

*Leopolis Baseball Club
Hall of Fame
Inductees*



July 15, 2018

Hall of Fame Committee

Orlie Pederson - President, Bob Kristof - Secretary

Peter Kucksdorf, Rick Otto, Tom Kristof, Steve Kristof, Roger Peterson

IN MEMORIAM

Since our last HOF ceremony, we share in the heartache and loss of a number of family members and Bulldog supporters.

Former Players: Jim Paiser

Mom and Spouse of former Players: Veronica Kristof, Doris Paisar

Other friends and family of former players: Lyle Ashenbrenner

Thank you all for coming to the 2018 HOF Induction Ceremonies.

Today's Program

Welcome

Introduction of the Caroline Legion Color Guard

Introduction of the H. O. F. Committee

Wreath Laying – Prayer – Moment of Silence

2018 Inductee Presentations

Closing

- *Let's all join in the
singing of "God Bless America"*

Please join us for a Brat and Burger picnic lunch
Down in the Shelter following the Ceremony!

Memories

2004 Leopold Bulldogs

Front Row L-R Tom Carroll, Dan Conradt, Jason Otto, Brandon Zahn, Jeff Blumreich, Kyle Hoffman, Tyler Schmidt, Gary Schick
Back Row L-R Tom Kristof, Joe Prochaska, Brad Hanson, Craig Kamke, Mike Weatherwax, Bill Lohrentz, Todd Peterson
Tom Kristof & Tyler Schmidt Managers. Bat Boy Ky Schmidt
Missing Joe Kristof, Craig Rose



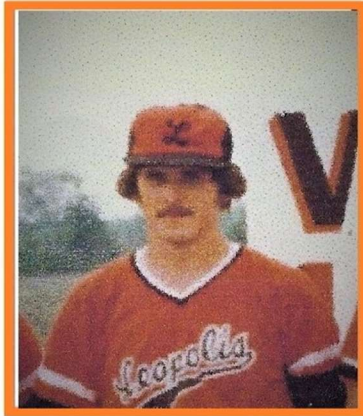
1975-76 Leopold Bulldogs



Back: Kevin Thiel, Dave Asenbrenner, John Reminger, Tom Zimdars, Buckshot Asenbrenner, Brian Thiel, Tom Kristof Sr., Bert Thiel.... **Front Row:** Ron Zimdars, Steve Kristof, Orlie Pederson, Rick Otto, Pete Kristof, Kelly Thiel, Jim Kristof, Jim Carroll, Bat-Boys Tom Kristof Jr. - Gary Asenbrenner

Dave Asenbrenner

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Dave Asenbrenner
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Born in 1958, to a long time BABA base umpire Eddie Asenbrenner and mom Adeline, joining brothers Mike and John, and sisters Diane and Marie, Dave started his Bulldog career with the Leopolis Little league and Junior League back in the day, playing for managers Floyd Kristof and Swampy Steinke. He finished up his BABA career pitching for Caroline, as Leopolis was loaded with adequate pitching in that era.

Dave went to Leopolis Grade school and graduated from Marion High in 1976, lettering in Baseball, Basketball and Cross Country.

In High School, Dave remembers throwing a 2 hitter versus Wautoma's pitcher Bill Lear who threw a 1 hitter...Dave had that one hit, a solo home run in the top of the 7th for the only run of the game. Coach Bartelt said "it doesn't get any better than that!"

While pursuing a Business Degree at UW-Oshkosh, Dave used his baseball talent to be an All-Conference pitcher at

UWO his sophomore year, participating in the NCAA Division 3 Baseball World Series. He remembers playing games against the likes of Paul Molitor's University of Minnesota team. "Paul had a better baseball career than I did"

With the Bulldog's from 1976 - 1984, Dave spent a lot of time in right field, batting at a .225 average and doing some pitching, before taking that pitching talent to Caroline in 1985, playing in key games versus Leopolis during the playoffs.

Dave remembers the Leopolis team with an unusual number of right handed throwing ball players who batted left and left handed throwers batting right. He heard it was had something to do with the water...

Today Dave lives with his wife Kay (Phillips) near Clintonville for the last 28 years, and works with his brothers at the Asenbrenner Insurance Agency in Shawano, enjoying time with his Step-daughter Kandy and grandson Jadin or you can find him out on a nearby golf course.

The Leopolis Baseball Club is honored to Induct Dave into the Leopolis Baseball Hall of Fame.

Tom Kristof Jr.

