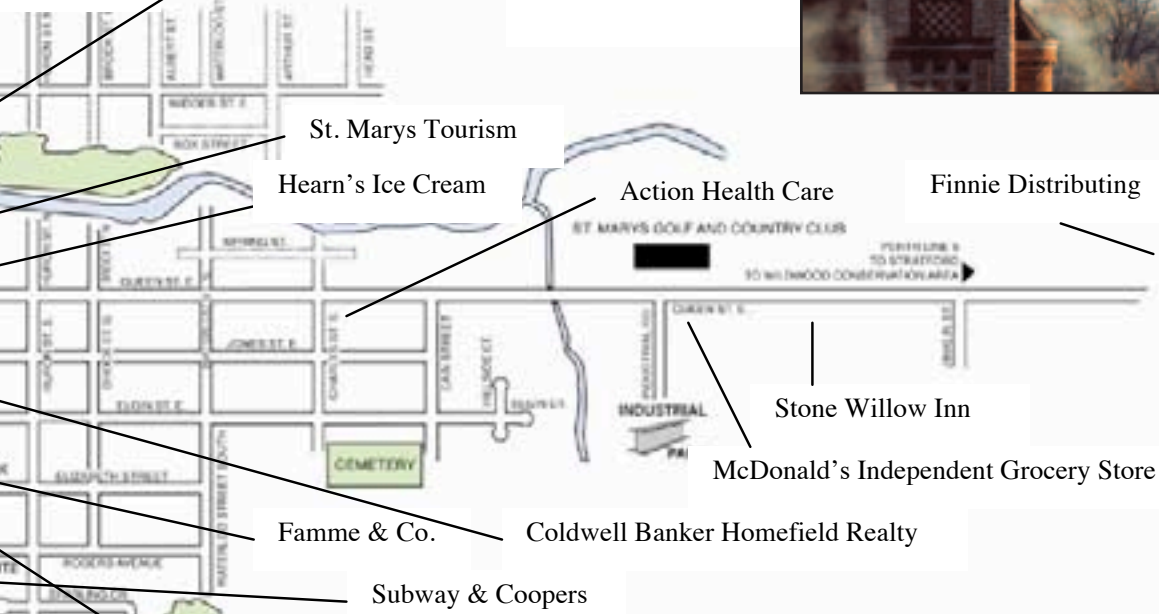
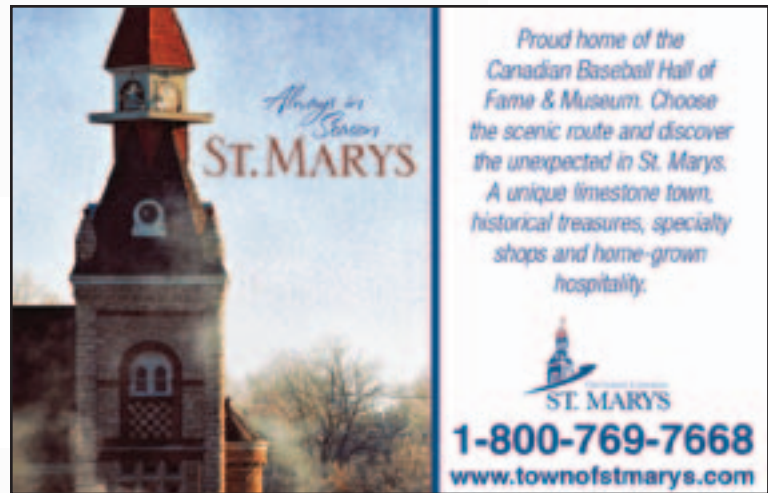
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Although the five-foot-seven Harris was a standout stickhandler, it was his right arm – and not his slap shot – that would serve as his ticket to a professional sports career.

During his Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame induction speech in St. Marys, Ont., in June 2008, Harris recounted hopping on a train in Dorchester, N.B., to head to the Dodgers' spring training facility in Vero Beach, Fla., in 1951.

When the train stopped in New York, a big husky, athletic looking guy (who Harris declined to name in his speech) boarded and sat close to Harris. The two eventually struck up a conversation and discovered that they were both destined for the Dodgers' camp.

"He looked at me and said, 'You're not going to make it,'" recalled Harris. "And I said, 'Why?' And he said, 'You're way too small.' Well, it just so happened that we got on the same team in spring training, and after four months, he got released and I was there (in professional baseball) for 16 years."

