



Jack Phillips
Stadium Dedication
May 3, 2008



Jack Phillips

Jack Dorn Phillips (Stretch)

Bats: Right, **Throws:** Right

Height: 6' 4", **Weight:** 193 lb.

School: Clarkson University

Debut: 8/22/47

Born: 9/6/21, Clarence, NY

Transactions

Prior to 1943 Season: Signed by the New York Yankees as an amateur free agent.

August 6, 1949: Purchased by the Pittsburgh Pirates from the New York Yankees.

September 4, 1954: Traded by the Pittsburgh Pirates to the Chicago White Sox for Jim Baumer and cash.

December 6, 1954: Traded by the Chicago White Sox with Leo Cristante and Ferris Fain to the Detroit Tigers for Bob Nieman, Walt Dropo, and Ted Gray.

April 30, 1957: Traded by the Detroit Tigers to the Boston Red Sox for Karl Olson.

Year	Ag	Tm	Lg	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	CS	BB	SO	BA	OBP	SLG	*
1947	25	<u>NY</u>	<u>AL</u>	16	36	5	10	0	1	1	2	0	0	3	5	.278	.333	.417	
1948	26	<u>NY</u>	<u>AL</u>	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.000	.000	.000	
1949	27	TOT		63	147	22	41	7	2	1	13	2	0	16	15	.279	.350	.374	
		<u>NY</u>	<u>AL</u>	45	91	16	28	4	1	1	10	1	0	12	9	.308	.388	.407	
		<u>PIT</u>	<u>NL</u>	18	56	6	13	3	1	0	3	1	1	4	6	.232	.283	.321	
1950	28	<u>PIT</u>	<u>NL</u>	69	208	25	61	7	6	5	34	1	1	20	17	.293	.355	.457	
1951	29	<u>PIT</u>	<u>NL</u>	70	156	12	37	7	3	0	12	1	2	15	17	.237	.304	.321	
1952	30	<u>PIT</u>	<u>NL</u>	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	.000	
1955	33	<u>DET</u>	<u>AL</u>	55	117	15	37	8	2	1	20	0	0	10	12	.316	.364	.444	
1956	34	<u>DET</u>	<u>AL</u>	67	224	31	66	13	2	1	20	1	1	21	19	.295	.354	.384	
1957	35	<u>DET</u>	<u>AL</u>	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	.000	
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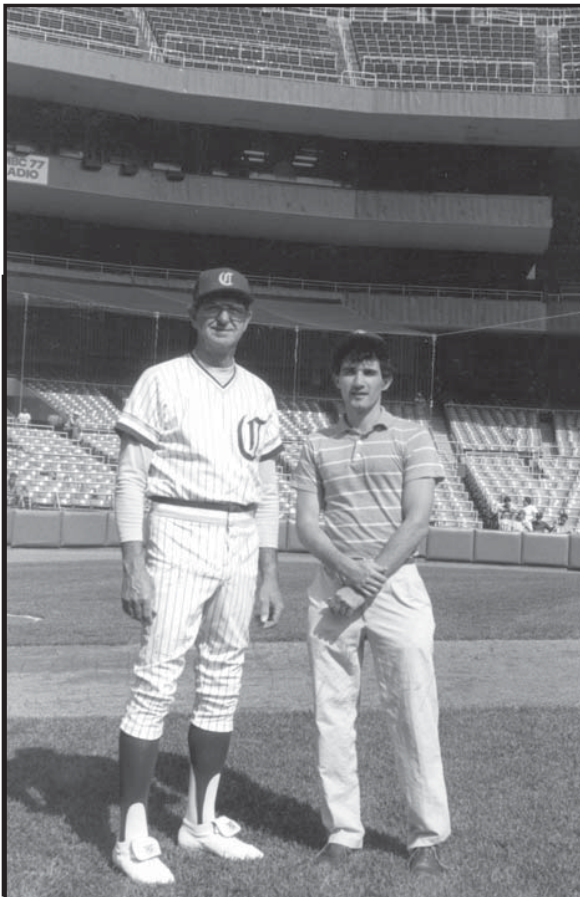
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A NOTE FROM THE OFFICE OF SPORTS INFORMATION

It was with great pleasure that this small tribute to Jack Phillips was created. This honor is long in coming and everyone in Clarkson Athletics is thrilled to see it happen. To call Jack an icon for Clarkson and the Potsdam community is a vast understatement. He stepped on to the Clarkson campus nearly seven decades ago and the place hasn't been the same since. The indelible memories created by Jack as an athlete, a coach, and as a person in general make him a local heirloom.

After his playing career came to an end, Jack couldn't resist the urge to return to Potsdam and impart his wisdom to new generations of athletes at Clarkson University. He, along with a scant few others, helped run the athletic department and he has seen it expand dramatically over the years. More than a decade after his "retirement" from coaching, Jack still shared the Sports Information office with Gary Mikel, as Jack could not let go of teaching the art of sports, helping out Bill Bergan as the assistant golf coach up until 2001. Only ill health has kept him from continuing to impart knowledge to unsuspecting athletes who happened to be shooting around in the gymnasium, throwing a baseball, or even walking through the halls to find their coach. Starry eyed kids at summer camps often received speeches from Jack as well, usually parting the show with an autographed glove, hat, or baseball. Whether the athlete was a seven-year-old or a senior in college, each of them was the richer for stopping and listening to Jack, even if they were not sure exactly who this kindly older, yet gregarious, gentlemen was.

Conversations with Jack certainly don't end quickly, but that is part of the beauty of spending time with him. Discussions can take odd turns, often jumping from baseball to local news to his



Coach Jack Phillips and Clarkson Sports Information Director Gary Mikel at Yankee Stadium in 1989.

"Ultimate Home Run" in 1950 to your eating habits to a day at Clarkson in 1940 in a convertible and back to baseball. "You see, Tommy, it's all connected," he'll often say. The tangents *do* somehow all connect, leaving the listener with nothing to do but to shake their head in admiration for Jack's sharp mind. There is no subject that Jack enjoys more than baseball, and he will talk for hours about the inefficiencies of Bud Selig, the transgressions of Pete Rose, and his love for the New York Yankees, the team with which he signed a professional contract while still at Clarkson. The Yankees run of World Series Championships is something that Jack remains proud of, and he can occasionally be seen sporting his favorite souvenir from the 1947 New York Yankees, a World Series ring.