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Tom Kristof Jr.
July 15, 2018

From the time Tom was born in July of 1970, Tom's Hall of Fame dad and mom initiated Tom into spending the next 40 years of Sundays somewhere near a ball diamond. Even to this day he spends it coaching or watching daughter Kenda in softball, or sons Andrew and Kasey playing ball. In the 70's, Tom was chasing foul balls and collecting bats as a bat boy, to the 80's shagging fly balls at practice or before games, and playing Leopolis little league under Louie Hawpetoss. They were Western Shawano county little league champions under coaches Roger Peterson and Darold Paiser. Tom was a western division little league all-star.

In High School, Tom led the Marion Mustangs to the State Tournament in 1988 his senior year under Coach Bartelt. Marion lost the first four games of the year. Tom notes - "We were playing Weyauwega and I was dead at home by about ten feet and I laid the catcher out and was kicked out of the game. Coach Bartelt went

ballistic and pulled me into the corner of the dugout. I remember him saying, what would your dad have thought of that, if you guys don't start playing ball, I'm going to put the underclassman in. Needless to say his speech worked as Marion never lost another game all the way to the State Tournament. I Pitched the Sectional final at Marion to go to state. I remember the girls' softball team was also playing in Marion and won to go to state. They were done before us and the players and fans all came to cheer us on. I struck the last batter out to end the game and everyone mobbed the pitchers' mound leaving me at the bottom of the pile. I thought I was going to die. At state Marion got beat by Greenwood and I had the only hit for Marion, a double high off the left center field wall." Tom led the team in hitting his senior year and was awarded the Tom Kristof Memorial Award for the highest batting average. One of the greatest moments in my career. He Pitched 2 no-hitters in high school. One combined with Jay Brandt.

After High School Tom was invited to a tryout camp for the Cincinnati Reds. Tom says "Well my hopes were dashed as the first thing we had to do was get timed running. Yes, I was slow. Not sure where Kendra gets it as she is the fastest girl in Shawano High school." Tom played against former Milwaukee Brewer and New York Yankee Major Leaguer Bob Wickman and had 2 hits off him in a Legion Game in Shawano for a chance to go to the legion state tournament.

Then came his chance in 1986 to put on the Bulldog uniform and wear it for as many as 26, 27 years until 2012. Over his career Tom played in more games than anyone in the history of Leopolis baseball, Over 1300 at bats and over 400 hits. One year hitting 6 home-runs. He batted .307, averaging 20 hits a year. Looking back at Tom's yearly Stat's, from the Mid 90's to 2010, Tom probably averaged .333 and was Western Division batting champ 2005- .453 average. Played on 1995 Granny team. Tom pitched for many years, played at short and 2nd base and then first base which he is most remembered for. According to some, one of the greatest first baseman to play in the BABA. While playing in a Shawano Tournament, Tom remembers leading off, the first pitch of the game with a home-run against former Major Leaguer and Leopolis Hall of Famer Kevin Thiel who was pitching for Navarino at the time.

Finally, Tom notes:

“I had the opportunity to play with both Sons’ Andrew and Kasey. I remember my very last at bat for Leopolis was a bottom of the 9th, 2 out, full count walk-off hit to beat Caroline. Andrew was playing for Caroline at the time and I still remember him saying, “It just had to be you who would beat us, didn't it.”

I learned everything about baseball at an early age watching and listening to what was said in the dugout as a batboy. I learned the game and how it was supposed to be played by players and former Major League pitcher Leopolis Hall of Famer Bert Thiel of the 70's early 80's Leopolis Team, One of the Greatest Teams to ever play in the BABA. I Hated to lose, a trait passed on from Grandma Kristof. Since the 40's, there has always been a Kristof in the lineup until a few weeks ago.

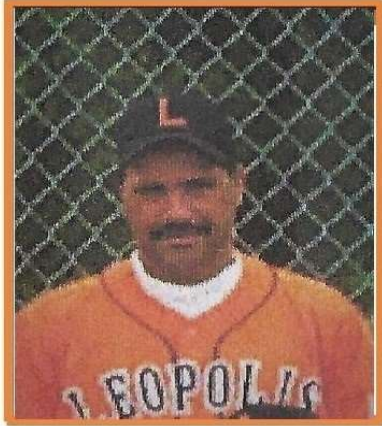
Over the years I have played with and against many guys and the friendships we shared is something I will never forget. I enjoyed the Camaraderie on and off the field with former team mates like, Todd Hoffman, Kevin and Kelly Thiel, The Carroll boys, Jeff Sousek, Todd Peterson, Billy Lohrentz, Tyler Schmidt, Chris Popp, Joe Prohoska, Whitey Hanson, John Twaroski, Rick Boda, Mike Weatherwax, Matt and Adam Lorge, Jay Brandt, Joe Kristof, my cousins, and many more to include the fans.”

