Four Inducted Into State Baseball Hall of Fame

Four outstanding individuals will be inducted into the State Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame at the annual State Clinic in Milwaukee on Saturday, February 11. These coaches will receive the most prestigious of Wisconsin's Baseball honors.

They include Bill Dettman, John Galewski, Terry Petrie, and Tom Wilson. Each has left an important imprint on the sport of baseball, both in their communities and in the state.

BILL DETTMAN

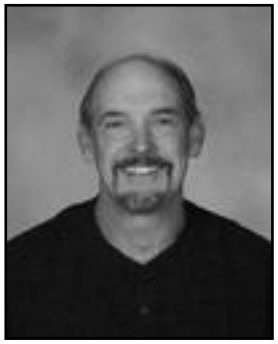
Bill Dettman spent 33 years coaching the Sauk Prairie Eagles, racking up over 330 wins. One of the classiest coaches around, Bill has been a proud member of the WBCA for years, and has served as a Conference Rep for many seasons. Although Sauk Prairie is smaller than many schools in the Badger North Conference, Bill's teams have managed to win their share of Conference Championships. In 1995 Bill led the Eagles to a State Runner-Up, followed by a Division II State Championship in 1996. Truly one of the good guys in baseball, the WBCA is proud to induct Bill Dettman into the Hall of Fame.

JOHN GALEWSKI

For 24 years John Galewski has been the coach of the South Milwaukee Rockets. He has accumulated over 340 wins during that stretch. His accomplishments include one Conference Championship, nine Sectional appearances, and in 1996, a State Championship. During his tenure at South Milwaukee, John has coached over 70 seasons, including football and basketball, as well as baseball. He has run many clinics around the Milwaukee area, and has twice coached in the Jim Gantner Classic, and the WBCA All-Star Classic. South Milwaukee is lucky to have a man as dedicated as John Galewski.

TERRY PETRIE

When Terry Petrie retired in 2000, he held the record for career wins in the WSUC, with 537. He began coaching at UW-Stout in 1971. During that time, Terry was named the College Coach of the Year twice by the WBCA. He also earned two WSUC Coach of the Year awards, as well as the being named by the NAIA as their Coach of the Year in 1989. He coached the Stout Blue Devils to seven Northern Championships, and two WSUC Championships. Fifteen of Coach Petrie's players were named All-American, and four reached the professional ranks.



TOM WILSON

Tom Wilson, coach of the Seymour Thunder, is not only one of the top coaches in Wisconsin, but is also one of the most involved coaches in the WBCA. As a coach, Tom's teams have won six Conference Championships, and made 11 Sectional appearances. During the 2011 campaign, Tom earned his 300th win. He has coached Team Wisconsin in the Midwest Classic, and twice coached in the Jim Gantner Classic, and the WBCA All-Star Classic. Tom has also gone through the ranks of officers in the WBCA, serving two years as President, and since 2003 he has been the WBCA Treasurer.