



# Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame

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### Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame Holding Sixth Induction Ceremony November 12

*Bowa and Lasorda offer Phillies-Dodgers NLCS Flavor to Class VI*

**PHILADELPHIA October 7, 2009** -- The Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame will hold its 6th annual Induction Ceremony on November 12, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency Penn's Landing. This year's event will honor the members of Inductee Class VI. The new class, including one team and 14 individuals, joins the 84 current members of the Philly Hall.

This year's class includes: Tommy Lasorda, Julius "Judy" Johnson, Eddie Collins, Larry Bowa, Neil Johnston, Emlen Tunnell, Pete Retzlaff, John Cappelletti, Dr. Charles Jenkins, Mel Sheppard, Joey Giardello, Betty Shellenberger, Merrill Reese, Bill Conlin and the 1973-1975 Two-time Stanley Cup Champion Philadelphia Flyers.

"The Induction Ceremony has evolved into an annual reunion to honor the new Inductees," said Steve Tallant Vice-President of Foundation Development for the Hall of Fame. "Each year past inductees and other sports legends join the new class and we're thrilled to be able to share such a great event with Philly sports fans. This year's class has the irony of including two inductees, Larry Bowa and Tommy Lasorda, who have current relationships with the Phillies National League Championship Series foes, the LA Dodgers."

The ceremony features Pat Williams, former General Manager of the 76ers and current Senior Vice-President for the Orlando Magic, back as Master of Ceremonies for the fifth time.

Festivities include a cocktail reception, dinner and the Induction banquet. Attendees may also participate in the silent auction and view the museum exhibit featuring items from the Hall of Fame's unique collection of Philadelphia sports artifacts.

"Tickets to the ceremony are really picking up," continued Tallant, "Last year's Induction Ceremony sold out three weeks in advance and we anticipate another sellout this year."

The cocktail reception begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner and the Induction Ceremony. The banquet is open to the public and tickets can be purchased online at <http://www.phillyhall.org/class6> or by calling (215) 923-5121 Ext. 1.

Summary profiles of the Class VI Inductees and a complete Hall of Fame roster are available below

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## Inductee Roster

### Charter Class 2004

Bernie Parent	Julius Erving
Bert Bell	Mike Schmidt
Bill Tilden	Paul Arizin
Billy Cunningham	Richie Ashburn
Bobby Clarke	Robin Roberts
Chuck Bednarik	Sonny Hill (++)
Connie Mack	Steve Carlton
Harry Kalas (+)	Steve Van Buren
John B. Kelly, Sr.	Tom Gola
Jimmie Foxx	Wilt Chamberlain
Joe Frazier	

### Inductee Class II 2005

1954 LaSalle Explorers	Harvey Pollack(+)
Bill Campbell (+)	James "Jumbo" Elliot
Bob Levy (++)	Jay Sigel
Carl Lewis	Joe Verdeur
Cathy Rush	John Chaney
Charles Barkley	Lefty Grove
Ed Snider (◆)	Pete Pihos
Eddie Gottlieb	Tommy McDonald
Grover Cleveland	Vic Seixas
Alexander	
Guy Rodgers	

### Inductee Class III 2006

1960 Philadelphia Eagles	Herb Adderley
Al Simmons	Jack Ramsay
Anne Townsend	Joe Fulks
Bill Ellerbee(++)	Ray Didinger (+)
Del Ennis	Reggie Jackson
Don Bragg	Roy Campanella
Gene Hart. (+)	The Palestra (◆◆)
Hal Greer	Willie Mosconi
Helen Sigel Wilson	

### Inductee Class IV 2007

1980 Phillies	Earle "Greasy" Neale
Beth Anders	Harry Litwack
Bill Barber	Jack Whitaker (+)
Bill Lyon (+)	Mickey Cochrane
Frank "Bucko" Kilroy	Reggie White
Chuck Klein	Theresa Grentz
Earl Monroe	Walter Bahr

### Inductee Class V 2008

1929 Athletics	Leroy Burrell
Al Wistert	Lionel Simmons
Dorothy Porter	Mickey Vernon
Ed Delahanty	Maurice Cheeks
Fred Shero	Stan Hochman (+)
Harold Carmichael	Tommy Loughran
Herb Magee	

### Inductee Class VI 2009

1973-'75 Flyers	Judy Johnson
Betty Shellenberger	Larry Bowa
Bill Conlin (+)	Mel Shepperd
Charlie Jenkins	Merrill Reese (+)
Eddie Collins	Neil Johnston
Emlen Tunnell	Pete Retzlaff
Joe Giardello	Tommy Lasorda
John Cappelletti	

+ Legacy of Excellence

++Lifetime Commitment

◆ Philadelphia Medal

◆◆Venue Enshrinement



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## Inductee Class VI – Summary Bios

### **Larry Bowa (Baseball) *Philadelphia Phillies***

- Played 12 seasons at SS with the Phillies (1970-81)
- Career stats with the Phillies: .264 AVG, 816 R, 1798 H, 421 RBI, 206 2B, 81 3B, 288 SB, .301 OB%
- Career Fielding stats with the Phillies: .981 F%, 8129 TC, 2557 PO, 5416 A, 998 DP
- 5 time NL All Star (1974-76, 1978-79)
- 6 times led the NL in Fielding % at SS (1970-72, 1974, 1978-79)
- Currently ranked 1<sup>st</sup> among Phillies SS in career Total Chances, Assists, and Double Plays
- Established a MLB single season record for Fielding % at SS at .991 which stood for ten years (1979)
- Holds the NL record for career Fielding % at SS at .980
- 2 time NL Gold Glove recipient at SS (1972, 1978)
- Member of the World Series Champion Philadelphia Phillies (1980)
- Enshrined in the Phillies Wall of Fame (1991)
- Voted to the Phillies Centennial Team (1983)
- Spent 4 seasons as manager of the Phillies (2001-04)
- Named BWAA NL Manager of the Year (2001)

### **John Cappelletti (Football) *Local***

- Played football at Monsignor Bonner High School
- Named 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Delco and 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Catholic (1969)
- Played as DB and RB at Penn State University (1971-73)
- Career stats at PSU: 2639 YDS RUSH, 29 TD, 120 YDS/GM, 5.1 YDS/ATT
- Established an NCAA record by rushing for 200+ YDS in three consecutive games (1973)
- Led the Nittany Lions to an undefeated season and a win in the Orange Bowl (1973)
- Consensus 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-American (1973)
- Named College Football Player of the Year by various groups (1973) including ABC / UPI / Washington TD Club / Walter Camp Foundation
- Named Amateur Athlete of the Year by the PSWA (1973)
- Received the Maxwell Award as the Collegiate Football Player of the Year (1973)
- Recipient of the Heisman Trophy (1973)
- Played 9 seasons as a RB in the NFL
- Named to the *Pennsylvania Football News* 2<sup>nd</sup> Team high school football All-Century Team
- Inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame (1993)

### **Eddie Collins (Baseball) *Philadelphia Athletics***

- 13 seasons at 2B for the Athletics (1906-14, 1927-30)
- Career stats with the A's: .337 AVG, 756 R, 1308 H, 496 RBI, 377 SB, .407 OB%
- Batted over .300 in six consecutive seasons with the Athletics (1909-14)
- Part of Connie Mack's famous \$100,000 infield
- 3 time AL leader in Runs (1912-14)
- Only American League player to steal six bases in a single game, twice in 1912
- His .337 career batting average is 3rd all time in Athletics history
- Shares AL record for most seasons leading the league in Double Plays at 2B with 5
- Holds the AL record for career Putouts at 2B
- Holds the MLB record for career Chances and Assists at 2B
- Named AL MVP (1914)
- 4 time AL Champion with the Athletics (1910-11, 1913-14)
- 3 time World Series Champion with the Athletics (1910-11, 1913)
- Inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame (1939)

### **Joey Giardello (Boxing) *Local***

- Area boxer who fought in the middleweight division
- Career record of 101-26-7 with 33 wins by KO in 135 bouts
- Record of 5-3-1 against boxers inducted into boxing's Hall of Fame
- First title fight for the NBA Middleweight title against Gene Fullmer ended in a draw (4/20/60)
- His 10 round win over Henry Hank chosen as Fight of the Year by *Ring Magazine* (1/30/62)
- Upset Sugar Ray Robinson by unanimous decision and named #1 challenger to the world middleweight title (6/24/63)
- World Boxing Commission Middleweight Champion (12/7/63 – 10/21/65)
- World Boxing Association Middleweight Champion (12/7/63 – 10/21/65)
- Defeated Dick Tiger to claim the WBC and WBA Middleweight title
- Defended the title with a unanimous decision victory over Rubin "Hurricane" Carter (12/14/64)
- Lost the title by unanimous decision to Dick Tiger
- Inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame (1993)

