
Preserving the Sports History of Chautauqua County



Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame

15 West Third Street - Jamestown, NY 14701

July 2012

Hugh Bedient Night at Diethrick Park



To continue our year-long celebration of the 100th anniversary of Hugh Bedient's World Series championship as a pitcher for the 1912 Boston Red Sox, the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame has organized Hugh Bedient Night at Diethrick Park on Thursday, August 2. Our Jamestown Jammers will take on the Lowell Red Sox in a 7:05 game.

Many Bedient descendants will be in attendance, including his grandsons, Tom Ames and Hugh Imus, who will throw out the first pitch.

The Chautauqua Region Community Foundation has commissioned a 4 X 6 Hugh Bedient baseball card (left) to be given free of charge to all ballpark patrons.

2012-2013 Memberships

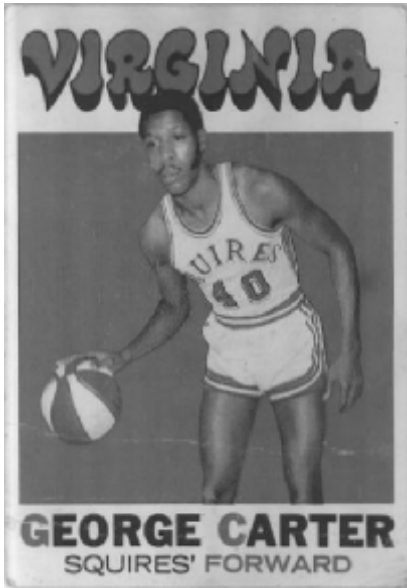


Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame's 2012-13 memberships are available to persons who are interested in preserving the history of sports in Chautauqua County and honoring the outstanding individuals who have created our cherished sports memories.

One year memberships are only \$25. Membership applications are available at the Hall of Fame,

downloadable at www.chautauquasportshalloffame.org/membership.php or can be requested by contacting Randy Anderson at 716-763-2173 or randy28b@netsync.net.

George Carter Tapped for GBSHOF



One of the greatest basketball talents to ever emerge from Western New York, George Carter's credentials for the Greater Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame are confirmed with this simple, but comprehensive statement: "The only athlete born in Western New York, who was a multi-sport All-Western New York selection, starred at a local college, had a lengthy professional career and was drafted by three major professional sports teams."

Carter initially made his mark as a multi-sport standout at Silver Creek High School in the early 60's. He was a two-time all WNY selection in basketball, earned similar recognition for one season of football and was the section's top 100 yard sprinter. Because of his prowess on the basketball court, *The Buffalo News* placed him on their all-time 2nd team and their all-1960's first team.

He took his talents down the road to Olean where he would lead the Bonnies in scoring for two years and in rebounding for three seasons. The 6-4 forward averaged 19.4 points and 12.4 rebounds over that time and still ranks 22nd in career points with 1,322 and 5th in total boards with 849. His career rebounding average is second only to Bob Lanier. Carter was inducted into the St. Bonaventure Hall of Fame in 1974.



Upon graduation, George was drafted by the Detroit Pistons with the 81st pick in the 1967 draft. He was also selected by the Buffalo Bills in the 13th round and by the New York Mets in the 52nd round (874th overall).

Carter's professional basketball career was spent on many fronts. Although drafted by the Pistons, he played only one game before serving a two year military commitment. When he returned, George went directly to the ABA where he became an all-star and played alongside some of the great players in pro basketball history. During his seven seasons in the league with eight different franchises, "Dirty Dingus" as he was called, averaged over 18 points and nearly seven rebounds in 478 games. Known for his short-range jumper and lightning quick first step along the baseline, the explosive Carter was second in scoring to Charlie Scott for the 1971-72 Virginia Squires and played alongside Julius Erving for one season.

He continued his pro career in France for a short time after the demise of the ABA and was inducted into the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame in 1984.

Carter will join Wally Huckno, former Jamestown High School football coach, as an inductee in both the CSHOF and the GBSHOF.

Inductee of the Month



Leo Squinn, a Jamestown High School graduate, was active in playing and managing baseball for over 30 years. He was a welterweight in boxing and played football for the Crescents and Liberty A.C. He was also an active bowler who was elected president of the Jamestown Bowling Association 1944-1950. He played softball for S.M. Flickingers, National Worsted and MRC and managed MRC to a championship three times.

He managed Barber Shop and Knights of Columbus in the Jamestown Little League, managed MRC for six years in Jamestown Babe Ruth League, and managed the all-stars who competed in Buffalo and Amsterdam. He served 11 years as founding president of the Jamestown Area Oldtimers Baseball Club.

Squinn was on the executive board of the Jamestown Babe Ruth World Series and was a recipient of the Ray Angle award for his service to Jamestown Babe Ruth Baseball.

Leo Squinn was inducted into the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame in 1982. He died in 1986.

Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame Receives Randy Johnson Figurine



The Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame has received a Danbury Mint figurine of former Jamestown Expos pitcher Randy Johnson. The autographed collectible was donated by Earl and Shirley Carpenter and their daughter Brenda Drudge (left), former residents of Jamestown, now living in Arizona and Australia respectively.

Randy Johnson, who pitched for Montreal, Seattle, Houston, Arizona, New York Yankees and San Francisco during a 22 year major league career, broke into professional baseball with the 1985 Jamestown Expos. Many baseball experts predict Johnson will be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown based on his record of 618 games pitched, a won-loss record of 303-166, and 4875 strikeouts (second most all-time) in 4135 innings pitched. Johnson won the Cy Young Award five times.

The Carpenters and Drudge became fans of the 6-foot-10-inch “Big Unit” during his eight seasons with the Arizona Diamondbacks, including the World Series title year of 2001.

Johnson's 1985 season in Jamestown was hardly a predictor of his future success. He appeared in eight games, with a 0-3 record and an ERA of 5.93.

"The Chautauqua Sports Hall Of Fame sincerely appreciates this donation by Brenda, Shirley and Earl," said CSHOF president Randy Anderson. "I am hopeful that one day Randy Johnson will join former Jamestown Falcon Nellie Fox in Cooperstown as another shining tribute to the legacy of professional baseball in Jamestown. With the Jamestown Jammers just beginning their 2012 season, it'll be fun to speculate if another Randy Johnson will begin his career with our team this summer."

CHAUTAUQUA SPORTS HALL OF FAME TRIVIA QUIZ

The following 10 inductees of the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame played Major League Baseball. **Match them to their hometown and one MLB team for which they played.**

<u>INDUCTEES</u>	<u>HOMETOWNS</u>	<u>MLB TEAMS</u>
Hugh Bedient	Shelbiana, KY	1920 Cleveland Indians
Walt Brown	Corydon, PA	1926 Philadelphia A's
Ray Caldwell	Falconer, NY	1959 Chicago White Sox
Dave Criscione	St. Thomas, PA	1903 Pittsburgh Pirates
Howard Ehmke	Jamestown, NY	1920 Washington Senators
Eric "Swat" Erickson	Bemus Point, NY	1954 New York Yankees
Nellie Fox	Silver Creek, NY	1946 Philadelphia Phillies
Tommy Leach	Dunkirk, NY	1947 St. Louis Browns
Irv Noren	Gothenberg, Sweden	1912 Boston Red Sox
John O'Neil	French Creek, NY	1977 Baltimore Orioles

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