

Fargo American Legion Baseball Hall of Fame Recipients



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Fargo American Legion Baseball inducted its sixth Hall of Fame class in January of 2011 when three notable individuals were honored at a banquet attended by over 300 people, bringing to 27 the number of members in the Hall of Fame plus three teams.



Maris

ROGER MARIS (Inducted 2006)--Member of the 1950 and 1951 Fargo American Legion baseball teams and was the MVP of the 1950 Fargo team that won the state championship...Played minor league baseball and was an Eastern League All-Star in 1955 before rising to the major leagues in 1957 with the Cleveland Indians...Played 12 years in the major leagues with four teams including Cleveland (1957-58), Kansas City Athletics (1958-59), New York Yankees (1960-66) and St. Louis Cardinals (1967-68)...Hit 275 career major league home runs including 61 in 1961 with the Yankees to break Babe Ruth's single season home run record, holding it for more than 35 years before Mark McGwire snapped the mark in 1998...Had consecutive seasons of 39, 61, 33, 23, and 26 home runs with the Yankees from 1960 through 1964, drove in over 100 runs three times (1960, 1961, and 1962), and was the American League Most Valuable Player twice (1960 & 1961)...Hit .260 for his career and played in seven World Series (five with the Yankees and two with St. Louis) where he hit six home runs and drove in 18 in 41 World Series games... He was a four time All-Star, once with Kansas City (1959) and three times with the Yankees (1960-61-62)...His 1961 season earned him numerous honors including Player of the Year by The Sporting News, Sportsman of the Year by Sports Illustrated, Man of the Year by Sport Magazine, Winner of the Hickok Belt as the Top Professional Athlete of the Year, and the Associated Press Professional Athlete of the Year...Maris is also a member of the North Dakota American Legion Baseball Hall of Fame...Roger passed away from cancer in 1985 and is buried in Fargo... The Roger Maris Celebrity Golf Tournament is played in Fargo every June since its inception in 1983.



Helling

RICK HELLING (Inducted 2006)--Member of the 1988 and 1989 Fargo American Legion teams that won back-to-back state championships and captured the 1989 Great Plains Regional title...Co-MVP of the 1989 team and Most Valuable Player in the 1989 State Tournament...Turned in a 15-0 pitching record in 1989 and was 12-3 in 1988...His 27-3 career pitching record in Legion ball is second in victories in Fargo history and he had a career ERA of 2.13...He was a standout hitter as well, turning in a career batting average of .374 (152-406) with 11 home runs (7th on the career list) and 120 RBIs (4th on career list) and is the career record holder in sacrifice flies with 12...Played baseball at Stanford University and was a member of the U.S. Olympic Team in 1992... He debuted in the major leagues with the Texas Rangers in 1994 and played in the major leagues for 12 seasons with five different teams (Texas three different times from 1994-2001; Florida Marlins in parts of three seasons in 1996, 1997, and 2003; Arizona Diamondbacks 2002; Baltimore Orioles in 2003, and Milwaukee Brewers in 2005 & 2006)...From 1998 to 2002 he was one of the most durable starters in the major leagues, averaging more than 33 starts per season over that five-year period and pitching over 200 innings in four straight seasons...He had a career mark of 93-81 with a 4.68 ERA including a 20-7 mark in 1998 with Texas...His late-season addition to the Florida roster in 2003 earned him a World Series ring with the Marlins...He retired after the 2006 campaign.

JERRY HARTER (Inducted 2006)--The winningest coach in Fargo American Legion history, he guided Fargo for 29 seasons from 1967 to 1995, compiling a 1,199-524 career record including eight state championships (1969, 1974, 1976, 1979, 1983, 1988, 1989, and 1992), three regional titles (1969, 1989, and 1992), and three World Series appearances (1969, 1989 and 1992)...His



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teams won more than 50 games in a season six times including a club record 65 wins twice (65-12 in 1992 and 65-14 in 1987)...Six of the seven 50-plus victory seasons in Fargo history belong to Harter-coached clubs...His winning percentage over the 29 years was .696 and he had winning seasons in 28 of the 29 years... His teams were second in the state on six occasions and was regional runnerup once...He was inducted into the North Dakota American Legion Baseball Hall of Fame in 1992...A native of Bismarck, ND, he spent his lifetime in the field of education...He graduated from Concordia College and earned a master's degree from North Dakota State University...He taught and coached at Dickinson High School, Richardton High School, Agassiz Junior High School, and Fargo South High School before serving as an assistant principal at Moorhead High School for nearly a quarter of a century while his wife Maguerite was a special education teacher at Fargo North High School...He officiated football in the North Central Conference for several decades.



Parmer

JOE PARMER (Inducted 2006)--No one can challenge the claim that Joe Parmer is Mr. Baseball in Fargo, ND...Parmer was involved in Fargo American Legion baseball since 1954 and for more than 50 years was the one strong constant in the success of this highly-acclaimed program...He acted as chair of the Post #2 baseball program from 1954 until the early 2000s and was the team manager from 1964 until the turn of the century...He has been the co-chairman for three previous World Series that were held in Fargo (1983, 1992, and 1995) and chairman for numerous Eastern Division and State Tournaments held in Fargo over the past 50 years...He drove the team bus in the early years, acted as the public address announcer, and served as the chief fundraiser for the program for much of the 50 years...Parmer was inducted into the North Dakota American Legion Baseball Hall of Fame in 1983...He was appointed the manager of Fargo's Hector International Airport in 1953 after serving as the assistant manager since 1947 and was named the first executive director of the Fargo Municipal Airport Authority in 1970...Parmer passed away in the spring of 2007.