### **Charlie Jenkins (Track and Field) *Local***

- Outstanding member of the Villanova Track Team (1955-57)
- Only Villanova University athlete to have won two Olympic Gold Medals
- 1 time AAU 440yd Outdoor Champion (1955)
- 2 time AAU 600yd Indoor Champion (1957, 1958)
- 3 time IC4A 600yd Indoor Champion (1955-57)
- 2 time IC4A 440yd Outdoor Champion (1955, 1957)
- 2 time IC4A Outdoor Mile Relay Champion (1955, 1956)
- Set the World Indoor Record in the 500yd at the NYAC Games (2/18/56)
- Top 5 World Ranking at the 400m for 3 straight years (1955-57)
- Olympic Gold Medal winner in the 400m at the Summer Games in Melbourne (1956)
- Olympic Gold Medal winner in the 4 x 400m Relay at the Summer Games in Melbourne (1956)
- Inducted into the U.S. Track and Field Hall of Fame (1992)

### **William Julius "Judy" Johnson (Baseball) *Darby Hilldales; Local***

- Played 11 seasons for the Hilldales as a 3B (1921-29, 1931-32)
- Considered the Negro Leagues' top 3B in the 1920s and 1930s
- Known as a sure handed third baseman with good range and a strong arm
- Described as a line drive clutch hitter who compiled a lifetime batting average of .349
- Played in the first 2 Negro League World Series (1924, 1925)
- 1924 Negro League World Series leader in batting (.364), hits (16), and RBI (8)
- Considered as the league's most valuable player (1929)
- 3 time Eastern Colored League Champion with the Daisies (1923-25)
- Member of the Negro League World Series Champion Hilldales (1925)
- Inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame by the Negro Leagues Committee (1975)

### **Merrill Reese (Broadcaster) *Legacy of Excellence***

- Graduate of Temple University
- Philadelphia Eagles play-by-play announcer since 1977
- Hosts a radio interview show the day following Eagles games with current Eagles coaches, Eagles players and other guests
- His 30 years of service as the voice of the Eagles makes him the longest-serving current announcer in the NFL
- His signature voice, style and call "*Its Gooooood!*" have endeared him to a generation of Philadelphia Sports fans



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## Neil Johnston (Basketball) Philadelphia Warriors

- 8 NBA seasons as a C for the Philadelphia Warriors (1951-59)
- Career statistics of 19.4 PPG, 11.3 RPG, 44.4 FG%, 76.8 FT%
- Career playoff statistics of 15.0 PPG, 11.2 RPG, 39.0 FG%, 73.0 FT%
- 6 time NBA All Star (1953-58)
- Led the NBA in scoring three consecutive seasons (1952-55)
- Led the NBA in rebounding with 15.1 RPG (1954-55)
- 3 time NBA leader in FG% (1952-53, 1955-57)
- 4 time All-NBA 1<sup>st</sup> Team selection (1953-56)
- 1 time All-NBA 2<sup>nd</sup> Team selection (1956-57)
- Member of the NBA Champion Philadelphia Warriors (1956)
- Inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame (1990)

## Tommy Lasorda (Baseball) Local

- Signed as an undrafted free agent by the Phillies (1945)
- Pitched for the Montreal Royals of the International League for 8 seasons (1950-54, 1958-1960)
- 5 time winner of the Governors' Cup with the Royals (1951-54, 1958)
- Recipient of the International League's Most Valuable Pitcher Award (1958)
- Winningest pitcher in Montreal Royals history with a record of 107-57
- Has worked continuously for the Dodgers since signing as a scout (1961)
- MLB manager for 21 seasons for the Los Angeles Dodgers (1976-96)
- Lifetime record of 1599-1439 with a .526 winning percentage
- Led the Dodgers to 7 post season appearances
- Managed the Dodgers to 4 NL Pennants (1977, 1978, 1981, 1983)
- 2 World Series Champion with the Dodgers (1981, 1988)
- 2-time BWAA NL Manager of the Year (1983, 1988)
- His #2 was retired by the Dodgers (8/15/97)
- Inducted into the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame (2006)
- Inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame (1997)