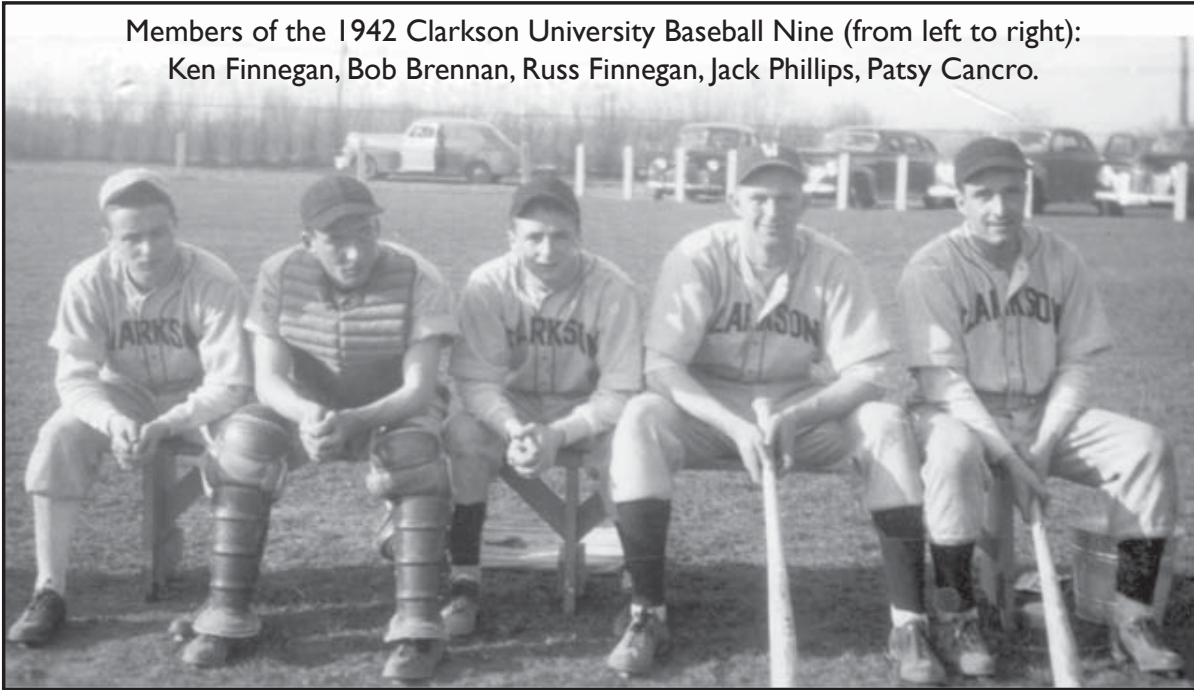
Hopefully, Jack Phillips Stadium at Snell Field will rank a close second to the ring, upon its completion. There is no one at Clarkson who deserves a living monument more than Jack.

*Tommy Szarka
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Clarkson University*

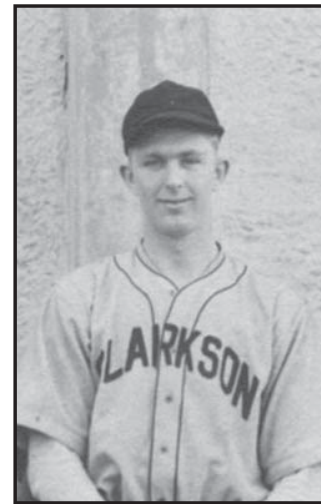
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THE LIFE OF JACK

Members of the 1942 Clarkson University Baseball Nine (from left to right):
Ken Finnegan, Bob Brennan, Russ Finnegan, Jack Phillips, Patsy Cancro.



Rather than spending a few thousand words describing the life of Jack, it seemed more fitting to let the pictures do the talking. After countless hours of combing through the archives, there appears to be more than enough pictorial history to give young and old an easy idea of how Jack developed into a local icon. If anyone would like copies of these pictures, please visit www.clarksonathletics.com and click on the feature regarding Jack on the baseball page.



*Jack at age 19
from the 1941
team photo.*



*Clarkson University
Baseball, 1942, in the
middle of a three-year
run that would see the
team post a 34-7 record.
Jack is the third from
the left in the front row.*

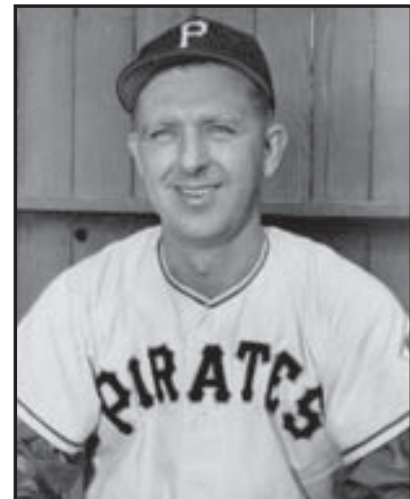


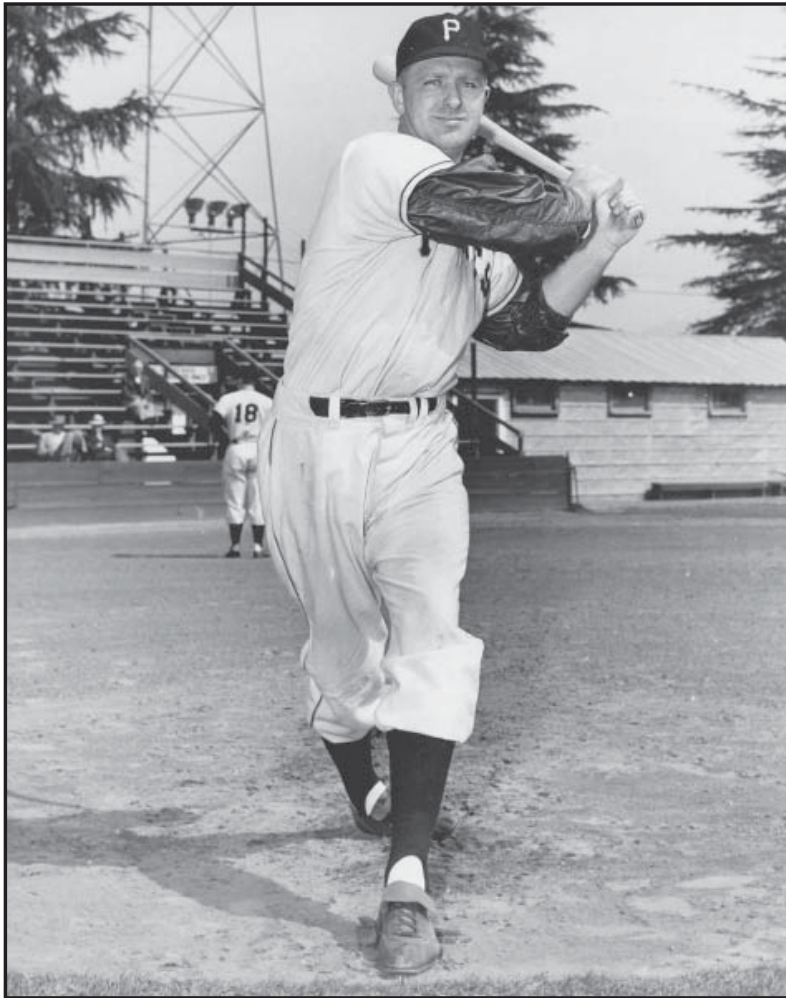
Emerson Roser (left) and Jack (right) were the first two, and remain as the only, Clarkson ballplayers to reach the major leagues. Though the two never played in the bigs together, they appeared in uniform together at spring training. Jack would have spent his springs with the Yankees in Atlantic City, NJ (1944-45) and St. Petersburg, FL (1946-49).