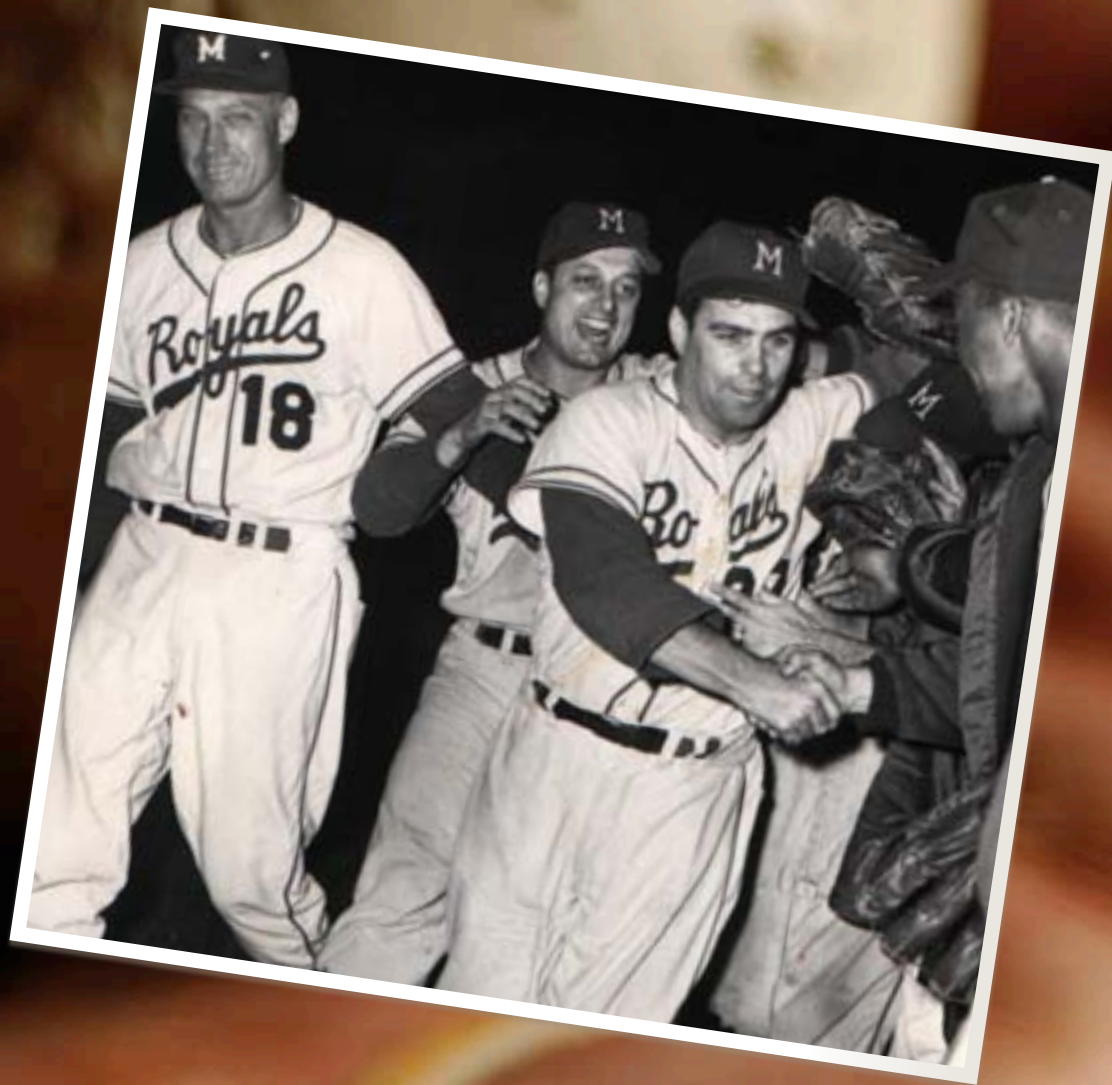
Born in Duguayville, N.B., on December 3, 1931, the diminutive right-hander made a career out of defying the odds.

Harris first caught the eye of big league scouts when he led the Dieppe Junior Cardinals to a Maritime championship in 1949 and the Moncton Legionnaires to a senior title the following year.

