



Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame

May 2010

Inductee of the Month – Ray Caldwell



Class of 2010 inductee **Ray Caldwell** has been chosen as the CSHoF Inductee of the Month for May to draw attention to a wealth of primary source material about him that has recently been given to the Hall of Fame by Jamestown attorney, historian and sports-buff **Greg Peterson**. As a result, several dozen new photos and articles have been added to the Caldwell web page.

A former major-league pitcher with New York, Boston and Cleveland, Caldwell lived in Chautauqua County following his retirement from the game and became a favorite subject of former Post-Journal sports editor, **Frank Hyde**.

Of special interest is a seven-part series Hyde composed in 1945 that provides an in-depth look at

the career of Caldwell, one of the top pitchers in the game from the 1910-1920 era – a man who tossed a no-hitter against the Yankees in '19 and who was a 20-game winner for the World Series champion Cleveland Indians in '20. The articles are also a revealing example of the fascinating style of sports writing that made Hyde, a CSHoF inductee, an icon of the Jamestown-area sports scene for many years.

www.chautauquasportshalloffame.org/ravcaldwell.php

From the Mailbox

Tom Hyde, son of Frank Hyde, recently contacted the CSHoF from his home in Auckland, New Zealand. He reports that he is a magazine editor, golf writer and radio broadcaster covering the NZ Breakers in the Australian National Basketball League (www.nbl.com.au) for NZ's Radio Sport. He has written two books on NZ golf – The Mad Keen Golfer's Road Trip (Random House, 2006) and 100 Essential New Zealand Golf Holes (Awa Press, 2008).

Greg Peterson, president of the Robert H. Jackson Center in Jamestown, wrote to say the former Buffalo Bills star **Steve Tasker** will be the luncheon speaker at the Jackson Center on May 4. Tasker, a five-time All-Pro and honoree on the Bills Wall of Fame is considered one of the greatest special teams' players in NFL history. For additional information about Tasker's appearance, contact the Jackson Center at 716-483-6646.

Kin of Murray Shelton Sought

The CSHoF is attempting to locate relatives of the late **Murray Norcross Shelton**, a 1984 inductee. Shelton, a native of Dunkirk, was an All-American football and basketball player at Cornell in 1915. After serving in WWI, he played professional football for the Buffalo All-Americans and competed with and against famed athlete Jim Thorpe. He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1973. Shelton, who died in 1985, last resided in Columbia, Missouri. Persons having any information about the kin of Murray Shelton are asked to contact CSHoF Vice-President Randy Anderson at randy28b@netsync.net.



New Hall Display

Currently on display at the CSHoF is a collection of autographed baseballs belonging to "Jamestown's Mr. Baseball," **Russ Diethrick**. The balls are signed by major-leaguers who are friends and acquaintances Russ has met during his long involvement in Babe Ruth Baseball. Wow, wait 'til you see who knows Russ!

The CSHoF, 15 West Third Street, Jamestown, is staffed by volunteers and is generally open from 12-3 pm, Monday through Friday. Persons interested in volunteering at the hall may contact Grace Dolan at 716-484-1224. Arrangements can be made for groups to tour the hall by contacting Bill Rollinger at 716-763-8229.