Smith

BOB SMITH (Inducted 2006)--One of the key members in the life of American Legion baseball in both Fargo and North Dakota for nearly two decades... He was an organizer in the development of Jack Williams Stadium, the current home to Fargo American Legion baseball...He was active from 1965 to 1980 on the Post #2 Baseball Committee and kept the scorebook and statistics for many years for the Fargo team... He was an official scorer at two American Legion World Series, in Ely, Minnesota in 1980 and Fargo in 1983...Smith helped form the North Dakota American Legion Baseball Hall of Fame and was inducted into that group's elite membership in 1983...He was instrumental in a number of other projects including the formation of the Maple-Sheyenne League, the Fargo American Legion Baseball Alumni Association, the Maris Drive and Memorial at Lindenwood Park, and the Roger Maris Museum at West Acres Shopping Center...As Commander of Post #2, he led the development of the memorial fountain and flagpoles at Lindenwood Park...Bob passed away in 1985.



Rulon

GEORGE RULON (Inducted 2007)--The national director of the American Legion Baseball Program for 25 years (1961-1986), Rulon always considered Fargo his home...He graduated from high school in Fargo, played American Legion baseball for Post #2, and was a graduate of North Dakota

State University...From 1948 to 1954 Rulon worked in public relations for the Fargo-Moorhead Twins of the Northern League, a Class C farm club of the Cleveland Indians, and was also a sports writer for the Fargo Forum...He worked as service officer and youth program director with the North Dakota American Legion for 11 years before moving to the Legion's national headquarters in Indianapolis, Indiana in 1958...Three years later he became the national director of the American Legion baseball program and almost single-handedly pioneered the baseball program into one of the most organized and respected amateur sports programs in the nation...Rulon helped organize and oversee more than 240 national, regional, and World Series tournaments over a quarter of a century...More than two million young men participated in the American Legion program over his tenure...He also served many other functions in amateur baseball including travel coordinator for the US Olympic team in 1984, Deputy Baseball Commissioner for the 1987 Pan American Games, and National Governing Body Coordinator for Baseball for the 1982 National Sports Festival event and coordinated travel for five other Sports Festivals...He was a member of the Board of Directors of the United States Baseball Federation, the Baseball Games Committee of the United States Olympics Committee, the National Council of Youth Sports, the American Baseball Coaches Association, and the Intercollegiate Baseball Writers Association...An army veteran of World War II in the European Theater, he was awarded a Purple Heart with Cluster, the Silver Star and Bronze Star with "V" for valor (two of the nation's highest wards for heroism on the battlefield), the Combat Infantryman Medal and the Presidential Unit Citation...He was a life member of Fargo's Gilbert C. Grafton Post #2...Rulon passed away in January of 1989 in Bay Pines, Florida...He is survived by two daughters.



JIM McLAUGHLIN (Inducted 2007)--

A key member of the support group of the Fargo American Legion baseball program for nearly 40 years, McLaughlin served as Vice-Chair for three American Legion World Series hosted by Fargo (1983, 1992, 1995) along with two Great Plains Regionals (1979, 1987)...He was instrumental in the development of the Roger Maris Museum at West Acres, making several trips to the Maris family home in Florida to propose the museum and collect exhibits, and then serving 20 years as the curator of the museum in collaboration with West Acres...He was also a driving force in working with the Park Board to develop the Roger Maris Gardens at Jack

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Williams Stadium and also the monument and Roger Maris Drive at Lindenwood Park...His son John played for the 1969 state champion Fargo team that won the Great Plains Regional and appeared in the World Series and his son Jerry was the bat boy for the Legion program for a number of years...His help in raising funds for the program has been vital and he was named the "Fan of the Year in 1976 for his promotional work for the team...A civil engineer and a graduate of the University of North Dakota, he worked for 40 years for Ulteig Engineering...After retirement he was a member of the Cass Country Water Board and chaired the Fargodome Steering Committee...He has garnered the Greater North Dakota Association award for water work in North Dakota; has received the Silver Beaver and Antelope award from the Boy Scouts of America, and earned the Melvin Jones Award from the Lions for community service...Jim and his wife Dorothy, who passed away in 2003, have eight children, 12 grandchildren, and five great grandchildren...Son Jerry is presently the Manager of Ticket Accounting for the Minnesota Twins.



BERNIE GRANER (Inducted 2007)--

He had an exceptional three-year career (1965-67) for the Fargo American Legion program, winning 24 games over that span with a remarkable 1.30 earned run average... He was the team Most Valuable Player and the state's MVP in 1967, his final campaign...Logged a 4-3 record and a 2.74 ERA as a 16-year-old and followed that with an 8-3 mark and a 1.17 ERA his junior season with 118 strikeouts and just 29 walks in 84 1/3 innings...His senior season was phenomenal with a 12-2 record and a 0.80 ERA...He walked just 22 in 123 innings and struck out an amazing 181 batters...His career marks included a 24-8 won-loss record, just 161 hits allowed in 256 2/3

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innings pitched, 80 walks, 362 strikeouts and a 1.30 ERA...Also had a solid year at the plate as an 18-year-old, hitting .312 with 13 doubles, two triples, three home runs, and 27 RBIs...When he left the program, he owned virtually all the Fargo pitching records and still to this day remains in the Top Five in most categories... He went on to a all-star career at North Dakota State University where he helped NDSU to a North Central Conference championship in 1969 and was a two-time All-Conference performer...He went 7-1 in 1969, establishing school marks for season wins (7), career wins (17), career innings pitched (186 1/3), career strikeouts

(207), career shutouts (4), and season strikeouts (89)...He also held the NCC record in career innings pitched, season strikeouts, and career strikeouts...He is also a member of the NDSU Athletic Hall of Fame...A native of Mandan, ND, his family moved to Fargo where he attended Shanley High School...A 1973 graduate of NDSU, he worked for Steiger Tractor for 18 years before relocating in Waukesha, WI, in 1990.