After signing with the Dodgers, the Canuck hurler notched 18 wins and recorded a 2.19 ERA for Class-D Valdosta in 1951. He would top that the next season, when he won 25 games, tossed 12 shutouts and registered a miniscule 0.83 ERA for the Class-B Miami Sun Sox. More than 60 years later, that ERA remains the lowest in organized baseball for a pitcher who has hurled at least 200 innings in a season. His success continued in 1953 when he authored a perfect game for the Double-A Mobile Bears on June 14.

After registering 12 more victories with the Bears in 1954, Harris was promoted to the Triple-A Montreal Royals for three games near the end of the season, just enough time for him to appear in the team photo next to Roberto Clemente.

"I signed that contract with the Dodgers because Montreal was the farm club and that's where I wanted to play," said Harris in 2008. "Being a Canadian, Montreal was the place to play."



Billy Harris being congratulated by Montreal Royals Manager Clay Bryant, Tommy Lasorda and Rene Valdez for pitching a shutout in the deciding game of the first round of the 1958 International League playoffs.

REMEMBERING
Billy Harris



L-R: Billy Harris, Tony Fernandez, Betty Widdrington and Gladwyn Scott.

Unfortunately, trapped in the pitching-rich Dodgers system behind legends like Sandy Koufax, Don Drysdale and Don Newcombe, Harris had little opportunity to shine at the major league level. The determined Maritimer was called up and made his first – and only – big

league start on September 27, 1957. Throwing to the legendary Roy Campanella, Harris held the Phillies to three runs in seven innings but still recorded the loss. Harris made his second – and final – big league appearance in 1959.



The stocky right-hander spent the bulk of the 1950's in Montreal, pitching for parts of seven seasons (1954 to 1960) with the Royals. His most successful stretch with the Royals was from 1956 to 1959, when he recorded 53 wins as a starting pitcher, playing alongside teammates like Tommy Lasorda and Sparky Anderson.

“We were teammates, and I must say with all sincerity that he (Billy) was one of the finest competitors to ever take the mound,” Lasorda said prior to Harris’ Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame induction in 2008. Anderson, a lifelong friend of Harris’, also thought highly of the New Brunswick native.

“Billy came along at a tough time,” Anderson said in 2008. “If he’d pitched for another organization, or if he took the mound today, he would be a regular and a big winner.”

The highlight of Harris’s tenure in Montreal was tossing a shutout over the Columbus Jets in the deciding game of the Royals’ first-round International League playoff series in 1958. That same year, he also started the game in which the Royals clinched the league championship against the Toronto Maple Leafs. After toeing the rubber for Montreal in 1959 and for part of 1960, Harris was assigned to the Triple-A Spokane Indians and would later remain on the West Coast to serve as a player coach with the Class-A Tri-City Angels.

He retired following the 1965 campaign, after accumulating 174 wins, 1,373 strikeouts and 45 shutouts in 15 minor-pro seasons in which his annual salary never exceeded \$17,500.

Harris settled in Kennewick, Wash., and in the early ’80s, he

opened a sports bar called Billy’s Bull Pen. Beloved in his home province of New Brunswick on Canada’s East Coast, Harris became equally adored in this West Coast community.

“When I first met him in 2008 upon his arrival in St. Marys for his induction ceremony, he was just radiant, full of passion, a mover and a shaker, a guy that anybody would naturally want to gravitate toward,” recalled Tom Valcke, former president of the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame, in 2011. “Yet, the sizzle didn’t overplay what a genuine and warm person he was. It immediately became a goal of mine to visit him at his pub in Kennewick called ‘Billy’s Bull Pen’ and talk baseball into the night.”

On top of being inducted into the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame in 2008, Harris was inducted into five other Halls of Fame, including the New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame, the Sackville, New Brunswick Hall of Fame, the Dieppe Canada Hall of Fame, the Central



Washington Sports Hall of Fame and the New Brunswick Baseball Hall of Fame.

Though he lived on the U.S. West Coast in retirement, he returned to New Brunswick regularly and kept in touch with many of his childhood friends.

Longtime pal Eddie St. Pierre, the former sports editor with The New Brunswick Times & Transcript, said that Harris never forgot his roots and had been planning another trip back to the Maritimes when he fainted at his bar in Kennewick in April 2011.

The 79-year-old Harris was taken to hospital and treated for a series of bleeding ulcers and kidney problems. He would be released, but two weeks after his discharge, he died in his sleep on May 28, 2011, leaving behind his wife Alice, three children, Gail, Billy Jr., and Rick, as well as seven grandchildren.