Hall of Fame manager Bucky Harris (left) looks ahead as Jack awaits instructions for his next workout at spring training in 1948. The two won a World Series together in 1947 over the Brooklyn Dodgers. Jack would outlast Harris as a Yankee. The immortal manager would be done in New York at season's end.

*Jack was sold to the Pittsburgh Pirates in August 1949, ending his stint with New York. The Yankees would go on to win five consecutive World Series titles, but Jack would enjoy his best seasons in a Pirates uniform.
(Photo courtesy of National Baseball Hall of Fame)*





While with the Pirates, Jack forged many relationships that he still enjoys today, including his fond friend Ralph Kiner, a 1975 Hall of Fame selection. In 1950, Jack produced his best career numbers, hitting .293 with a slugging percentage of .457. He played in 69 games that season, and his batting average would have placed him just 10 points out of the top 10 in the National League that year had he the at bats to qualify. (Photo courtesy of National Baseball Hall of Fame)

Jack was a fine fielder and proved to be a very versatile player for the Pirates. It was with Pittsburgh that Hall of Fame general manager Branch Rickey considered converting him to shortstop, an outlandish idea considering that, at 6'4", Jack would be the biggest shortstop in major league history. His strong arm also had him in the running as a pitcher, and he did once come on in a major league game to close out the final five innings, allowing four runs and striking out two.

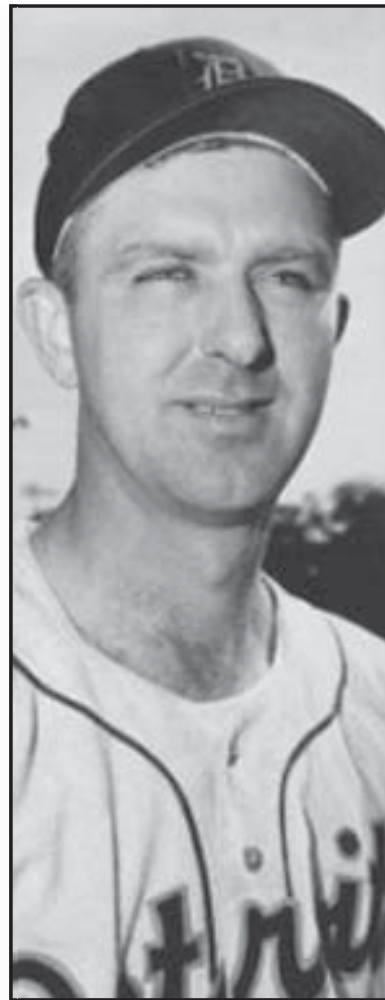


In all, Jack appeared at five different positions on the diamond: first base (264 games), third base (11 games), second base (1 game), left field (1 game), and pitcher (1 game). He finished his career with a .984 fielding percentage. (Photo courtesy of National Baseball Hall of Fame)



Following his stint with the Pirates, Jack headed out to the Pacific Coast League, which was long considered the unofficial third major league. Jack was a stand-out with the Hollywood Stars of the PCL. Just a few years later, the major leagues would make their way to California when the Dodgers and Giants moved their franchises

to Los Angeles and San Francisco.



Jack returned to the major leagues in 1955 with the Detroit Tigers after a trade from the Chicago White Sox organization. He proved to be a solid role player for the Tigers, batting .316 in 117 at bats, and .295 in 224 at bats during the 1956 season. He would appear in just a single game in 1957 for the Tigers and was acquired by the Boston Red Sox that year via trade,

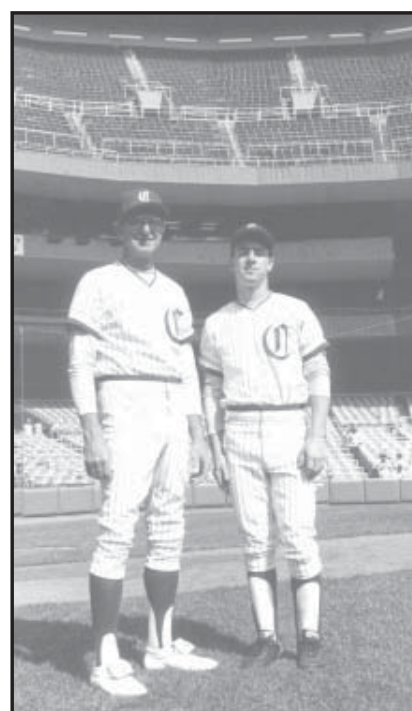
but would never play again at the major league level. (Photo courtesy of National Baseball Hall of Fame)



Though his major league career may have ended in Detroit, Jack continued to compete at the professional level. Here he poses with three teammates (left to right: Joe Caffie, Luke Easter, Jack, Ray Noble) of the Buffalo Bisons from the American Association in the late-1950s. Jack had two impressive seasons with the Bisons in 1958 and 1959 before moving on to a coaching career.



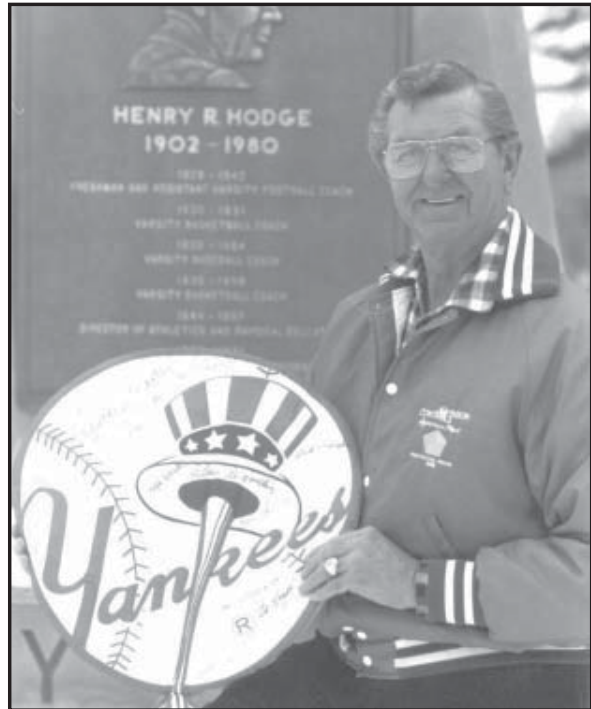
Above is a team photo from the 1965 season, the first year in which Jack served as the head coach of the Clarkson University Baseball team, replacing long time skipper Hank Hodge. The Green and Gold compiled a record of 6-9-1 in their first season under Jack, but enjoyed four consecutive winning seasons to close out the decade.



