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The Board of the Springfield/Clark County Baseball Hall of Fame is proud to announce the results of voting for the Hall of Fame Class of 2012. Four individuals and two teams will be inducted at a banquet on January 7, 2012 at the UAW Local 402 Hall in Springfield.

The individual inductees will give the proceedings a Wittenberg flavor with four former Tigers being enshrined.

- Jeff Brown, a Division III Batting Champion and All American and also a North High School standout
- Dick Pence, a Tigers 1940s pitcher/outfielder who pitched a Wittenberg to a Conference Championship and also a standout Springfield High player
- Phil Scott, a middle infielder from Greenon H.S. who turned an outstanding Tigers career into a shot with the Mets and Yankees
- Dustin Wade, a Kenton Ridge product who took his baseball skills to Urbana University before transferring to Wittenberg.

Two outstanding high school teams that will be honored for their accomplishments.

- 1969 Southeastern High School
- 2007 Kenton Ridge High School

Both of these baseball teams both advanced to the Ohio High School Final 4.

The Banquet's Guest Speaker will be John Fay, the Cincinnati Reds' Beat Reporter for the Cincinnati Enquirer, whose articles regularly appear in the Springfield News-Sun.

The banquet will be catered by Carmae Catering and tickets for the event are \$15. Tickets can be purchased at: National Trail Parks and Recreation District Administrative Office, Trophy Sports Center, in Springfield, and from Hall of Fame Members: Mark Miller, Tom Randall in Northridge, or Rick Woods in South Charleston.

For information call 399-6750 or at [spfld.baseball.hof@gmail.com](mailto:spfld.baseball.hof@gmail.com).

## Meet the Inductees:

### **Jeff Brown**

A graduate of Springfield North High School Jeff was mostly known for his play at first base and his hitting. During the summers he played on many youth teams but the highlight was his participation on the 1988 Foreman/Armoloy Summer Team, where he was Co-MVP of the Connie Mack State Champions. A graduate of and baseball player at Wittenberg University, he was a First Team Div III All American and was the 1992 Div. III Batting Champion-.500. He set the Tiger's Career Record for Batting Avg.429, was All Region '91 & '92; and the '91 Tigers Single Season Record for Home Runs with 11. Played for the DABC HH Morgan NABF World Series participants and various NABF Major Teams. After his playing career he coached – 2 years as Assistant at American International College; 2-years Assistant Wittenberg; 1- year North HS JV; 1-year Miami East JV; 5-years Head Coach Springfield High. Coached and organized Springfield (18-under) Giants summer team.

### **Dick Pence**

An outfielder, 1st Baseman, and Pitcher Dick started his career on the 12 and under Pumphouse All Stars as well as 15 and under Deadend Kids both of whom won championships. A Springfield High Graduate he was a member of our SCC Hall of Fame 1943 State Runner-up Springfield Wildcats Team as well as our SCC Hall of Fame 1943 National Runner-up American Legion team. After serving in the military he returned to attend and play baseball two years at Wittenberg. He was the winning pitcher in the final game of Ohio Conference Tournament. He then attended the Ohio State University School of Dentistry. As an adult he played on NABF Regional finalists Hankles and other adult teams including Claus Brothers and Reco. Has been involved in coaching youth baseball and actually started the East End Question Marks.

### **Phil Scott**

A graduate of Greenon High School he played 3-years on the varsity was the team MVP & All-Central Buckeye Conference as a shortstop. During the summer Phil played for 18 and under WBLY for one year. A graduate of Wittenberg University he played 4-years 1986-90. As a Tiger he set school record for assists, doubles and hits in a season. As Senior he hit .440 and had .940 Fielding Pct., was team MVP, Second Team All OAC and first team All-Midwest Region – Division. III. He played in AA DABC Leagues before being drafted by New York Mets in second round. Played for Mets teams Class A Pittsfield and Columbia in 1990 and Greensboro of the Yankees in 1991. In 2-years he hit .207 in 65 games.

## **Dustin Wade**

A Kenton Ridge HS Graduate he hit .330 in 1993 and .452 in '94 and was All Central Buckeye Conference, All Miami Valley and 2nd team All-Ohio. In the summer of 1994 he was Armoloy Team Captain & MVP. A middle infielder he attended Urbana University in '95 and '96 and hit over .340 each year before transferring to Wittenberg University. In 1997 he hit .385 and was North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) Newcomer of the Year, In 1998 he hit .393 and was 1st team NCAC. In June 1998 he was selected to play for Team America (made up of Division 3 players from around the country) and spent 17 days in Europe playing in tournaments and conducting youth baseball clinics. A member of the Springfield Giants from 1995 – 2004, Coach Pummel describes him as the "Heart and Soul" of the team. Was a member of the SCC Hall of Fame 2002 Springfield Giants NABF Major Division World Series Champions.

## **1969 Southeastern High School Team**

The 1969 Southeastern High School Baseball team finished the year with a record of 21-3. Coach Bob Haas led the conference DVL Champions and they advanced all the way to the Ohio State Class A Semi-finals. They lost the semi-final game to Bridgeport in 10 innings. All players on the team had played together from little league through High School and Lawrence Haddix, The Trojans team included: Bruce Cassell, Dale Cassell, John Wyatt, Dick Brown, Marty Spears, Bill Florence, Larry Miller, John Garlough, Mark Donnelly, Mark Cessna, Danny Stern, Dale Rice, Steve Roach, Tom Florence, Rick Roach, Mike Sebastian, Bill Miller, Willis Levering.

## **2007 Kenton Ridge High School Team**

The 2007 Kenton Ridge High School Baseball Team was coached by Coach Tom Randall, who was making his second team trip to the State Final 4, finished the year with a 26-6 record. They ended their season as the, 2007 Ohio Division II State Runner-ups culminating a tournament run that saw them defeat Greenon, Bellefontaine Hamilton Badin, Wyoming, Pataskala, Edison before dropping the final game to Canfield 8 to 6. The Cougars team included: Zach Jones, Tyler Heskett, Brad Heinz, Adam Eaton, Tyler Rinker, Juan Martinez Jeremy Stollings, Cody Kaglic, Matt Palmer, Ryan Mason Ryan Morris, and several others.