Johnson

DAVE JOHNSON (Inducted 2007)--A member of the 1969 Fargo American Legion baseball team that won the state title where he was named the state's Most Valuable Player, captured the Great Plains Regional championship, and played in the 1969 American Legion World Series...He was the Most Valuable Player on that 1969 Fargo team, hitting .408 with 12 doubles, six triples and 53 RBIs along with 26 stolen bases...He led the team in batting average, hits (82), triples, and RBIs on a club that went 48-12 under Hall of Fame coach Jerry Harter...He currently ranks in the Top 10 in Fargo Legion baseball history in at bats (first with 589 over four years), hits (first with 208), runs scored (third with 131), doubles (eighth with 30), and stolen bases (third with 84)...He hit .422 in part-time duty as a 15-year-old in 1966, hit .328 in 1967, hit .296 in 1968 before his banner 18-year-old season...He continued his baseball career at the University of North Dakota where he was an All-North Central Conference selection his senior season and Tri-Captain of the Fighting Sioux...After graduation from college, Dave went on to law school at UND, graduating in 1978...He returned to Fargo and has been in private practice for the past 30 years...He is currently a member of the law firm of McNair, Larson, & Carlson, Ltd.



Fiechtner

JEFF FIECHTNER (Inducted 2007)--He was the cornerstone of the Fargo program in the mid-1970s (1974-76) when he led Fargo to two State Championships and a combined 96-55 mark behind his power-hitting and pitching performances...He hit .318 for his career at the plate with 17 home runs, 35 doubles, and 127 RBIs (all second all-time on the Fargo lists)...His senior campaign was his best, hitting .350 with 14 doubles, 11 home runs and 58 RBIs while being named both the team Most Valuable Player and the state's Most Valuable Player...His home run and RBI totals established new Fargo records for a season that have since been broken...His 537 at bats is second all-time and his 171 hits fifth all-time in Fargo history...On the mound, he was exceptional...He fashioned a 21-11 record with a 2.26 ERA over three seasons...He was 9-5 with two saves his senior year with a 1.59 ERA...He is 10th on the career chart for Fargo in appearances (45), eighth in wins (21), seventh in strikeouts (208) and fourth in innings pitched (171 1/3)...Attended junior college at Des Moines Area Community College--Boone Campus where he was All-District and compiled an 18-7 mound record with a 1.96 ERA...He went on to a career at Grand Canyon University in Arizona where his team won back-to-back NAIA national championships in 1980 and 1981...He pitched and won games for Grand Canyon each year in both the Area and National Tournaments...He played two years in the San Diego Padres Organization, reaching the AA level; played four seasons in Western Canadian League where he had a 39-11 mark with a 1.41 ERA including one league championship and the MVP of the league in 1981; and three seasons in Australia where his team won three straight national titles and he was the tournament MVP all three seasons and league MVP his final two seasons... He is a teacher in the Fargo Public Schools where he is the head baseball coach at Fargo North High School, compiling a 214-99 record over nine seasons including one state championship (2002), two state runnerup finishes (2003, 2006), and one third place finish (2004)...His mark includes three Eastern Dakota Conference championships and four EDC Tournament championships...He is a cancer survivor, diagnosed with testicular cancer in 1979 and was awarded the Kathy Miller Courage Award in 1980 by the Phoenix Press Club...He has had two stints as an assistant coach with the Fargo American Legion program, the first time from 1986 through 1988 and again from 1993 through 1996 and is in his first season as the Fargo Legion head coach.



Gorrilla

ED GORRILLA (Inducted in 2008)--Head coach for Fargo American Legion baseball for eight seasons in the 1950s and 1960s...Compiled a 216-104 record from 1955 through the 1962 season including one state championship in 1960...His 216 wins is the

third highest victory total in Fargo Legion history...His teams won over 30 games three times including a 32-8 record in 1957 and 37-16 and 31-17 marks in 1960 and 1961...Gorrilla has been a fixture in the Fargo sporting scene for more than half a century...He was a physical education teacher in the Fargo Public Schools for 35 years including coaching football, basketball, and track and field until his retirement in 1987...He has been the Fargo North High School football stats person for the last 25 years and has been the Fargo Public Schools equipment manager for all secondary schools since his retirement...He has been a member of the North Dakota State University statistical crew in the football press box for more than 50 years and has been the official scorer at NDSU men's basketball games for many decades...His baseball commitment extends beyond the Fargo Legion...He was the Legion coach in Bozeman, Montana in 1949...He coached Glyndon (MN) Babe Ruth for 27 years from 1962 to 1987 and has been the Minnesota Babe Ruth District Director for the last 26 years from 1981 to the present...Gorrilla is a native of Ironwood, Michigan and played football at Montana State University where he earned a bachelor's degree in education...He earned a master's degree from the University of Minnesota in 1952...He served three years in the U.S. Army including 18 months of duty in Europe during World War II.