“Billy defined Canadiana. Small town boy makes good,” said Valcke. “His accomplishments throughout his professional career were phenomenal for anybody, never mind a Canadian.”

St. Pierre expressed similar sentiments about Harris in a column shortly after the Maritime legend’s death.

“His athletic achievements are legendary, but his sense of compassion, warmth and humility should be remembered equally with his powerful right arm and resilient attitude,” wrote St. Pierre.

This article was written by Kevin Glew and was originally featured on his Cooperstownners in Canada blog.

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Georgina and Gordon Smith, pictured with 2010 Hall of Famer Paul Quantrill

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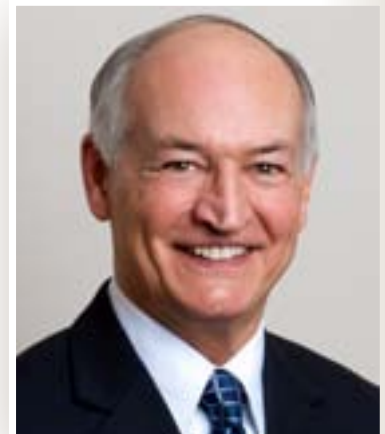


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- 1988 – Milt Dunnell (Toronto Star)
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- 1991 – Hal Kelly & Joe Crysedale (CKEY)
- 1996 – Dave Van Horne (TSN & CIQC)
- 2001 – Tom Cheek (The Team Radio)
- 2002 – Ernie Harwell (Detroit Tigers)
- 2003 – Allan Simpson (Baseball America)
- 2004 – Jacques Doucet (Montreal Expos)
- 2005 – Len Bramson (TBS Sports)
- 2009 – Ian MacDonald (Montreal Gazette)
- 2010 – Bob Elliott (Toronto Sun and Canadian Baseball Network)
- 2011 – WP Kinsella (“Shoeless Joe” novel adapted to film “Field of Dreams”)
- 2012 – Jerry Howarth (Toronto Blue Jays)



Jerry Howarth – 2012 Jack Graney Award Winner

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- 2002 – Larry Walker & Eric Gagné

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- 2004 – Jason Bay
- 2005 – Jason Bay
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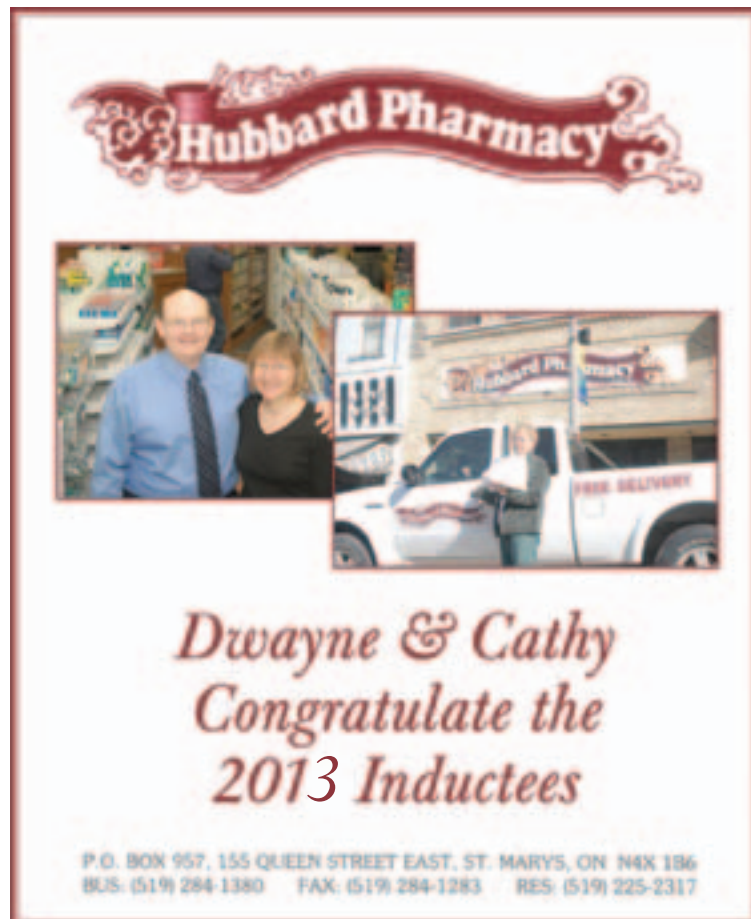
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SPOTLIGHT ON JIMMY ARCHER

The next time you see J.P. Arencibia attempt to throw a runner out from the squat position, you should think of Canadian Baseball Hall of Famer Jimmy Archer.

