

# Society for American Baseball Research



## COLLEGIATE BASEBALL COMMITTEE

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### THE PURPOSE OF THE COLLEGIATE BASEBALL COMMITTEE

is to research the collegiate affiliation of major leaguers and compile related information such as player totals by colleges; college coaching records by former big leaguers; and outstanding collegiate achievements. This is asterisk-producing work; there are many categories of "collegians" who have played in the Major Leagues. The COLLEGIATE BASEBALL COMMITTEE encourages and welcomes submissions from all members of SABR.

### A TIP OF THE CAP TO TOM SHEA

for the unselfish assistance he has provided to this committee. It is often difficult to make a definitive baseball statement which will not cause a "hot stove" debate, but there is no argument about who is the World's Leading Authority on College Baseball affiliations. TOM SHEA. No one else is close. Tom has been very helpful to SABR members on the COLLEGIATE BASEBALL COMMITTEE and we would like to salute him with this issue. TOM'S lifetime of research has been invaluable to us.

### The UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TROJANS

are the YANKEES OF COLLEGE BASEBALL. S.C. is the arguable choice as the top college baseball program not only for their more than 70 alumni who reached the majors (including stars like TOM SEAVER, FRED LYNN AND MARK MCGUIRE), but also because they have dominated the N.C.A.A. Baseball Tournament, winning 11 Titles. BOB HOIE has chronicled the list of the Men of Troy who made the Bigs, beginning with FAY THOMAS in 1927. ROD DEDEAUX played two games at short for the BROOKLYN DODGERS in 1935. It is doubtful that anyone suspected at that time that he would become the most successful college baseball coach of all time, winning 10 N.C.A.A. Titles, including five in a row (1970-74). JOHN BERARDINO was moderately famous as an 11-year infielder in the Bigs, but it was his good looks and not his .249 career average which led to his greatest fame, as Dr. Steve Hardy, the star of GENERAL HOSPITAL.

## **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TROJANS (CONTINUED)**

By 1950, nine men from S.C. had reached the Majors, fewer than **GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY** had accumulated by the turn of the century. But in the past four decades, more than 60 players from S.C. have made the "show". The **UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS** is the most serious challenger to S.C..

### **DR. BOBBY BROWN'S RESUME OF FINE UNIVERSITIES**

includes undergraduate stints at both **U.C.L.A.** and **STANFORD** before medical school at **TULANE**. Many ballplayers went to more than one college, but few attended such distinguished schools and accomplished as much on the diamond and in the classroom, as American League President and former **YANKEE** third sacker **BOBBY BROWN**.

### **BERT DANIELS COLLEGIATE CAREER**

was much longer and nearly as impressive as **BROWN's**. He also used college athletics to achieve his academic goals. After playing three years of semi-pro football and baseball **DANIELS** decided to begin work on an engineering degree. His first stop was **VILLANOVA** for three years of football, baseball, engineering and off-season pro baseball (under various aliases). He moved on to **NOTRE DAME**, where he did the same. At the end of his second year in South Bend, the rumors of his professional career caused him to matriculate at **BUCKNELL** (alma mater of **CHRISTY MATHEWSON**). With six years of varsity ball and 10 years of semi-pro and professional sports under his belt, **DANIELS** was finally ready to try the majors. He became an instant hit with the **NEW YORK HIGHLANDERS (YANKEES)** in 1910, but he was 27 years old, and all those years of football had taken much away from his speedy legs. **BERT** must have paid attention in class---he had a long career as an engineer. He also coached baseball **MANHATTEN COLLEGE** for eight years (87-41-1). Among his players there were future Big Leaguers **BUDDY HASSETT**, **NICK TREMARK** and **XAVIER RESIGNO**.

**ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE (VT.) BOASTS ONE BIG LEAGUE ALUM** according to **CLIFF WARNER** who did extensive research on the lone major leaguer who attended his alma mater. **JEAN DUBUC** gained fame as a **TIGER** pitcher; good hitter; early relief pitcher; prominent and versatile minor leaguer; and recipient of "guilty knowledge" of the **BLACK SOX** scandal. He pitched for **ST. MIKE'S** in 1906. **DUBUC** later coached the **BROWN UNIVERSITY** hockey team and professional hockey in Providence, Rhode Island. Perhaps his greatest achievement was signing **HANK GREENBERG** to his first pro contract.

### **BROWN UNIVERSITY'S 19TH CENTURY BASEBALL PROGRAM**

sent at least 18 men to the majors prior to 1900, **BROWN** led all colleges. Among their top players of this era were **FRED TENNEY** (peerless first baseman), **JOHN LEE RICHMOND** (pitched perfect game) and **DAVID FULTZ**, (early baseball labor leader).

### **NOTRE DAME'S TEAMS PRODUCED STARS**

in big bunches in the years prior to World War I. The glory of **NOTRE DAME'S** time as a baseball power began in the mid-1890's, about the time when **DOC POWERS** and **LOU SOCKALEXIS** transferred from **HOLY CROSS**. Among the Big League stars at **N.D.** during this period were **BOB BESCHER**, **ED REULBACH**, **RED MURRAY**, **GEORGE CUTSHAW** and **CY WILLIAMS**. At least 25 **FIGHTING IRISH** made Major league debuts during this period. Although founded as a "university" in 1842, **NOTRE DAME** enrolled students from elementary school through graduate school for the first 75 years of its existence.

### **HOLY CROSS WAS A LEADER AS A MAJOR LEAGUE FARM**

according to **TOM SHEA'S** research, the **CRUSADERS** had one of the strongest collegiate baseball programs in the period between the two World Wars. A great measure of this success was attributable to the coaching of **JACK BARRY** and his personal relationship with **CONNIE MACK**. **BARRY** had been a member of **CONNIE'S \$100,000 INFIELD** and **MACK** liked collegians, so there was a lot of scouting attention directed at this small school in Western Massachusetts. Big Leaguers from **THE CROSS** included **ANDY COAKLEY**, **BILL CARRIGAN**, **ARNOLD "JIGGER" STATZ**, **HAROLD "CHICK" GAGNON**, (famous baseball name), **FRANK "BOTS" NEKOLA** (scout who signed **YASTRZEMSKI**) and **MIKE HEGAN**.

### **THE EARLY RED SOX WERE WELL REPRESENTED BY COLLEGE MEN**

according to **ELLERY CLARK**, in **RED SOX FOREVER**. "College men contributed much to the successes (of the SOX)...in the Huntington Avenue Grounds Era of the **BOSTON AMERICANS**". **CLARK** listed **HARRY HOOPER** and **DUFFY LEWIS** (**ST. MARY'S COLLEGE**), **LARRY GARDNER** and **RAY COLLINS** (**VERMONT**); **JAKE STAHL** (**ILLINOIS**); and **JIMMY COLLINS** (**ST. JOSEPH'S**).

**TWO FORDHAM SECOND BASEMEN WHO BECAME CARDINALS WERE FRANKIE "FORDHAM FLASH" FRISCH and FRANCIS CARDINAL SPELLMAN.**

### **ROBIN ROBERTS ALSO PLAYED COLLEGIATE BASKETBALL**

At **MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY**. He later became the head baseball coach at the **UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA**, alma mater of brainy manager **TONY LARUSSA**.

#### REFERENCES TO COLLEGE MEN IN BASEBALL

can be found in "WHO'S WHO IN THE MAJOR LEAGUES" and THE SPORTING NEWS' "OFFICIAL BASEBALL REGISTER". The TURKIN and THOMPSON OFFICIAL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF BASEBALL had an interesting chapter which included a roster of former Big Leaguers with long service as college coaches: JACK COOMBS (DUKE); RAY FISHER (MICHIGAN); ANDY COAKLEY (COLUMBIA); BIB FALK (TEXAS); WALLY ROETTGER (ILLINOIS); MAX BISHOP (NAVY); FRED LINDSTROM (NORTHWESTERN) and ETHAN ALLEN (YALE). A very helpful book is THE STORY OF MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL, published by The National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues (1953), which lists the best player from every college in the country.

#### "THE GIANTS ARE COMING, AND SO IS "SCHUEY"

is the title of a unique story unearthed by REN SPEER. In the early summer of 1933 an extraordinary event took place in Northern New York State. HAL SCHUMACHER, was a star hurler for MANAGER BILL TERRY'S NEW YORK GIANTS. He was so popular among his teammates that the GIANTS arranged an exhibition game with ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY, in the midst of a pennant race (that they would win), so that they could all be present when SCHUEY (not yet nicknamed "PRINCE HAL") received his diploma with his classmates. A complete copy of this interesting story is available from REN for a S.A.S.E.

#### THE FIRST INTERCOLLEGIATE BASEBALL GAME

was played on July 1, 1859, when 13 AMHERST students met 13 WILLIAMS students in Pittsfield, Massachusetts for a "friendly game of ball". The game was played under "Massachusetts Rules", a refinement of New England Town Ball. This form of "base ball" would soon give way to the "New York Rules" which more closely resemble the game we know today. Each team "brought its own ball, especially crafted for the occasion". The teams were selected by campus ballot, although there were allegations that AMHERST employed a "ringer" as its "thrower", the village blacksmith. The game was uneventful, with AMHERST winning the 26-inning game (one out to an inning) 73-32. A WILLIAMS' student at the time wrote: "our confidence was our undoing". The victors featured more team discipline.

#### FUTURE MAJOR LEAGUERS WHO HAVE WON THE SERIES MVP AWARD

at the NCAA COLLEGE WORLD SERIES are: TOM YEWCIK (C, MICHIGAN STATE); TOM BORLAND (P, OKLAHOMA STATE); CAL EMERY (P-1B, PENN STATE); BOB GARIBALDI (P, SANTA CLARA); SAL BANDO (3B, ARIZONA STATE); STEVE ARLIN (P, OHIO STATE); JERRY TABB (1B, TULSA); DAVE WINFIELD (P-OF, MINNESOTA); BOB HORNER (3B, ARIZONA STATE); TERRY FRANCONA (LF, ARIZONA) AND CALVIN SCHIRALDI (P, TEXAS).

## **TROJANS WHIP IRISH 4-0 IN SIMULATED PLAYOFF**

developed by **DAVE ANDERSON**. In 1983, **DAVE** assembled all-time rosters for the colleges who had produced the most Major League players. He assigned each player his best Big League season and created a best-of-seven, single elimination, computer-simulated playoff. Twenty teams had enough players to complete a pitching rotation and fill each defensive position.

The strong right arm of **CHRISTY MATHEWSON**, and the relative weakness of the East Region, propelled **BUCKNELL** to the semi-final against **NOTRE DAME**. The **IRISH** had defeated two very tough Big-10 teams to advance: **ILLINOIS** and **MICHIGAN**. In the "Snow Belt" final, **BUCKNELL'S BISON**s fell 4-1.

**S.C.** won the West Region defeating crosstown rival **U.C.L.A.** and **ST. MARY'S**. The Southern Region featured two of the best in **TEXAS** and **ALABAMA**. The **CRIMSON TIDE** rolled over the **LONGHORNS** in the only quarterfinal to go the distance, but they lost to **S.C.**

In the finals, the **TROJANS** were too strong for their traditional football rival. For the tournament, **ANDERSON** proclaimed **CY WILLIAMS** the M.V.P. AND **TOM SEAVER** the best pitcher. Complete rosters and results are available from **DAVE ANDERSON** for a S.A.S.E.

"U.S.A. TODAY" tried a similar approach in its July 12, 1988 edition, using only four teams (**ARIZONA STATE**, **U.S.C.**, **CALIFORNIA** and **TEXAS**.)