## Bill Conlin (Sports writer) Legacy of Excellence

- Graduate of Temple University
- Sportswriter and longtime columnist for the Philadelphia Bulletin and Philadelphia Daily News
- Member of the Baseball Writers Association of America and is a voter for the National Baseball Hall of Fame
- One time regular contributor and guest on ESPN's The Sports Reporters program
- His direct style and wit have made him a staple of Philadelphia sports publications for many years

## Betty Shellenberger (Field Hockey/Lacrosse) Local

- 21 Year National Team career is longest in USA Field Hockey history (1939-60)
- 3 time member of USA IFWHA Tournament Team (1950, '53, '59)
- Outstanding lacrosse player as an attacker
- 11 time selection to the USA National Team & 5 time selection to the Reserve Team (1940-61)
- Received 1st Golden Zebra Award for Phila. Field Hockey Umpiring
- Served as President of the United States Women's Lacrosse Association (1967-68)
- Honorary Secretary of the International Federation of Women's Lacrosse Associations (1983-86)
- Named a Distinguished Daughter of Pennsylvania for her contribution to sports (1987)
- Inducted into the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame (1994)
- Inducted as part of the Inaugural Class of the USA Field Hockey Hall of Fame (1988)

## Pete Retzlaff (Football) Philadelphia Eagles

- Played 11 seasons for the Philadelphia Eagles (1956-66)
- Career stats: 452 REC, 7412 YDS, 16.4 YDS/REC, 47 TD
- 5 time Pro Bowl selection (1958, 1960, 1963-65)
- Retired as the Eagles all time leader in Receptions and Receiving Yards
- 1 time 1<sup>st</sup> Team AP All-Pro (1965), 2 time 2<sup>nd</sup> Team AP All-Pro (1958, 1964)
- 1 time 1<sup>st</sup> Team UPI All-Pro (1965), 2 time 2<sup>nd</sup> Team UPI All-Pro (1958, 1964)
- Set the Eagles single season record for Receptions and Receiving Yards (1965)
- Currently ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> on the Eagles all time leaders in Receptions and Receiving Yards
- Holds the Eagles record for most career 100 Yard Receiving Games with 23
- Recipient of the Maxwell Club's Bert Bell Award as NFL Player of the Year (1965)
- Member of the NFL Champion Philadelphia Eagles (1960)
- His uniform #44 jersey was retired by the Eagles
- Enshrined in the Eagles Honor Roll (1989)

## Mel Sheppard (Track & Field) Local

- Arguably the greatest middle distance runner of his era
- First man to win Olympic gold medals in both the 800m and 1500m
- 5 time AAU 880 yd Outdoor Champion (1906-08, 1911-12)
- 2 time AAU 600 yd Indoor Champion (1908, 1909)
- 2 time AAU 1000 yd Indoor Champion (1906, 1907)
- AAU 1 Mile Relay champion (1909)
- Set four world records: 800m, 1500m, 600 yd (indoor), 1000 yd (indoor), and 1 Mile Relay
- 3 time Olympic Gold Medal winner at the Summer Games in London (1908)
  - 800m / 1500m / 1600m Relay
- Olympic Gold Medal winner in the 4x400m Relay at the Summer Games in Stockholm (1912)
- Olympic Silver Medal winner in the 800m at the Summer Games in Stockholm (1912)
- Inducted into the USA Track & Field Hall of Fame (1976)
- Inducted into the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame (1989)

## Emlen Tunnell (Football) Local

- 13 year NFL career as DB/PR/KR with the NYG and GB (1948-1961)
- Finished his career with a then record 79 INT
- 9 time Pro Bowler including 8 straight (1950-1957, 1959)
- 4 time 1<sup>st</sup> Team AP All-Pro (1951, 1952, 1955, 1956)
- 2 time 2<sup>nd</sup> Team AP All-Pro (1954, 1957)
- 3 time 1<sup>st</sup> Team UPI All-Pro (1951, 1952, 1956)
- 2 time 2<sup>nd</sup> Team UPI All-Pro (1955, 1957)
- 2 time 1<sup>st</sup> Team *The Sporting News* All-NFL (1955, 1957)
- Member of the NFL Champion New York Giants (1956)
- Member of the NFL Champion Green Bay Packers (1961)
- First African-American elected into the Pro Football Hall of Fame (1967)

## 1974-75 Stanley Cup Philadelphia Flyers

- The first "expansion team" in the NHL to win the coveted Stanley Cup
- The team included NHL Hall of Famers Bobby Clarke, Bernie Parent and Bill Barber
- Their tough style of play earned them the name "The Broad Street Bullies"