

BATTER UP!

WHALLEY'S 2022 SEASON PROGRAM



IN MEMORIUM:



Calvin (Edward) Myers, 1952-2022

Remembering Ed Myers: Ed's history started in Whalley when registering his son, Calvin, in the minis in 1982. Back then, in order to have a 4-year-old in the league you had to be a coach. So Ed stepped up. That same year, Orest Springenatic ran into Ed on the mini diamond where Ed expressed his opinion about the league having no uniforms in the minis. Orest apparently told Ed that all anyone ever wanted to do was play on the fields and criticize, but no one ever wanted to put their time and energy into the league. The rest, as they say, is history.

Ed stepped up and was elected to the Board the following year (1983). Ed's tenure on Whalley's board continued uninterrupted until he stepped aside in 2018. Ed held most of the positions on the board including President, Equipment Manager and Player Agent. As the long-time equipment manager, he remembered his 1982 experiences and always made sure the minis had nice uniforms. Ed

was an avid player himself before coaching but gave up playing to coach his boys, Calvin and Michael, through every division of the league, sometimes 2 teams at the same time.

His tenure as an Allstar coach began with the 10-year-olds in 1986. He left the majors in 1993, and in 1994 he and Rob Kemp went to the Senior Canadian Championships in Cornwall Ontario with Ed's son, Michael, as a 14-year-old pitcher.

In 1996 he coached at the Big-League World Championship in Fort Lauderdale Florida and finished 3rd. He returned to the Major division in 1998 and went to the 2002 Canadians with Ron Balaski and Don Frick. The highlight of his coaching career was the 2006 Canadian Championships which were held here in Whalley. The home team were crowned Canadian Champions. Ed would accompay the team along with Joe Burns, and longtime friend, Danny Carlson, on a trip to the 12-year-old World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

All told Ed coached 7 District Champs, 3 Provincial Champs, 2 Canadian champs and participated as a coach at 2 World Series. Coach Ed was a legend in little leagues across the country. For our League he represented an unyielding dedication to doing things the right way, the "Whalley way". Like Orest Springenatic before him, Ed anchored our program by maintaining his respect for the fundamentals established by Orest and by holding true to those standards. Though he had a lot of success in the game, we are sure the real highlight for Ed is that his son, Calvin, also coached in Whalley, and Ed got to enjoy watching his grandson, Colten, develop in the Whalley system that Ed helped create. Colten would later suit up for Team Canada (Whalley) in the 2018 Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa. Lastly, and of great significance, is that Ed surpassed Orest Springenatic as the longest consecutive serving Whalley Little League Volunteer. On behalf of the Whalley Little League, the Board of Directors would like to offer to the Myers' family our deepest condolences on Ed's passing.







UNIFORM PATCH



ALUMI GAME LOGO



On May 7th, 2022, in recognition of Ed's long term and exemplary service to Whalley Little League, he was posthumously inducted into Whalley's Hall of Fame. Induction is reserved for those volunteers who have shaped our league into what it is today. Whalley's Board of Directors and Alumni Association is appreciative of Ed's dedication and 37 years of service and proud that he has taken his place amoung those Hall of Fame, Players, Coaches and League builders that proceeded him.



DRAFTED & NATIONAL TEAM PLAYERS:

A gauge of the success of an organization is not only the championships won but also its role in advancing players to the highest level. WLL is proud to acknowledge past players who have been drafted by Major League Organizations or represented Canada at World Baseball Softball Confederation sanctioned events

MLB First Year Player Draft:

The first-year player draft is the primary mechanism of Major League Baseball (MLB) for assigning amateur baseball players from high schools, colleges, and other amateur baseball clubs to its teams. To be drafted, a player must be resident of, or have attended an educational institution in the United States, Canada, or a U.S. territory.

Whalley Players drafted by clubs:

1986: Gary Bloun	Kansas City Royals
1997: Kevin Nicholson	San Diego Padres
1997: Aaron Myette	Chicago White Sox
1997: Rob Vale	Cleveland Indians
2000: Jordan Kissock	Los Angeles Dodgers
2001: Cole Armstrong	New York Mets
2002: Andy Myette	Texas Rangers
2003: Cole Armstrong	Atlanta Braves
2004: Omar Kadir	San Diego Padres
2005: Terrence Dayleg	San Diego Padres
2005: Matt Jones	Florida Marlins
2009: Terrence Dayleg	Florida Marlins
2009: Chad Stang	
2011: Justin Atkinson	
2014: Brad Antchak	
2015: Jeff Degano	New York Yankees

Team Canada Players:



Ted Springenatic:

'73, 74,78 Amateur WS 1975 Pan-American Games 1975 Intercontinental Cup

Dennis Springenatic:

1987 Pan American Games

Kevin Nicholson:

2001 Baseball World Cup 2004 Olympics (Athens) 2006 World Baseball Classic 2011 Women's Pan Am 2007 Baseball World Cup

WS: World Series, WC: World Championship. ** List based on research, may be incomplete

Aaron Myette:

2004 Olympics (Athens) 2006 Olympic Qualifier

Cole Armstrona:

2009 Baseball WC 2011 Pan Am Games

Nikki Boyd:

2012 Women's WC. 2014 Women's WC.

Justin Atkinson:

2015 Premier 12





Brad Antcha

In a year when we celebrate Ed Myer's life and the impact he had on Whalley it's fitting to acknowledge that MLB Draftee's, Aaron Myette, Andy Myette, Chad. Stang, Jeff Degano and Brad Antchak each played for Ed's Major Yankees. Aaron pitched for the University of Washington and would later be drafted in the first round by the Chicago White Sox (1997) and pitch in the big leagues. Andy was drafted 3 times by the Texas Rangers, 2000, 2001 and 2002 and never signed professionally. Chad was drafted by the Milwaukee Brewers in 2009 (8th round), Jeff attended Indiana State University, (Div1) and would later be drafted in the second Round by the New York Yankees (2014). Brad was drafted by the Houston Astros out of North Eastern Oklahoma A & M JC (2014) and later play at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette (Div 1). Ed also coached Kevin Nicholson and Justin Atkinson in All star campaigns. Kevin would attend Stetson University in Deland, Florida and be drafted in 1997 (1st Round) Kevin would later play in the big leagues for the San Diego Padres, play 10 years professionally and represent Canada in the 2004 Athens' Olympics. Ed coached Justin at the 2006 Little League World Series. Justin would later be drafted by the Toronto Blue Jays and suit up for Team Canada in the 2015 Premier 12 tournament