Kelly

JOHN ED KELLY (Inducted in 2008)--The two-time Most Valuable Player for the Fargo Legion baseball program in the late 1950s, one of only three players in Fargo Legion history to be accorded that honor twice...He was the leader of the 1957 team that went 32-8 and the 1958 squad that was 27-9...His coach, Ed Gorrilla, calls Kelly the best player that he coached over his Hall of Fame career...Kelly was an All-State performer in both football and basketball at Shanley High School in Fargo and attended the University of Minnesota for two years before transferring to Moorhead State University...He earned his degree from MSU in 1964, majoring in business

and education and served in the U.S. Army Reserves from 1963 to 1969...He was employed in the insurance industry as a claims adjuster and claims manager for 40 years, most of that time in Fargo...He retired in 2004 and currently lives on the shores of Little Pine Lake near Perham, Minnesota.



Monson

MARK MONSON (Inducted in 2008)--Standout pitcher for the Fargo Legion from 1967 to 1969 who never had a season ERA over 2.00... Won 25 games with a career ERA of 1.43 with 336 Ks in 302 1/3 innings and a 10-to-2 strikeout-to-walk ratio over nine innings...In single season stats, his 13 wins in 1969 (13-2) is fourth, his 146 strikeouts in 1969 is fifth and his 127 innings pitched in 1969 is second on the list...He was 7-5 as a 16-year-old in 1967 and 5-5 as a 17-year-old in 1968...In career stats, he is 4th in appearances (53), 4th in wins (25-12), 4th in ERA (1.43), 3rd in strikeouts (336), and holds the record for most innings pitched (302 1/3)...Member of the

1969 team that won the state and regional titles and appeared in the World Series... In one of the most impressive efforts in Fargo Legion history, Monson pitched 27 2/3 innings in national competition in 1969 without giving up an earned run when Fargo went 48-12...That included a 1-0 loss to Naugatuck (CT) in the second round of the World Series on an unearned run...He attended the University of North Dakota, graduating in 1974...He earned All-Conference honors in baseball in 1973 and has continued to participate in baseball...He competes in Amateur baseball in the summer in an over-35 league for the past 19 years and has participated in the Roy Hobbs World Series Fall Tournament in Fort Myers, Florida for many years... He resides in Minnetonka, Minnesota where he is the owner of the Rare Coin Depository.



Marsden

DR. RICHARD MARSDEN (Inducted in 2008)--One of the outstanding pitchers in Fargo Legion baseball history...Compiled impressive 7-0 and 9-2 seasons for Fargo Legion in 1965 and 1966 and finished with a 16-2 career mark with a 1.96 ERA...Named to the All-North Central Conference baseball team in three seasons (1968, 1969 and 1970) at North Dakota State... Led the NCC in earned run average in 1968 (0.58), wins in 1970 (5) and strikeouts in 1970 (60)...Compiled a 15-8 mound record at NDSU with a school-record ERA of 1.44...Helped the 1969 Bison team to the league title and a second-place NCAA regional finish... Paced his Bison clubs in at least 10 different pitching

categories over his three varsity seasons, topping team in wins in both 1968 (6-1) and 1970 (5-2)...Holds the single game record for strikeouts with 17 and the single season ERA mark with 0.67 in 1968...Also a two-year letterman in basketball... Inducted into the NDSU Bison Athletic Hall of Fame in 1988...He attended the UND Medical School and Texas Tech School of Medicine before entering the U.S. Army Medical Corps in 1974...He is a diagnostic radiologist, practicing in Fargo since 1981 and has been an associate professor of Radiology at the UND School of Medicine...He presently is the executive partner for Imaging Services at Meritcare Health System and is the former president of the North Dakota chapter of the American College of Radiology...Continuing his involvement in athletics, Marsden served as a member of the Fargo Babe Ruth Baseball Board of Directors for more than 10 years including two years as the president...And, his involvement in his community includes 13 years as a member of the NDSU Alumni Association Board of Directors including two as the president...He has been a member of the NDSU Development Foundation Board of Trustees and the Meritcare Foundation Board of Directors.



Thomas

BRUCE THOMAS (Inducted in 2008)--A key member of the support group for Fargo American Legion baseball in the early 1960s and an important figure in the involvement of the legendary Joe Parmer with the Legion program...He was the manager of the Fargo Legion baseball team for five years (1959 through 1963) when the program compiled a 138-79 record including the state title in 1960...Serving as the Post #2 Athletic Officer, he was instrumental in forming the baseball committee and named Parmer as its chairman, a posting that would last for nearly 40 years and span some of the most successful years in Fargo Legion baseball history...He was involved in the

building of Jack Williams Stadium and even shared bus driving duties during the seasons with Parmer...A native of Milbank, South Dakota, Thomas served in the U.S. Army as a paratrooper in the early 1950s and has been a continuous member of Post #2 for 54 years despite living in Minnesota, Iowa, and Wisconsin during a career with a gas company...Retired, he now lives in Shawano, Wisconsin.