Obviously, Jack forged numerous lifelong relationships over the years with his players. Here are several photographs of Jack coaching and posing with his seniors, captains and other top players.



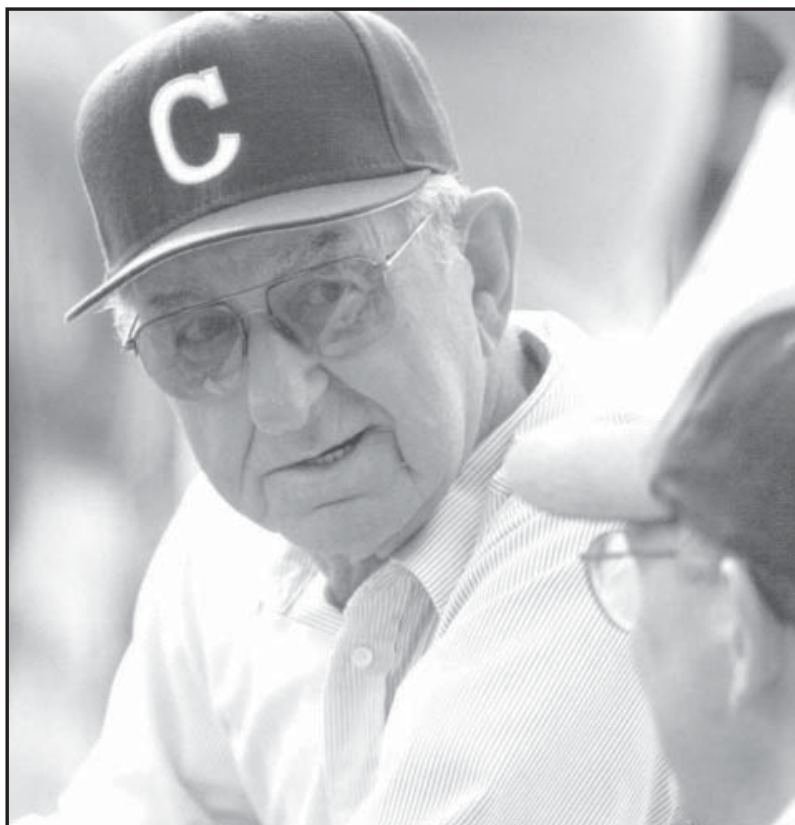
The circle of former professional ball-players is a tight one. Here, Jack and former minor leaguer Paul Patterson (left) pose for a picture at Snell Field.



To say that Jack fondly remembers his time with the Yankees would be a vast understatement. He counted Joe Dimaggio, Yogi Berra, and Phil Rizzuto, all Hall of Famers, as friends. He often has called upon his Yankee brethren to make donations to local schools through autographed pictures for fundraising purposes.



Even in retirement, Jack has proven to be a fixture at Clarkson baseball home games. In the last decade, the Golden Knights have achieved as much success as any other Clarkson baseball team since Jack led the team to a flawless 19-0 mark in his final collegiate playing days in 1943. Without the foundation that he built then, and throughout his 24-year coaching career, the Clarkson program would be a shadow of its current self, and the considerable improvements to the ball-field itself likely never would have come to pass.



COACHING



*Al Rothermel '48, Jack Phillips '43, Bill Fiesinger '37
Clarkson Baseball Alumni Weekend 2003*

From 1965 to 1988, Jack Phillips coached over 300 student-athletes, just in the sport of baseball. In addition to those ballplayers, Jack also coached hundreds more in both cross country and golf, guiding the boys on the links into the 21st century as an assistant coach.

“Both in his playing and, especially, in his coaching, Jack has been a full-time promoter of Clarkson Athletics. Baseball has turned out a lot of good men because of him.” -- Jack Phillips, Jr., on his form for nominating his father for the Clarkson University Athletic Hall of Fame.

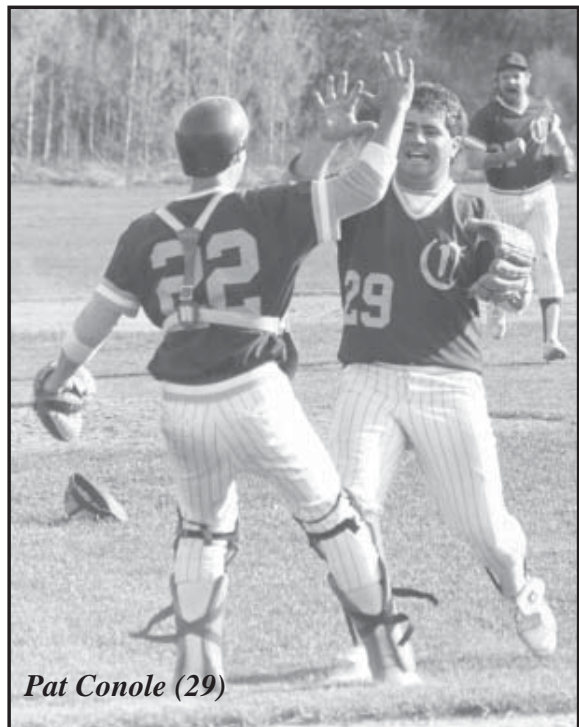
On the following three pages is a list of ballplayers who learned the game from Jack. Unfortunately, the rosters of the 1969 and 1970 teams are missing, but every player who pulled on a Clarkson uniform from 1965 to 1988 should be listed, providing evidence of the impact that Jack had on Clarkson men for a quarter of a century, and beyond.