The five-foot-ten, 168-pound catcher was reportedly the first to throw a runner out from the squat position. And though his name is mostly absent from the annals of baseball history, his contemporaries certainly respected his arm.

“The best throwing catcher of them all was Jimmy Archer,” Chief Meyers, one of Archer’s catching contemporaries, once said. “He didn’t have an arm. He had a rifle and perfect accuracy.”

Al Bridwell, a star shortstop with the Giants from 1908 to 1911, who played with Archer on the 1913 Cubs, expressed similar sentiments.

“Best arm of any catcher I ever saw,” he said of Archer. “He’d zip it down there to second like a flash. Perfect accuracy, and under a six-foot bar all the way down.”

Prior to becoming a legendary manager with the New York Yankees, Casey Stengel was a speedy outfielder with the Brooklyn Superbas, who often competed against Archer during the catcher’s nine-season tenure with the Chicago Cubs.

In Robert W. Creamer’s excellent biography of Stengel, he writes of Stengel, who had registered four hits in his major league debut, walking to the plate in his second contest against the Cubs in September 1912.

“Jimmy Archer, the Cubs’ marvelous fielding catcher, cocked a look at Stengel the first time the rookie came to bat,” writes Creamer. “Archer was famous for his arm, and he took delight in throwing out overambitious runners who tried to steal on him.

“So you’re Stengel, hey?” said Archer.

“Yeah, I’m Stengel,” the rookie answered.

“I see you broke in pretty good.”

“Yeah, pretty good.”

“Well, when you get on there (first base), let’s see you run.”

“Not today, Mr. Archer,” Stengel said. “I know you.”

Even Stengel, who was by most accounts a bold and brash rookie, feared Archer’s arm.

For the record, Archer was born in Dublin, Ireland, but he moved with his family to Montreal as a baby

and relocated to Toronto when he was three. According to an excellent biography written for the SABR website by Bill Bishop, Archer honed his baseball skills at St. Michael’s College and in the Toronto City League.

“During the winter of 1902, the 19-year-old Archer was working as a barrel maker at a cooperage in Toronto when he fell into a vat of boiling oak sap, scalding his right arm and leg so badly that he was hospitalized for three months,” writes Bishop. “Jimmy was in so much pain during his hospitalization that he begged for his arm to be amputated. As a result of the accident, the tendon in his right arm shrunk and made his right arm shorter than his left. Jimmy was left with a unique strength; he always claimed that the accident was what gave him his unique ability to throw quickly and accurately from a

squatting position.”

When he was 20, Archer made his professional baseball debut in Fargo, N.D. The following year, despite, as Bishop writes, his season being interrupted by a broken collarbone, he hit .299 for a Class-D club in Boone, Iowa, enough to convince the Pittsburgh Pirates to purchase his contract and insert him in their lineup that September.

After two seasons with Atlanta of the Class-A Southern Association, Archer's next big league assignment came with the Detroit Tigers in 1907. After participating in just 18 games in the regular season, the rifle-armed Canadian was summoned to thwart the Cubs' running attack in Game 5 of the World Series. Archer did throw out speedy Cubs outfielder Jimmy Slagle, but the Cubs still won the game and later the series.

Impressed by Archer, the Cubs' brass offered him a contract prior to the 1909 campaign. Archer accepted the deal and served as a catcher with the club for parts of nine seasons. His

best offensive season was in 1912, when he hit .283 with 58 RBIs. But it was largely his arm and defensive prowess that earned him a spot on Baseball Magazine's "All-America Team" for three consecutive years from 1912 to 1914.

After brief stints with Pittsburgh, Brooklyn and Cincinnati in 1918, Archer retired and returned to Chicago, where, according to Bishop, he worked for Armour and Company. Archer also served as the promotional director for the Congress of Professional Bowling Alleys and was the commissioner of a Chicago softball league.

According to Bishop, Archer died from a coronary occlusion on March 29, 1958, in Milwaukee. He is buried in Boone (his wife's hometown). Largely thanks to his throwing heroics, Archer was inducted into the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame posthumously in 1990.

This article was written by Kevin Glew and was originally featured on his Cooperstownners in Canada blog.