Schilling

BILL SCHILLING (Inducted in 2008)--One of the major cogs in the Fargo Legion baseball program in the 1960s, 1970s, and 1980s, Bill Schilling served for 26 years on the Fargo American Legion Baseball Committee...He was a member of the committee that organized Fargo Babe Ruth Baseball in 1966 and served as president of Fargo's Babe Ruth Baseball League from 1966 to 1970...He coached the Fargo American Legion Babe Ruth baseball team for 10 years and was the manager for the Fargo Bombers Legion baseball team for a decade...He always counted as one of his biggest thrills the Bombers win over the Fargo Legion varsity in 1987 in the state championships...

Schilling served as manager for two Central Plains Babe Ruth Baseball tournaments in Fargo and was manager for various Bomber baseball tournaments in Fargo...He was a member of the 12-man task force that studied baseball's future role in the Olympic games at the National Sports Festival in Syracuse, NY in 1981...And, he served as chairman of the administrative division for the 1983 American Legion Baseball World Series in Fargo...Schilling was a past Commander of the American Legion in Fargo and passed away in 1992.



Rusch

DAVE RUSCH (Inducted in 2009)--Outstanding pitcher and hitter for the Fargo American Legion baseball program over three seasons from 1972 through 1974...The Fargo Legion program was state-runnersup in both 1972 and 1973 and won the championship in 1974 when Rusch was named the state's Most Valuable Player...He was twice named the MVP of the Fargo team (in both 1973 and 1974), one of only four players ever honored twice by the Fargo Legion with that award...His 1974 team went on to finish third in the American Legion regional... He hit .333 his final year in Legion ball, leading the team in runs scored (35), triples (7), and struck out

only 14 times in 182 at bats...On the mound that season (in 1974), he charted a 7-3 record with a 2.69 ERA, striking out 113 batters in 92 2/3 innings...Rusch was 10-3 with a 1.93 ERA as a 17-year-old in 1973...He currently ranks high in a number of career pitching categories for Fargo Legion including appearances (2nd with 54), strikeouts (4th with 311), victories (7th with 22), and innings pitched (7th

with 244 2/3), and one offensive category--triples (8th with 11)...His career marks on the mound at Fargo include a 22-11 record and a 2.50 ERA...He moved on to college where he played one season at the University of North Dakota, leading the Sioux pitchers in strikeouts (43 in 24 innings)...He transferred to Mesa Community College in Arizona where he led the staff with an 8-3 record...Rusch finished his collegiate career at the University of Kansas of the Big Eight Conference where he led the pitching staff win wins (4), strikeouts (40) and innings pitched (65) his junior season...After completing his college eligibility, he returned to Kansas as a baseball graduate assistant in 1979 and was the assistant coach to Jerry Harter and Fargo Post 2 that summer...He was the head coach of Fargo's 16-18 Senior Babe Ruth baseball team from 1986-1991, winning three state titles (1986, 1987 and 1991)...In the spring of 1986, he was the pitching coach for the North Dakota State University Bison baseball team and was the head baseball coach for the Minnesota State-Moorhead club baseball team...He continues to coach pitchers, helping Post 2, youth teams, and doing private instruction...He currently lives in Fargo and is employed by Stellar Trenching.



Tweiten

TIM TWEITEN--One of the best hitters to play in the Fargo Legion program, he was the Most Valuable Player in the state of North Dakota as an 18-year-old when Fargo won the state title...Tweiten hit .356 over his career with 16 doubles, 10 triples and three home runs and just 17 strikeouts in 344 at bats...He hit .386 as an 18-year-old in 1979 when his seven triples ranked as the 5th best in team single season history...His career mound record is 14-5 with a 3.04 ERA in 30 games including a no-hitter in 1979 against West Fargo...He played at North Dakota State University (1980), Indian Hills Community College (1981), and Minnesota

State University-Mankato (1982 & 1983) in college ball...Tweiten was first team All-State for Indian Hills and helped lead that team to the state and region titles while advancing to the Junior College World Series...He had continued success at MSU-Mankato where he helped his team to two North Central Conference titles and two NCAA regional berths...MSUM went 59-21 over his two seasons there and the Mavericks finished second in the NCAA regional both seasons...Since leaving baseball, he has had an outstanding softball career, playing on 10 state championship fast pitch softball squads and two regional championship teams...He has played in 14 Class A National tournaments, two Major ASA National tournaments, six NAFA World tournaments and nine ISC World tournaments...His 2005 team won the NAFA World Championship...Tweiten's team successes have been followed by individual honors...He was a 2nd team ASA All-American in 1986, 1st team All-World in the NAFA AAA World Series in 2003, and 1st team All-World in the NAFA AAA/Open World Series in 2005...He continues to play and compete on a world level...His son Nick was a two-year member of the Fargo Legion team and a starter on the 2005 state championship club...Tim lives in West Fargo.



Foss

DAN FOSS--One of the best pure hitters in Fargo history...His hitting exploits are legendary...He carries a .399 career batting average in Fargo Legion history and ranks high in numerous career categories...Foss is listed 8th in hits (160), 4th in batting average (.399), 9th in runs scored (123), 8th in doubles (30), 4th in triples (13), 6th in RBIs (114), 6th in walks (79), and 6th in steals (62)...In single season batting history, he is 3rd in at bats (255 in 1987), 1st in hits (106 in 1987), 6th in batting average (.416 in 1987), 5th in runs scored (73 in 1987), 3rd in triples (8 in 1987), 1st in RBIs (76 in 1987), 9th in walks (40 in 1986), 3rd in steals (48 in

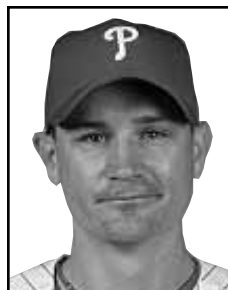
1987), and 4th in sac flies (6 in 1987)...In single season pitching history, he is 7th in wins (12 in 1987)...Beyond the numbers, Foss was the co-Rookie of the Year on the Fargo team in 1986 and co-MVP on the 1987 squad that was 65-14 and finished second in the Great Plains Regional...His two varsity squads finished 109-42...Foss attended Grand Canyon University in Arizona where he played in 142 games over three seasons, earning second team All-Area his junior year when he hit .339 with eight home runs, 57 RBIs and swiped 24 of 32 bases...Foss transferred back to North Dakota State University where he played his senior season in 1991, hitting .390 for the NCAA Division II Bison with nine doubles, two triples, and five home runs...Foss served as an assistant coach for the Bison from 1992 through 1995...He began an outstanding fast pitch softball career in 1990 that ended after the 2007 season...Over that time he was a second team Class C All-American four times, a first team Class C All-American in 1993, a 1st team Class B All-American in 2000, twice a 2nd team All-World ISC II selection and a 1st team All-World ISC II pick in 2004...He is currently a terminal manager for Midwest Motor Express in Fargo.



Sandy

TIM SANDY--Unquestionably one of the premiere players to ever play in the Fargo American Legion program...He did it both at the plate and on the mound, hitting .400 for his career with 19 home runs and 140 RBIs and going 19-4 on the mound with a 2.69 ERA in 34 appearances...Sandy was a member of the 1989 team that won the state and regional titles and appeared in the American Legion World Series...He was the Rookie of the Year for the Fargo Legion in 1988 as a 17-year-old when he hit .404 with eight home runs and drove in 76 while charting a 9-3 pitching record...He followed that up with a co-MVP season for the

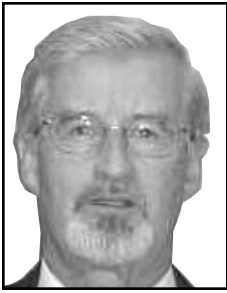
Legion in 1989 when he hit .394 with 11 home runs and 64 RBIs at the plate and charted a 10-1 mound record with a 1.88 ERA...In single season Fargo history, he is 7th in at bats (225 in 1988), 5th in hits (91 in '88), 10th in batting average (.404 in '88), 2nd and 3rd in runs scored (95 in 1989 and 83 in 1988), 5th in doubles (18 in 1989), 1st and 10th in home runs (11 in 1989 and 8 in 1988), 1st and 8th in RBIs (76 in 1988 and 64 in 1989), 1st in walks (67 in 1989), 9th in steals (33 in 1988), and 5th in sac flies (6 in 1988)...In career Fargo history, he is 7th in hits (171), 3rd in batting average (.400), 2nd in runs scored (178), 6th in doubles (31), 2nd in home runs (19), 2nd in RBIs (140), 1st in walks (120), 6th in steals (62), and 8th in pitching strikeouts (196)...He was drafted by the New York Mets in 1989 in the 42nd round and played in the minor leagues in that organization for four seasons after one year at Kishwaukee Junior College near Chicago...He hit .571 with six home runs and 52 RBIs in his one junior college season and signed with the Mets following the season...Tim hit .331 and was named to the All-Star team for the Appalachian League in his first season with the Mets, played Class A ball in Pittsfield, Massachusetts the second season, played in Port St. Lucy, Florida his third campaign, and played both Class AA ball at Binghamton, NY and Class AAA ball in Norfolk, VA during his fourth season in 1993...He asked for his release from the Mets and returned home to be with his wife and newborn daughter in the spring of 1994...Sandy was a standout high school athlete at Fargo Shanley where he competed in track, baseball, hockey, and football, earning All-State honors in both hockey and football for two straight seasons and qualified for the State Meet in track in the sprints...Since returning home to Fargo in 1994, he has been involved in coaching hockey including a stint from 1994 to 2006 with Fargo South High School as an assistant coach, helping that team win three State Championships...Sandy lives in Fargo and has been an insurance agent with Warner and Company for the past 14 years.



Coste

CHRIS COSTE--Strong performer for the Fargo American Legion teams of 1990 and 1991...Hit .335 as a 17-year-old with four home runs and 52 RBIs and charted a 13-3 mound record with a 2.62 ERA while earning co-Rookie of the Year honors...Hit over .300 again for his 18-year-old season in 1991 and was again a standout on the pitching mound...Played college ball at Concordia (Moorhead) where he was a three-time All-American for the Cobbers and a three-time selection as the Most Valuable Player in the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (the MIAC)...Coste hit .442 over his career at Concordia with 19 home runs and 110 RBIs, setting numerous Cobber records