**Note - Any misspellings or omissions of the names is because past rosters have been taken from old yearbooks.*

Year	Clarkson Record
1965	6-9-1
1966	7-6
1967	8-4
1968	7-6
1969	8-5
1970	6-7
1971	4-10
1972	unavailable
1972-73	12-11
1973-74	unavailable
1974-75	3-9
1975-76	18-10
1976-77	14-14
1977-78	18-12
1978-79	9-22
1979-80	9-22
1980-81	10-14
1981-82	8-17
1983	2-11
1984	3-12
1985	3-15
1986	4-11-2
1987	4-10
1988	9-12

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Mark Abbot.....	1985-86	Billy Demo.....	1983-85
Jeff Adams.....	1988	Todd Deppe.....	1985-87
Jim Anderson.....	1973	Roy DiBartolomeo.....	1976-80
Jeff Andes.....	1972-74	Donn Diefenbacher.....	1982-83
Russ Audycki.....	1971-73	Gregg Diefenbacher.....	1980
Richard Avis.....	1975	Darryl Dillenback.....	1967-68
Jeff Babbie.....	1981-83	Paul Dobrowolski.....	1976-78
Brian Baker.....	1982-83	John Doherty.....	1980-83
Ritchie Barden.....	1967	Dave Donohue.....	1965
Jim Barhite.....	1972-75	Jim Douglas.....	1979-80
Kelly Beaubien.....	1975	Mike Downey.....	1968, 71
Bob Becker.....	1977	Robert Duchow.....	1986-88
Joe Becker.....	1978	Keith Duncan.....	1975-78
Mike Bissonette.....	1977-79	Michael Dunn.....	1979-80
Bill Blackwood.....	1976	James Eats.....	1977-80
Doug Bohnel.....	1988	Dave Eddy.....	1979-80
Richard Boprey.....	1980	Ken Ellis.....	1979
George Borell.....	1979-82	John Ettinger.....	1984
Metro Breski.....	1967	Paul Fasulo.....	1965-66
Bill Brinkman.....	1971	Doug Fernandez.....	1971
Pat Bronchetti.....	1980-83	N. Fisher.....	1968
Joe Brophy.....	1983-84	Terry Fisher.....	1986
Mark Brucker.....	1982	Mike Floss.....	1972-74
Matt Bulich.....	1985	Bob Frischmann.....	1965-67
Charles Bullard.....	1972-75	Randy Fuller.....	1974-76
Craig Burgler.....	1987	Dan Gado.....	1977
Harry Burkett.....	1986-88	Jody Gallagher.....	1977-79
Doug Bush.....	1971-73	Brian Gallahue.....	1987
Bruce Busse.....	1979-82	Phil Garda.....	1965
Don Cado.....	1976	Kevin Gary.....	1986
Jeff Callahan.....	1983	Brian Gasuik.....	1982-83
Tim Carden.....	1981-82	Jim Gavin.....	1974-75
Tom Carlucci.....	1973	Robert Gebo.....	1980-83
Tony Caschera.....	1971	Rick Geertgens.....	1988
Bill Chapin.....	1983-85	Mike Geringer.....	1982
Joe Chera.....	1977-78	William Gibbons.....	1967-68
Tom Child.....	1972	Allen Gilberti.....	1986-88
Mike Chittick.....	1984-85		
Bill Clark.....	1977		
Todd Clark.....	1985		
Bob Clarke.....	1976		
Nick Cleary.....	1978		
Mike Colpoys.....	1983-84		
Rich Connell.....	1972-75		
Pat Conole.....	1986-88		
Bob Constant.....	1965		
K. Cook.....	1968		
David Cookson.....	1978-79		
John Corbett.....	1965		
Mike Corrigan.....	1985-86		
Chris Corron.....	1987		
Tom Corp.....	1987-88		
Jeff Cottrill.....	1974		
Dennis Covert.....	1987-88		
Bob Cragolin.....	1965-66		
Tim Cunningham.....	1974-77		
Jim Czelusniak.....	1977-78		
Michael D'Arcangelo.....	1975		
Terry Day.....	1967-68		
Bob Dean.....	1976-78		
Andy Dearstyne.....	1986		
Brad DeCook.....	1978-81		



Pat Conole (29)

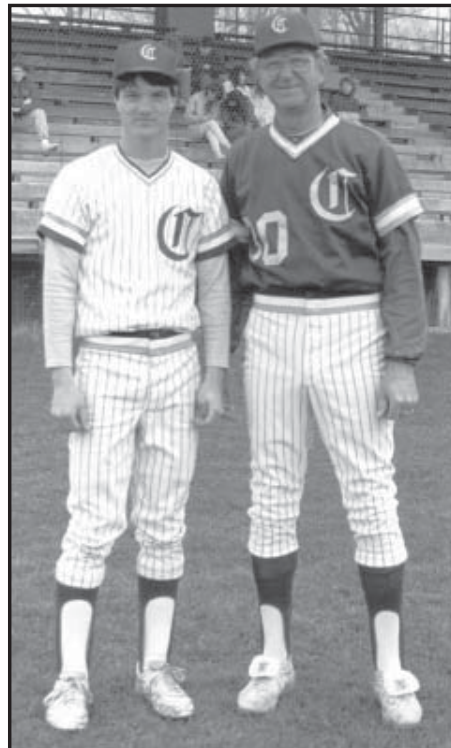


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Brett Gorham	1968	Keith Lincoln	1986
Paul Gorski	1972	Jerry Lippa.....	1971
Steve Gower	1972	Ed Livingston	1979
Gary Gray	1967-68	David Lubert	1976-79
Greg Greenan	1973-74	James Luczak	1968
Jeff Greuber	1979	Al Luke	1965-66
Bob Grier	1972	Bruce Lytle.....	1974-75
Mike Halferty.....	1979, 81	Mark MacDougall.....	1979
Russ Hall	1967-68	Steve MacDougall.....	1979
Jim Harliss	1974-75	Greg Mace	1977, 79
Blayne Hartman	1973-74	Scott MacGregor.....	1988
Rick Harris.....	1980-81, 83-84	Robert MacMullin.....	1975
Jim Haskins	1971	Robert Maffeo.....	1983-84
Dave Herbst.....	1978-81	Mark Mamo	1974-76
Mike Herman	1983-85	Michael Mann	1981-82
Dan Herrmann.....	1987	James Marshall	1967
Lou Hervey.....	1975-78	Nick Mattott	1985
John Hill.....	1971	Buzz Maxwell	1965-67
Tim Hill.....	1977	Perry McConnell	1982-84
Terry Hillery.....	1974-77	Matt McDonell.....	1985-87
Chip Hills	1981-83	Scott McDonnell	1986-88
Dave Hinman.....	1976-78	Charles McDonough	1978-79, 81
Manny Hoffman	1985	Ed McIntosh.....	1984
John Hooks.....	1965	Dale McIntyre	1978-81
Mike Hopkins	1979	Rob McKeever	1983-85
Scott Howe	1979	Scott McMaster	1979
George Hubschmitt.....	1986-87	Steve Meacham	1979
Tom Hurley.....	1965-66	Doug Meaker	1983
Brian Jacot.....	1975	Bill Meier	1971
Kent Jaeger	1978-81	Peter Meier.....	1967
Todd James.....	1988	Irving Mestel.....	1966-67
Gary Johnston.....	1971-73	Hank Miller	1971
John Joyce.....	1980-81	Ted Miller	1988
Gary Junge	1968	Jerry Molisani	1986
Jack Kaiser	1985	Scott Moose	1982-85
Joe Karney	1981-82	David Myers.....	1971
Chris Kenney.....	1982-85	John Nabozny.....	1972, 74
Kevin Kepner.....	1974-77	Mike Nadolny.....	1983
Ed Kieda	1971	William Nagy.....	1972
Bob Kinzie.....	1977	Scott Nell.....	1984
Greg Klein.....	1979, 81	Bob Newberry.....	1971
Vern Kokosa	1978	Chris Newmiller.....	1980-83
Thomas Kraft.....	1980	Tom Noonan	1972
Kyle Krchniak	1988	Bob O'Keefe.....	1981-83
Fred Krol.....	1965-67	John Oliver.....	1974-75
Fred Kulik.....	1980-82	Joe Ott.....	1988
Marty Kulczyk.....	1981	Tom Ozahowski.....	1971-72
Wayne Lallier	1965	Gary Page.....	1972
Harry Landahl	1976-79\	Tom Parmele	1966-68
Matt Lepcio.....	1987	Alan Parsels	1985
Jack Levitt.....	1966-68	Jay Peters.....	1967-68