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Larry	Walker	1988
Matt	Stairs	1895
Terry	Puhl	1531
Jack	Graney	1402
Jeff	Heath	1383
George	Wood	1280
George	Gibson	1213
Jason	Bay	1210
Justin	Morneau	1151
Frank	O'Rourke	1131

First	Last	H
Larry	Walker	2160
George	Wood	1467
Jeff	Heath	1447
James	O'Neill	1386
Matt	Stairs	1366
Terry	Puhl	1361
Justin	Morneau	1190
Jack	Graney	1178
Jason	Bay	1158
Bill	Phillips	1130

First	Last	AVG
James	O'Neill	.326
Joey	Votto	.316
Larry	Walker	.313
John	Johnson	.302
Roy "doc"	Miller	.295
Jeff	Heath	.293
Goody	Rosen	.291
George	Selkirk	.290
William	Congalton	.290
Justin	Morneau	.280

First	Last	T
George	Wood	132
Jeff	Heath	102
Bill	Phillips	98
James	O'Neill	92
Charles	Smith	87
Jack	Graney	79
Larry	Walker	62
Terry	Puhl	56
George	Gibson	49
Arthur	Irwin	45

First	Last	AB
Larry	Walker	6907
George	Wood	5371
Matt	Stairs	5204
Jeff	Heath	4937
Terry	Puhl	4855
Jack	Graney	4705
Jason	Bay	4299
Charles	Smith	4268
James	O'Neill	4255
Bill	Phillips	4255

First	Last	SLG
Larry	Walker	.565
Joey	Votto	.553
Jeff	Heath	.509
Justin	Morneau	.492
Jason	Bay	.485
George	Selkirk	.483
Matt	Stairs	.477
Corey	Koskie	.458
James	O'Neill	.458
Kevin	Reimer	.430

First	Last	BB
Larry	Walker	913
Matt	Stairs	717
Jack	Graney	712
Jason	Bay	610
Jeff	Heath	593
Terry	Puhl	505
George	Selkirk	486
Corey	Koskie	458
Justin	Morneau	464
Joey	Votto	429

First	Last	SO
Larry	Walker	1231
Jason	Bay	1154
Matt	Stairs	1122
Corey	Koskie	795
Justin	Morneau	741
Mark	Teahen	679
Jeff	Heath	670
Joey	Votto	562
George	Wood	547
Russell	Martin	546

First	Last	OBP
Joey	Votto	.415
Larry	Walker	.400
George	Selkirk	.397
James	O'Neill	.386
Jeff	Heath	.369
John	Johnson	.368
Corey	Koskie	.367
Jason	Bay	.363
Goody	Rosen	.360
Matt	Stairs	.356

First	Last	HR
Larry	Walker	383
Matt	Stairs	265
Jason	Bay	211
Justin	Morneau	204
Jeff	Heath	194
Joey	Votto	133
Corey	Koskie	124
George	Selkirk	108
Pete	Ward	98
Russell	Martin	93


First	Last	SB
Larry	Walker	230
Terry	Puhl	217
Charles	Smith	192
James	O'Neill	152
Jack	Graney	148
George	Wood	113
Frank	O'Rourke	100
Arthur	Irwin	93
John	Johnson	93
Jason	Bay	92

First	Last	TB
Larry	Walker	3904
Jeff	Heath	2512
Matt	Stairs	2481
George	Wood	2163
Justin	Morneau	2091
Jason	Bay	2085
James	O'Neill	1948
Terry	Puhl	1885
Jack	Graney	1609
Bill	Phillips	1591

First	Last	R
Larry	Walker	1355
George	Wood	965
James	O'Neill	880
Jeff	Heath	777
Matt	Stairs	770
Jason	Bay	707
Jack	Graney	706
Terry	Puhl	676
Charles	Smith	643
Justin	Morneau	613

First	Last	RBI
Larry	Walker	1311
Matt	Stairs	899
Jeff	Heath	887
Justin	Morneau	786
James	O'Neill	757
Jason	Bay	734
George	Wood	601
George	Selkirk	576
Corey	Koskie	506
Joey	Votto	457

First	Last	D
Larry	Walker	471
Matt	Stairs	294
Jeff	Heath	279
Justin	Morneau	257
Jason	Bay	234
George	Wood	228
Terry	Puhl	226
Corey	Koskie	223
James	O'Neill	222
Jack	Graney	219



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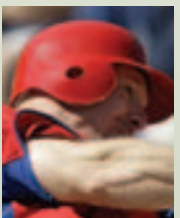
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