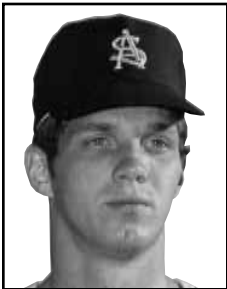
including a .491 batting average in 1994 that is a single season record...He was also a standout on the mound, chalking up a 21-5 mark with seven saves and a 2.11 ERA...Chris worked his way up through the Independent Leagues to the organized minors leagues...He began his professional career in Brandon, Manitoba in 1995 and then spent four seasons with his hometown Fargo-Moorhead Redhawks of the Northern League, hitting .312 or better every season with the Redhawks...He signed a contract with the Cleveland Indians and played for AA Akron and AAA Buffalo in 2000 and 2001, AAA Buffalo in 2002, and then signed with the Boston Red Sox where he played AAA ball for Pawtucket and was on rehab with the Gulf Coast Red Sox during the 2003 season...He was with AAA Indianapolis of the Milwaukee Brewers organization in 2004 and moved to the Philadelphia Phillies organization in 2005 where he was with the AAA Scranton/Wilkes-Barre team...He made his major league debut with the Philadelphia Phillies in 2006 as a 33-year-old rookie, playing in 65 games with the Phils while hitting .328...He played in 48 games in 2007 with Philadelphia, hitting 279 and played in 98 games in 2008 with the World Champion Phillies, hitting .263 with nine home runs 36 RBIs...Coste split his time in 2009 between Philadelphia and Houston and finished with a .224 average, two home runs and 18 RBIs...He is the third player from the Fargo Legion to play major league baseball and all three have World Series rings...His 4-year major league career covers 299 games with a batting average of .272 with 23 home runs and 108 RBIs...He resides in Fargo during the off-season.



McNair

MIKE McNAIR (Inducted in 2010)--Outstanding pitcher for the Fargo Legion program from 1960 through 1963...He helped the Fargo Legion team to the state title as a lefthanded relief pitcher as a 15-year-old in 1960 and was a mainstay for the Fargo team for the next three seasons...Those four teams charted a 119-60 record over that span...He was named Fargo's Rookie of the Year in 1960 and was the Fargo team Most Valuable Player in 1963...He went on to pitch for the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers in the Big 10 Conference for two seasons (1966-67)...His 1.43 earned run average for the 1966 season is still ranked as the third best in Minnesota history...His 0.53 ERA in Big

10 play in 1966 is also the third best in school history...Over the course of his career at Minnesota, McNair finished with a 2.17 ERA, the 8th best in school history... McNair graduated from the University of Minnesota and attended Law School there...He currently lives in Fargo and is a member of the law firm McNair, Larson, & Carlson, Ltd.



Jacobson

KENT JACOBSON (Inducted in 2010)--Outstanding performer for the Fargo Legion team for three seasons from 1967 to 1969...Member of the 1969 team that won the state and regional titles and appeared in the World Series...His best campaign in Legion ball was as a 17-year-old in 1968 when he hit .303 with two home runs and 22 RBIs and logged a 9-4 mound record with a 1.75 ERA...His career totals at the plate include a .251 batting average with 14 doubles, six triples, two home runs, and 48 RBIs...On the mound, he finished with a 17-7 record and a 2.66 ERA...The Fargo Legion finished with a 113-45 record over his three seasons...He went on to play college ball

at Arizona State where he was a three-year letterman as an outfielder, playing in 109 games for the Sun Devils with a career batting average of .283 with 16 doubles, five triples, eight home runs, and 60 RBIs...He hit .204 for ASU in 1970 in 31 games, played in 53 games in 1971 when he hit .293 with four home runs, and hit .352 in 1972 in just 25 games with four home runs...Drafted by the Milwaukee Brewers in the 7th round in 1972, he went on to have a successful minor league career, playing four seasons at Double-A, reaching Triple-A Wichita in 1977...He hit .285 with 10 home runs and 73 RBIs in Wichita for the Chicago Cubs top farm club...He currently lives in Phoenix, Arizona area and works in the insurance industry.



Glass

DAVE GLASS (Inducted in 2010)--Outstanding speedster who holds both the career and single season records for stolen bases in Fargo Legion history...He played three seasons in the Fargo program, posting a .367 batting average over his final two seasons...Those teams compiled a 109-42 record over his final two years including a Fargo record 65 win in 1987 (65-14)...He hit .402 his final year for Fargo in 1987 and stole 72 bases and scored 113 runs--both single season records... He is ranked high in a number of other single season categories including second in at bats (259 in 1987), second in hits (104 in 1987), and second in walks (62 in 1987)...In career statistics, he is the all-time Fargo

leader in runs scored (187) and stolen bases (110) and ranks second in hits (187) and walks (101)...Dave was the Co-Most Valuable Player on the 1987 squad... He moved on to play his college ball at Grand Canyon University where he was a four-year letterman as a first baseman/outfielder...His team advanced to the 1990 NAIA World Series before moving into the NCAA Division I ranks his senior year in 1991...He has lived in Arizona for the past 22 years and continues to live in the Phoenix area and works in the electrical power industry.



Cornelius

OLLIE CORNELIUS (Inducted in 2011)--Played for the Fargo Legion from 1963 to 1965 when those teams combined for a 77-37 overall record...Standout player his final season both as a hitter and pitcher...Hit .364 at the plate to lead the 1965 team in hits, doubles, and RBIs...His 17 doubles in '65 set a club record and currently ranks 9th in single season history...He logged a 13-3 record on the mound with a 1.80 ERA...The 13 wins ranks 4th in single season history...Cornelius pitched 130 1/3 innings that season, striking out 158 batters and walking just 39...His 1965 strikeout total is 2nd and his innings pitched that year is 1st in single

season history...Cornelius graduated from Fargo Central High School where he also played football and attended North Dakota State University for one year...He has had a career in the real estate field and lives with his wife in Austin, Texas.