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Jack Phillips, Jr.....	1968	Tom Stubbs.....	1965-66
Casey Pichaney.....	1988	Fred Tanneberger.....	1968
Paul Plotas.....	1985-86	Frank Termine.....	1972-75
Phil Plotas.....	1984-86	George Thomas.....	1971
Stan Polhemus.....	1980-83	Jeff Thompson.....	1987-88
Steven Prince.....	1967	Mark Troia.....	1986-88
Henry Przybylowski.....	1965	Scott Tubbs.....	1980-81
Rick Quick.....	1980-82	Ashley Twining.....	1979
Jim Ralph.....	1965	John Upham.....	1986-88
Anil Rao.....	1983	Vic Vacarro.....	1987-88
Chris Regelski.....	1984	Ron Walczak.....	1977-80
Jim Reilly.....	1987	Walker.....	1966
Tony Rindone.....	1975-78	Dave Wallace.....	1988
Pete Ringwood.....	1985	Eric Walzer.....	1987-88
Edward Rivers.....	1967-68	Roy Wardle.....	1965-66
Steve Rombough.....	1984-85	Randy Watkins.....	1977-80
Mark Rowland.....	1979-80	James Weaver.....	1982-83
Joe Salamone.....	1965	Dean Weed.....	1966-67
Greg Sapranowitz.....	1973	Jon Wehse.....	1985
Tom Sautter.....	1971	Brian Wilmarth.....	1971
Tom Schiller.....	1983-86	Stephen Wilson.....	1978-81
Rick Schmalz.....	1973-75	Mike Winje.....	1987-88
Jim Schneider.....	1977-78	Ed Wixed.....	1976-78
Bob Schuler.....	1982-85	James Wolfley.....	1986-88
Rick Schwarz.....	1985-88	Dave Wood.....	1983-84
Dave Scott.....	1983-85	Bruce Wrolsen.....	1971-73
Rich Scovic.....	1972	Larry Young.....	1968
Dale Scroger.....	1977-78	John Zacher.....	1987-88
Gary See.....	1972-73, 75	Kevin Zappia.....	1976-78
Stan Selwach.....	1979	Steve Zarnoch.....	1982-83
Bob Sestito.....	1984-86		
Chris Shafer.....	1966-68		
Bobby Sharlow.....	1972-73, 76		
Bob Shelly.....	1965		
Matt Sherlock.....	1981-82		
Tom Shevlin.....	1979-80		
Brad Smith.....	1983-86		
Mike Smith.....	1978, 80		
David Snare.....	1967-68		
Bill Snyder.....	1965		
Jerry Solomon.....	1971		
Mike Soscia.....	1971, 73-74		
Mark Southwick.....	1977		
Tom Sparks.....	1987		
Scott Stacey.....	1975-78		
John Stekla.....	1972		
John Steller.....	1966		
Steven Stephan.....	1982-85		
Erik Stone.....	1987		
Carlo Strippoli.....	1965		
Tim Stroth.....	1981-84		



Rick Schwarz and Jack Phillips on the sidelines at Snell Field.

“ULTIMATE” GRAND SLAM HOME RUNS

The crowning moment of Jack Phillip’s professional baseball career most certainly occurred on July 8, 1950. In the bottom of the ninth inning, the Pittsburgh Pirates trailed 6-3 with former two-time all-star and 20-game winner Harry “The Cat” Breechen on the mound for the opposing St. Louis Cardinals.

Fortunately, four batters later, Jack was set up for an historical moment.

Outfielder Wally Westlake led off the inning with a walk, but second baseman, and future Pirates manager, Danny Murtaugh was retired for the first out. However, infielders Pete Castiglione and Hank Schenz each followed with singles to load the bases. It was at this point that Jack was called upon to pinch-hit for Pirates pitcher Murry Dickson. After falling behind in the count on a first-pitch strike, Jack belted the next pitch into deep left field, reaching the Forbes Field bullpen.

Now termed a “walk-off” grand slam, Jack’s “Ultimate Grand Slam” was only the fourth in major league history: a home run with the bases loaded that provides the home team with a victory by a single run. While nearly 6,000 grand slams have been hit in major league baseball, only a handful of have come in the ninth inning or later, and from that handful just 23 have enabled the home team to walk off the field with a one-run victory. Jack’s memorable shot is one of two pinch-hit ultimate grand slams, the other having been hit by Sammy “Babe Ruth’s Legs” Byrd 14 years earlier for the Cincinnati Reds.

The last ultimate grand slam was hit by Cincinnati Reds slugger Adam Dunn when he victimized Bob Wickman of the Cleveland Indians, the only time an ultimate grand slam has occurred during interleague play.

Jack truly ranks in great company when considering the ultimate grand slam. The first player to hit one was Roger Connor on September 10, 1881. Not only was it an ultimate grand slam, it was also the first grand slam of any kind in National League history, though one was hit in 1871 in the American Association. Connor’s blast came off of John Lee Richmond, who, ironically, threw the first perfect game in major league history the previous season. The first American League ultimate grand slam came when Babe Ruth ended a game against the Chicago White Sox with a walk-off in the 10th inning at Yankee Stadium. Other notables involved in ultimate grand slams are Bobby Thomson (author of arguably the most famous home run in major league history), Roberto Clemente (who used spacious Forbes Field for an inside-the-park ultimate grand slam), and Jason Giambi (who, according to New York announcers, officially became a “Yankee” with his extra-inning drive). Among the pitchers to allow ultimate grand slams are Satchel Paige (elected to the Hall of Fame in 1971), Jim Brosnan (who later penned several baseball books, including “The Long Season”) and Billy Wagner (a former Division III standout at Ferrum College who has carved an impressive big league career as a closer).

Only four of the ultimate grand slams have come in the most dire of circumstances: a full count with two outs. Del Crandall, Roger Freed, Alan Trammell and Chris Hoiles all came through in those situations for their respective teams.

See the accompanying chart for information on all of the “ultimate grand slams.”



“ULTIMATE” GRAND SLAM HOME RUNS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Batter</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Pitcher</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Outs</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Final Score</u>
9/10/1881	Roger Connor	Troy (NL)	Lee Richmond	Worcester (NL)	2	Unknown	8-7
9/24/1925	Babe Ruth [^]	New York (AL)	Sarge Connally	Chicago (AL)	1	2-2	6-5
5/23/1936	Sammy Byrd*	Cincinnati (NL)	Cy Blanton	Pittsburgh (NL)	0	2-0	4-3
7/8/1950	Jack Phillips*	Pittsburgh (NL)	Harry Brecheen	St. Louis (NL)	1	0-1	7-6
6/16/1952	Bobby Thomson	New York (NL)	Willard Schmidt	St. Louis (NL)	1	0-0	8-7
7/15/1952	Eddie Joost	Philadelphia (AL)	Satchel Paige	St. Louis (AL)	0	0-0	7-6
9/11/1955	Del Crandall	Milwaukee (NL)	Herm Wehmeier	Philadelphia (NL)	2	3-2	5-4
5/11/1956	Danny Kravitz	Pittsburgh (NL)	Jack Meyer	Philadelphia (NL)	0	0-0	6-5
7/25/1956	Roberto Clemente!	Pittsburgh (NL)	Jim Brosnan	Chicago (NL)	0	0-0	9-8
8/31/1963	Ellis Burton	Chicago (NL)	Hal Woodeshick	Houston (NL)	2	0-0	6-5
8/2/1970	Tony Taylor	Philadelphia (NL)	Mike Davison	San Francisco (NL)	0	1-1	7-6
8/11/1970	Carl Taylor	St. Louis (NL)	Ron Herbel	San Diego (NL)	2	1-0	11-10
4/22/1973	Ron Lolich [^]	Cleveland (AL)	Sonny Siebert	Boston (AL)	2	0-0	8-7
5/1/1979	Roger Freed	St. Louis (NL)	Joe Sambito	Houston (NL)	2	3-2	7-6
4/13/1983	Bo Diaz	Philadelphia (NL)	Neil Allen	New York (NL)	2	2-1	10-9
8/31/1984	Buddy Bell	Texas (AL)	Pete Ladd	Milwaukee (AL)	2	0-0	7-6
4/13/1985	Phil Bradley	Seattle (AL)	Ron Davis	Minnesota (AL)	2	0-0	8-7
8/29/1986	Dick Schofield	California (AL)	Willie Hernandez	Detroit (AL)	2	0-2	13-12
6/21/1988	Alan Trammell	Detroit (AL)	Cecilio Guante	New York (AL)	2	3-2	7-6
5/17/1996	Chris Hoiles	Baltimore (AL)	Norm Chariton	Seattle (AL)	2	3-2	14-13
7/28/2001	Brian Giles	Pittsburgh (NL)	Billy Wagner	Houston (NL)	2	1-0	9-8
5/17/2002	Jason Giambi [^]	New York (AL)	Mike Trombley	Minnesota (AL)	1	0-0	13-12
6/30/2006	Adam Dunn	Cincinnati (NL)	Bob Wickman	Cleveland (AL)	2	1-0	9-8

[^]HR came in extra innings

*Pinch-hitter

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“STRETCH” and the NICKNAMES OF BASEBALL’S GOLDEN AGE

“After a decade of use as instruments of torture, nicknames became almost apologetically pleasant again in the forties. Players of ordinary skill were bestowed with such mildly flattering nicknames as ‘Mercury’ if they ran well, ‘Scrap Iron’ if they were tough, or ‘Old Reliable’ or ‘Steady Eddie’ if they showed up every day and put on a good show....(In the 1950s) Animals, for the second time, enjoyed a major vogue as a source of nicknames. Unlike the earlier period, the nicknames are not generally modified or described. One could probably make up an entire all-star team (or an entire zoo) of players whose nickname was simply that of a beast.” – Bill James, *The New Bill James Historical Baseball Abstract* (2001)

The talented baseball writer Bill James was certainly correct in his assessment of nicknames in the 1940s and 1950s. Standing six-foot-four, Jack “Stretch” Phillips picked up his nickname for being one of the lankiest players in professional baseball. In his 11-year-span of competing in the major leagues, “Stretch” certainly had his share of teammates with equally colorful nicknames.

Jack’s teammates fulfilled Bill James’ requirements in the above paragraph, as “Stretch” played with “Steady Eddie” Lopat, “Iron Man” Ray Mueller, and “Old Reliable” Tommy Henrich. But then Jack’s career took a turn of originality in the line of nicknames. He played with some unsavory types (“Con” Dempsey, Frank “The Yankee Killer” Lary, and “Pistol” Pete Reiser), two fellows from Scandinavia (Charlie “Swede” Silvera and Harry “Swede” Malmberg), four different shades of “red” (Red Embree, Red Munger, Red Wilson, and Red Barrett), and five guys who answered to “Lefty” (Al Aber, Bill Wight, Cliff Chambers, Paul LaPalme, and Paul Petit)

He played with royalty (Chick King and Duke Maas, not to mention Mel Queen), he played with a bunch of buddies (Buddy Hicks, Bud Black, Bud Stewart, and Bud Souchock), he played with a pair of guys who didn’t know it at the time, but could have been called “grandpa” (Gus Bell begot future major leaguer Buddy Bell who begot David Bell, and Ray Boone begot Bob Boone who then begot Bret and Aaron Boone).



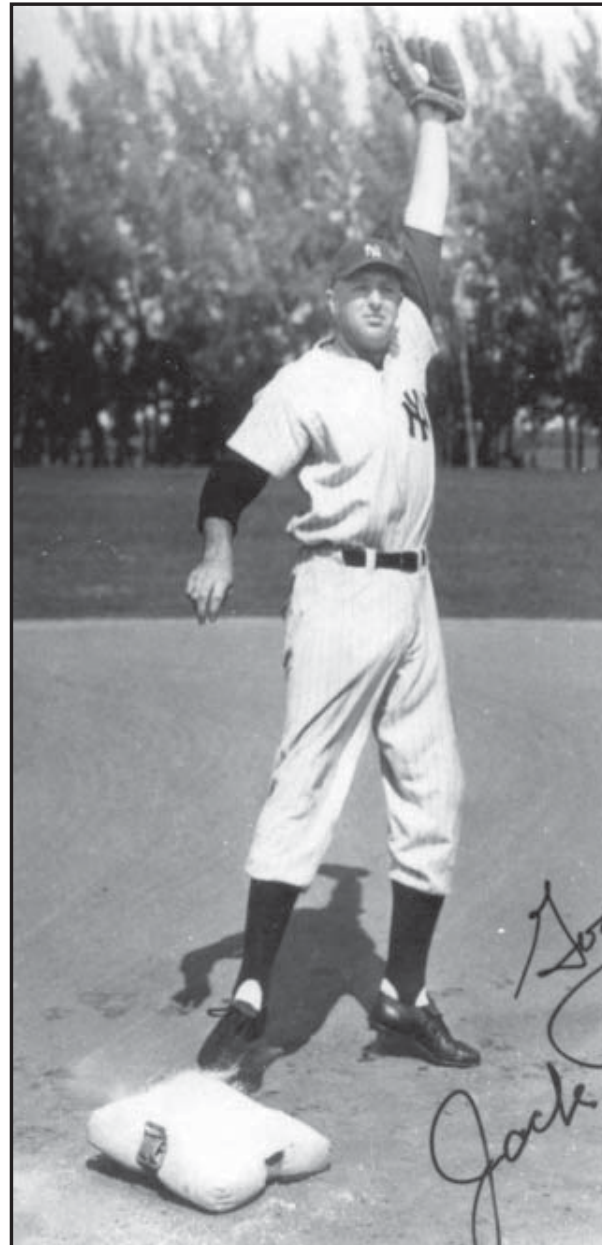
*Jack “Stretch” Phillips (center and standing) provided a good target at first base for his teammates.
(1940s Spring Training Photo)*