## **THE ALL-TIME COLLEGIANS**

chosen by **ANDERSON** for their Major League accomplishments:

RHP--**CHRISTY MATHEWSON**, **BUCKNELL**  
LHP--**SANDY KOUFAX**, **CINCINNATI**  
C----**MICKEY COCHRANE**, **BOSTON UNIVERSITY**  
1B --**LOU GEHRIG**, **COLUMBIA**  
2B --**EDDIE COLLINS**, **COLUMBIA**  
SS --**LUKE APPLING**, **OGLETHORP UNIVERSITY**  
3B --**MIKE SCHMIDT**, **OHIO UNIVERSITY**  
LF --**CARL YASTRZEMSKI**, **NOTRE DAME**  
CF --**TRIS SPEAKER**, **POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE**  
RF --**REGGIE JACKSON**, **ARIZONA STATE**

**COLUMBIA** has a very strong right side of the infield. Ironically, the runner-ups at those positions are also an "entry": **MICHIGAN WOLVERINES** **GEORGE SISLER** and **CHARLEY GEHRINGER**.

COLLEGIANS WHO MADE THE MAJORS AND ALSO PLAYED PRO BASKETBALL:

DANNY AINGE	B. Y. U.	6'5	IF-GUARD
ERNIE ANDRES	I. U.	6'1	3B-GUARD
FRANK BAUMHOLTZ	OHIO U.	5.10	OF-GUARD
HANK BIASETTI	ASSUMPTION (ONT.)	5'11	1B-GUARD
LOU BOUDREAU	ILLINOIS	5'11	SS-GUARD
FRANK CARSWELL	RICE	6'	OF-GUARD
GENE CONLEY	WASH. STATE	6'8	P-CENTER
CHUCK CONNORS	SETON HALL	6'5	1B-CENTER
GEORGE CROWE	INDIANA CENTRAL	6'2	1B-FORWARD
DAVE DEBUSSCHERE	DETROIT	6'6	P-FORWARD
JOHNNY GEE	MICHIGAN	6'9	P-CENTER
DON GRATE	OHIO STATE	6'2	P-FORWARD
DICK GROAT	DUKE	5'11	SS-GUARD
STEVE HAMILTON	MOREHEAD STATE	6'6	P-FORWARD
BILL MCCAHAN	DUKE	5'11	P-GUARD
COTTON NASH	KENTUCKY	6'6	1B-FORWARD
IRV NOREN	PASADENA C. C.	6'	OF-FORWARD
BILLY REED	NOTRE DAME	5'10	2B-FORWARD
RON REED	NOTRE DAME	6'6	P-FORWARD
DICK RICKETTS	DUQUESNE	6'7	P-FORWARD
HOWIE SCHULTZ	HAMLIN	6'6	1B-CENTER
ED WINEAPPLE	PROVIDENCE	6'	P-GUARD

NOTE: Four non-collegians also accomplished this feat:  
 Carl Husta; Del Rice; Harry Riconda; and Rusty Saunders.

MAJOR LEAGUERS—MEMBERS OF THE COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

HARRY AGGANIS	BOSTON U.
CHARLIE BERRY	LAFAYETTE
LARRY BETTENCOURT	ST. MARY'S
PAUL DESJARDIENS	CHICAGO
PADDY DRISCOLL	NORTHWESTERN
BILL FINCHER	GEORGIA TECH
CHARLIE GELBERT	PENN
PAUL GIEL	MINNESOTA
WALTER GILBERT	AUBURN
JIM HITCHCOCK	AUBURN
VIC JANOWICZ	OHIO STATE
ERNIE NEVERS	STANFORD
ACE PARKER	DUKE
FRED SINGTON	ALABAMA
JIM THORPE	CARLISLE
ERIC TIPTON	DUKE
FRANCIS WISTERT	MICHIGAN