Honl

JIM HONL (Inducted in 2011)--Played for the Fargo Legion in 1983 and 1984...Those teams compiled a 104-31 record in those two seasons including the North Dakota state championship in 1983 when the club went 58-15...Outstanding performer in the field, at the plate, and on the mound...Holds the 5th highest career batting average in Fargo history with a .392 mark and his hit total of 167 is 10th...Ranks 5th in career triples with 12 and is 6th in walks with 82...A standout baserunner as well, he stole 43 career bases...His .453 batting average in 1984 is the best in Fargo history... His 86 hits that year is 7th while his 45 walks in 1983 is 8th...His mound exploits are legendary...He was 12-1 in 1983 with a 3.27 ERA and followed that up with an

11-2 mark in 1984 with a 1.75 ERA...His career totals were 23-3 with a 2.51 ERA... The victories are the 6th highest total in Fargo Legion history and his winning percentage of 85.5 percent is the best of any Fargo pitcher with 20 or more wins... He went on to play college baseball where he was a four-year letterman at North Dakota State compiling a career batting mark of .285 in 168 games at the plate and charted a 10-15 mound record...Honl graduated from Fargo South High School and earned a BS degree in business administration at North Dakota State in 1988...He is married with one son and one daughter...He has been in the banking industry for the last 26 years including the last six years with US Bank...Honl's commitment to the Fargo Legion program extends beyond his playing days...He served as the groundskeeper at Jack Williams stadium for three seasons and was coach on the 1987 Fargo Bombers team that won the 1987 State Class B championship.



Barnholdt

BRIAN BARNHOLDT (Inducted in 2011)--Played for the Fargo Legion for three seasons from 1978 through 1980, helping the team to a combined 115-54 record including the 1979 state championship... Standout hitter who hit .324 in '78, .303 in '79, and .424 in '80...He ranks high in many offensive season and career categories...He is 3rd in season batting average (.424 in 1980), 1st in season doubles (21 in 1980), 9th in season home runs (9 in 1980), and 4th in season RBIs (72 in 1980)...His career totals include 2nd in doubles (38), 6th in home runs (13), 4th in MVP (124), and 4th in walks (85)...He was the Team MVP in 1980 and finished with a career batting average of .357...Barnholdt played college ball at Indian Hills

Community College in Iowa for two seasons and finished his career at Winona State University, hitting .484 his senior year while helping the Warriors to a conference championship in 1984...He was team captain, All-Conference, and All-Regional that season...He has continued his baseball endeavors on the amateur level where he was the co-MVP of the state while winning the 1982 North Dakota Amateur title and helped his team to the 1989 North Dakota crown...He has played baseball in Colorado as well since moving to that state...He currently lives near Grand Junction, Colorado and has been in the financial services industry for 24 years and is currently the mortgage-lending manager for the Bank of Colorado in Grand Junction.

1969 WORLD SERIES TEAM--This is the first team in Fargo history to reach the American Legion World Series...The team posted a 48-12 record and went 5-1 in the Central Plains Regional, winning the title with 2-0 and 5-2 wins over Collinsville, Illinois...However, Fargo fell to Towson (MD) 4-3 and Naugatuck (CT) 1-0 in the World Series...Members of that team included head coach Jerry Harter, Mike Ibach, Tom Fleck, Rod Cusic, Mark Monson, Mickey Anderson, Dave Jonson, Bob Issac, Chuck Lang, Carl Oberholtzer, Curt Smith, Kent Jacobson, Mike Miller, Brian Neugebauer, Greg Schwartzwalter, Greg Selbo, Steve Madsen, and Mike VavRosky.

1989 WORLD SERIES TEAM--This team compiled a 55-12 mark under head coach Jerry Harter and captured the Central Plains Regional with a 5-1 mark including a 7-4 win over Sioux Falls in the championship game...Fargo captured its opening round game with a 6-2 win over Richmond, Virginia but bowed out with losses to Gonzalez, Louisiana and Guaynabo, Puerto Rico...Members of that team included Scott Philbrick, Chad Evenson, Jim Jamieson, Dan Schmidt, Ty Devine, Matt Boudjout, Donn Bryant, Chad McQuillan, Chris Holland, Greg Stephens, Chris Marsden, Ken Astrup, Chad Nelson, Tim Sandy, Mike Foley, Kelly Lancaster, Rick Helling, and Lance Mindt. Harter was assisted by Jeff Miller and John

Hamann.

1992 WORLD SERIES TEAM--This is the third and last Fargo Legion team to reach the American Legion World Series...The 1992 club logged a 65-12 mark in winning the North Dakota state title and the Regional championship...That club was directed by Hall of Fame coach Jerry Harter...The Fargo team appeared in the World Series that was played in its home town of Fargo, charting a 1-2 record , bowing out to Brooklawn Park, New Jersey...Members of that 1992 team included Chris Meier, Eric Iverson, Ryan Such, Jeff Stevens, Corey Moos, Brannon Weigel, Jared Johnson, Mike Martin, Jeremy Holm, Chris Kambeitz, Mike Amundson, Josh Deibert, Jeff Collins, Dave Grangaard, Gene Summerville, Chris Dardis, Matt Fey, Chad McClaffin, and Keith Bergseth.

The 2012 class will be inducted in early February at the Holiday Inn. The class will be announced later this year.