He also played with what could amount to “Wild Kingdom.” Cliff “Tiger” Mapes, “The Big Cat” Johnny Mize, Dino “Dingo” Restelli, Chick King, Catfish Metkovich, Bill “Moose” Taylor, Bill “Bugs” Berle, Billy “Bull” Johnson, Bobo “Buck” Newsom, Frank “Mule” Lary, Frank “Pig” House, Frankie “The Crow” Crosetti, Ken “Hawk” Silvestri, and Ralph “Buck” Buxton (and if that wasn’t enough he played with no-nicknames required Dave Philley, Ed Wolfe, Fenton Mole, and Harry Byrd!) all were counted as one-time teammates of Jack.

He played with King Kong (Charlie Keller) and Ding Dong (Bill Bell), two mountain ranges (“Rocky” Rhawn and “Rocky” Nelson, and also “Smokey” Maxwell), two precursors to skateboards (Phil “Scooter” Rizzuo and the slightly less well-known Clem “Scooter” Koshorek), a pair of guys who seemed to skip around (Bill “Hopalong” Howerton and Johnny “Hip-pity” Hopp), and two members of the your local fire department (“Fireman” Joe Page and Virgil “Fire” Trucks).

And then there was alliteration and rhyming: “Joltin’ Joe” Dimaggio, “Snuffy” Stirnweiss, “Sonny” Senerchia, Harry “Gunboat” Gumbert, Erv “Four Sack” Dusak, and Spec “The Naugatuck Nugget” Shea (as if Spec wasn’t enough).

Speaking of Naugatuck Nugget’s, Jack also played with “The People’s Cherce” (Dixie Walker), “The Earl of Snohomish (Earl Torgeson), “The Gay Reliever” (Joe Page), and “The Springfield Rifle” (Vic Raschi). Some of those have long explanations, but ease your mind with “Wild” Bill Pierro, who walked 28 batters in 29 innings.



And to finish up, Jack also took the field, at one time or another, with a Yogi, a Kibby, a Cork, a Cuddles, a Twinkles, a Twitch, a T-Bone, a Tiny, a Scat, a Slick, a Spud, a Superchief, a Pap, a Footsie, a Warrior, a Woody, a Windy, a Nanny, a Major, a Muscles, a Moe, an Ike, a Junior, a Rip, a Rigger, a Dutch, a Diamond, a Deacon, a Bubba, a Brandy, a Burrhead, and two Bobos.

Jack’s pretty lucky to escape his playing days with “Stretch.” Of course, there is that matter of his other nickname, “The Marilla Mauler.”

CLARKSON ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME MEMBER

Jack Phillips, perhaps more than anyone else, sums up the essence of athletic tradition at Clarkson. Since 1939, when he first starred in baseball and basketball, Phillips' connection with Clarkson has spanned more than half a century, culminating with the award of professor emeritus status in 1988. In between he established himself as a legitimate major leaguer during nine years with the New York Yankees, Pittsburgh Pirates, and Detroit Tigers, including his appearance in the 1947 World Series with the winning Yankees.



Most important for Clarkson was Phillips' role as a coach for 24 years. To literally hundreds of players he was a wise and inspirational mentor, a canny strategist in a thinking man's game, a winner who put sportsmanship and fair play ahead of scores. From the autumn of 1965, when he took over for his old coach, the legendary Hank Hodge, until his retirement at the conclusion of the 1988 spring campaign, Phillips instilled in the Knights a love of the game and a deep loyalty to Clarkson, while fans in the Clarkson community enjoyed a memorable and colorful era on Snell Field.

A native of Marilla, New York, Phillips majored in business administration and became one of Clarkson's finest student athletes. In baseball, he was both a pitcher and a first baseman on the great 1943 team that went 19-1. In basketball, he was the starting center and leading scorer for the 1942-43 team that was 14-1 (losing only the national powerhouse St. John's).

During his coaching career at Clarkson, Phillips guided the Golden Knights to 170 victories. Since retiring as baseball coach, he has continued to serve part time as a golf coach. At Clarkson, he has embodied the qualities and values that link athletic and education. After a 7-5 loss in 1986, Dick Rockwell, head coach of national powerhouse LeMoyne College, offered the following tribute: "Jack knows as much about the game as anyone in college coaching. He hasn't always had the best players to work with, but he does a super job with them. If I have to lose, I'd rather lose to him. A kid who plays for Jack is a better person for it."

The Clarkson University Athletic Hall of Fame was founded to honor and perpetuate the memory of those individuals who, either through participation, support or interest have made outstanding contributions to Clarkson athletics, and who have helped to bring recognition, honor and distinction to the University. It is with great pride that Clarkson inducts Jack Phillips into the Athletic Hall of Fame.

(The above text is courtesy of the Clarkson Athletic website. To view online please visit: <http://www.clarksonathletics.com/Sports/gen/2003/HOF-Phillips.asp>)

Jack admires his Clarkson Athletic Hall of Fame plaque and the 19 others among the first two CU HOF classes.





Jack Phillips '43
BASEBALL, BASKETBALL, HEAD COACH
1992 INAUGURAL INDUCTEE

"Jack's love of sports, energy, and dedication make him an ideal candidate. He has represented Clarkson University well."
 -- Lou Hervey '78, on his form for nominating Jack for the Clarkson University Athletic Hall of Fame.

"Coach Phillips has made an outstanding contribution to Clarkson Athletics, and the players who he developed into the men who have gone on to bring honor, recognition, and pride to Clarkson University." -- David Lubert '79, on his form for nominating Jack for the Clarkson University Athletic Hall of Fame.



Jack Phillips
Major League Baseball
1947-57