

- CONGRATULATIONS GO OUT TO OUR 2015 INDUCTEES -



STEVE ANSON

WASHBURN UNIVERSITY'S LONGEST-TENURED HEAD BASEBALL COACH WITH A RECORD OF 846-794 (1986-2014). COACH OF THE YEAR 1996, MIAA COACH OF THE YEAR 1990. AS A PLAYER, BIG EIGHT BATTING TITLE HOLDER LHM, IN 1974. MEMBER, KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY ALL-CENTURY BASEBALL TEAM.



MIKE BURTON

LONG-TIME COORDINATOR OF BASEBALL PROGRAM OPERATIONS AT SILVER LAKE'S AMERICAN LEGION POST 166 IN THAT ROLE, FACILITATED EIGHT STATE LEGION CHAMPIONSHIP BEAGONS SINCE 1991. ALSO HAS VOLUNTEERED IN SUPPORT OF THE SILVER LAKE HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL PROGRAM.



GIL CARTER

OUTFIELDER BEST KNOWN FOR HIS HITTING HOPE RUN - ESTIMATED AT 70 FEET - WHILE PLAYING FOR THE CARLSBAD POTAMERS IN 1959, STARTING LEFT FIELDER FOR THE WICHITA DREAMLINERS, NATIONAL SEMI-PRO CHAMPIONS IN 1962 AND 1965 MEMBER, 1960 NORTHERN LEAGUE ALL-STAR TEAM. MEMBER, 1962 NBC ALL-AMERICAN TEAM.



DICK COOLEY

TOPEKA OUTFIELDER/FIRST BASEMAN WHO PLAYED IN THE MAJOR LEAGUES BETWEEN 1961 AND 1968. HAD A .294 BATTING AVERAGE IN 5,346 AT-BATS. OWNER, TOPEKA WHITE SOX (1986-1993) MANAGER, TOPEKA MINOR LEAGUE TEAM (1996, 1998-10, 1914, 1922). WON WESTERN ASSOCIATION PENNANTS IN 1988 AND 1989.



JOHN DEEDRICK

TOPEKAN WHO HAS LIMITED BASEBALL GAMES FOR 36 YEARS INCLUDING THOSE PLAYED BY AMERICAN LEGION, COLLEGE, HIGH SCHOOL, JUNIOR COLLEGE, AND SUMMER COLLEGIATE TEAMS. SERVED AS BASEBALL SUPERVISOR FOR THE MIAA AND HEART OF AMERICA COLLEGE CONFERENCES. ORGANIZED AT MORE THAN 20 KANSAS STATE HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TOURNAMENTS.



BOB HENTZEN

LONGTIME SPORTS WRITER WHO PENNED MORE THAN A 900 COLUMNS IN 36 YEARS WITH THE TOPEKA CAPITAL JOURNAL. HENTZEN COVERED ALL SPORTS, BUT WAS PARTICULARLY FOND OF BASEBALL. HE REGULARLY COVERED THE ROYALS, LONGTIME COACH FOR A TOPEKA WOMAN'S SOFTBALL TEAM. NAMED KANSAS SPORTS WRITER OF THE YEAR A RECORD 15 TIMES.



HPBA 75 YEARS

SPONSORING ORGANIZATION FOR THE LONGEST CONTINUOUS YOUTH BASEBALL PROGRAM IN SHARPELLE COUNTY WHICH IS OBSERVING ITS 75TH YEAR IN 2015. SINCE ITS INCEPTION, HPBA HAS SERVED THOUSANDS OF YOUTH, PRIMARILY FROM HIGHLAND PARK AND NORTHEAST TOPEKA. NOW KNOWN AS THE TOPEKA BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION.