
Honoring and Preserving the Sports History of Chautauqua County



Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame

15 West Third Street - Jamestown, NY 14701

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Help Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame Celebrate its 40th Anniversary!



The Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame is excited to announce that from June 1st through 11th, we will be participating in Give Big CHQ! This online event, sponsored by the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation, is a great way to get our community excited about giving locally, with an amazing opportunity to raise funds for the CSHOF and nearly 100 other not-for-profits who will be participating.

In 2020 the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame will be marking 40 years of operation that will culminate with our 40th annual Induction Banquet on February 15th 2021. We think it is appropriate to recognize this

historic milestone. The CSHOF has designed a campaign titled "40 and Forward" in which supporters of our mission - to Honor and Preserve the Sports History of Chautauqua County - can donate \$10, \$20, \$30 or \$40 to thank the countless number of volunteers who have brought the CSHOF to this threshold over the past four decades.

Check out our fundraising page here:

<https://www.givebigchq.org/organizations/chautauqua-sports-hall-of-fame>

Please mark June 1st -11th on your calendar and thank you for supporting the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame and our mission to honor and preserve the sports history of Chautauqua County.

Save the Date - CSHOF Picnic



IF PERMITTED, the annual CSHOF picnic will be **Monday, August 10th**, 5:00 p.m., at the Lakewood Rod and Gun Club. All CSHOF members and a guest are cordially invited to attend free of charge. Last year nearly 150 folks enjoyed a wonderful evening of camaraderie. Hope to see you there. **Reservations are required:** randy28@netsync.net or 716 640-6219.

FROM THE CSHOF ARCHIVES: SATCHEL PAIGE

Satchmo Pitches Here, But It Takes Some Doings After Rhubarb In Erie

By Scrubby Olson, The Post-Journal, August 16, 1959



Booking a touring baseball club into a local ball yard can be a hazardous proposition, especially when Leroy "Satchel" Paige is the key attraction.

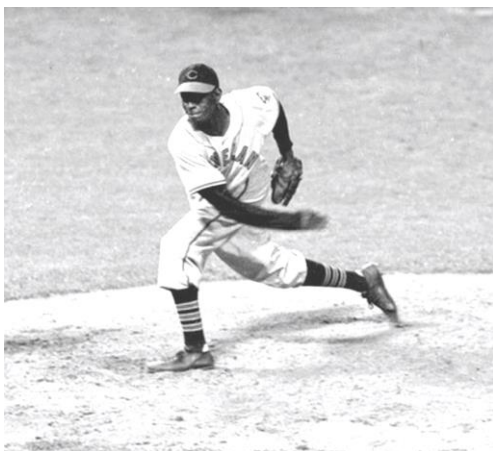
Seems Ol' Satchmo pulled out of a pitching commitment in Erie, Pa., yesterday after a financial squabble with the tour's promoter. So when he arrived at Municipal Stadium with the Cuban All-Stars he kept local JayCee officials in a dither until finally consenting to pitch.

He limited his mound work, however, to two scoreless

innings, giving up one hit, as the hard-hitting Cubans beat the Inter-City League cream-of-the-crop, 9-0

Successful Promotion

The exhibition attracted 550 payees and was dubbed “a mild success” by Chairman Bert Wallen. Because of the problems in Erie, the Cubans were late-arriving, causing a one-hour, five minutes delay.



Paige, using a variation of pitches, including his “blooper ball,” sidearm fastball and curve, faced only seven swingers in his two-inning stint, striking out the side in the sixth. Left Spetz of the locals timed a “hesitation” pitch perfectly and lined a shot to centerfield for the only hit off the ageless wonder.

Other than Spetz’s safety, the Cuban’s burly Gene Cowan handcuffed the IC-Leaguers allowing just three hits, two by Rog DuBois and “Lefty” Lyle Parkhurst’s line single. The winners banged out 13 hits including four doubles.

Wigley Stars

Until a late defensive let down, the Inter-City Leaguers matched Paige’s club gem-for-gem. Second baseman Jack Wigley pulled off two sparkling plays to keep the home side within striking range. And little Lou Cummings nailed a runner at third base with feet to spare, unleashing a fine throw from his centerfield position.

The Cubans looked like major leaguers in the first inning when they teed off on Bruce Bullock’s right hand serves. But because of Cummings’ peg and Mike Valdes’ failure to touch first base, an error, two singles and a double accounted for only one Cuban run.

Bullock settled down and had retired eight in a row when the Cubans exploded for four sixth inning runs. Bob Winterburn was called on to retire the side and pitch the seventh. The visitors crossed a pair of unearned runs on a two-out infield error and Pete Adazabel’s double.

Cash Prizes Offered

Ted Wyberanec was the most effective of the four pitchers used by Manager Elmer Osborne, setting the Cubans down in 1-2-3 order in the eighth. The final IC hurler, Denny Swan, deserved a better fate as a couple of ninth inning errors and two singles added two more runs to the Cubans’ total.

Despite the 17 hits, none of the players were able to cash in the awards donated by local Keystone Gasoline dealer Ken Peterson. He offered \$10 for the first home run and \$5 for the first triple. The amount was contributed by the Jamestown Merchants’ treasury.

Frank Hyde provided a few behind-the-scenes details of Paige's shenanigans that day in his June 13, 1964 P-J column:

Ol' Satchel Paige sat in his car outside Municipal Stadium, now College Stadium, looking at a reporter through the rolled-down window. "What is your ultimate goal in baseball," the scribe asked.

"Maybe I'll be elected to the Hall of Fame," Ol' Satch grinned. The other men who walked up to the car that night were not grinning. Satch had come to Jamestown that night, five years ago, as the attraction offered by a touring team, and to say that Paige was the main attraction would be putting it mildly.

The men were JayCee members and they were angry. The game was in progress and word had spread that Satch was "indisposed and unable to play."

"Satch, you either pitch at least an inning or we won't pay," one of the men said bluntly.

Ol' Satchmo smiled at the very attractive gal that was sitting next to him in the car, uncoiled his lanky frame and got out. "Maybe I'll go toss a few," he apologized to the lady. And he did, much to the delight of the 500 or so fans.

CSHOF postscripts:

Satchel Paige was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1971, the first veteran of the Negro Leagues to be so honored.



Paige was born in Mobile, AL in 1906. He was 53 at the time of his last appearance in Jamestown. He had previously pitched at Municipal Stadium on June 28, 1954 for the Harlem Globe Trotters baseball team. The Trotters defeated another famous barnstorming team, the House of David, 9-4, with Satch throwing two scoreless innings and hitting a single.

Six inductees of the CSHOF played against the Paige led Cuban All-Stars: **Bob Winterburn, Jack Wigley, Lyle Parkhurst, Ted Wyberanec, Jack Fulford, and Roger MacTavish.** Game umpire **Joe Nalbhone** and sportswriters **Scrubby Olson** and **Frank Hyde** are also CSHOF honorees.