Throughout the years Tom has helped out the youth in various sports. coaching Marion Little League, Coached Shawano Youth Baseball, Softball, and girls’ basketball. Assistant Shawano Varsity Baseball Coach for 5 years. Assistant Shawano Varsity Football Coach. Currently an Assistant Shawano Girls Varsity Softball Coach.

Tom has been President of the Leopolis Fish and Game Club for over 20 years. And lastly, Tom himself was another successful “Soup Gang Candidate” Drag Queen winner, back when the Ball Club held their 4th of July raffle to help pay for all the updates done to the ball field here in Leopolis.

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Todd Peterson
July 15, 2018

Todd Peterson

Todd Peterson, a man of few words, but had a big impact on the Leopolis baseball field. Born in early December of 1967 to Hall of Fame parents Roger and Carol Peterson, joining a Brother Roger and Sisters Sharon (Helms) and Barbara (Carley).

Summer Baseball started with Leopolis Little League teams under the keen eye of Swampy Steinke and Louie Hawpetoss. Besides being a Running back on the Football team, Todd honed his baseball skill in High School under 4 years of direction of Coach John Bartelt, who kept him mostly as his key 3rd baseman, but tried him out on the Mound at times.

Todd's most memorable pitching stint was for the Marion Legion team at Shawano, where Bob Wichman (future mayor league player) hit his fastball so hard, "I think that ball was still flying over the wading pool out past left field there in Shawano". "Bartelt came to the mound and says give me that ball!

Todd's Bulldog career spanned 1984 – 2005, much of it under the direction of Hall of Famer Steve Conradt, was spent playing at third base, hitting for a career batting average of .212, and trying to get his curveball to break, after a night of fun out with the guys.

Todd remembers playing with team-mates such as Hall of Famers Jeff Sousek, Greg, Tom and Jim Carroll, Todd Hoffman, Billy Lohrentz, Kelly Thiel, as well as the likes of future Hall of Famers Mike Weatherwax and Kyle Hoffman.

Today, you can find Todd doing Odd jobs around the area...
"If you need something done – go find Todd"

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**Margie Kristof
(FAN)
July 15, 2018**

FAN

MARGIE KRISTOF

Can anyone remember when you didn't see Margie at a Leopolis Bulldog game. It all started back in 1972, when Margie Hoffman started dating Hall of Famer Steve Kristof, where her first game was a Tilleda/Leopolis game in Tilleda. She notes "I must have had an impact on Steve that year, as Steve won the batting crown in 1972". They were also married in September of the 1973. Margie, born in 1953, to Vernon Sr and Ruth Hoffman, comes from a large family with 5 sisters and 2 brothers. She graduated from Gresham High School, in a time when Gresham never had a sports program for competition with other schools.

Steve and his family introduced her to baseball, right-away, every Sunday...it was the thing to do back then. Living in Green Bay for 40 years, it was always pack up the car for the weekend and off to Leopolis.

Saturday night or Sunday started with church and

always a big dinner at Veronica's house, then off to a ball park somewhere, where the women were tending bar or watching the kids. This even continued on when Steve was done playing and our son Joe began playing. Today we're watching Joe and the Hoffman boys, with multiple nephews and great-nephews on the team.

Today and for the past 5 years they live in Leopolis, Margie retiring from BMO-Harris bank this past February, can enjoy time baby-sitting 2 days a week for Joe and Crystal's twins Scarlett and Joanna.

While working at BMO, Margie earned numerous award trips to places like Mexico-3 times, Puerto Rico, Arizona, Nevada and Chicago. Today it's a trip to Maryland to see their daughter Jennifer and husband Jose and grand-kids Sofia and Cristian.

When not baby-sitting the twins, Margie spends her time in the garden, helping out with Church activities, and going to Grandson Gabriel's T-ball games.

Margie would like to thank the Ball club for the great relationships developed from the Sunday and tournament games, and expects this to continue for years as "Gabriel is a Kristof, and I'm sure he will love the game of baseball", so we'll see you at the ball game.

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PAST LEOPOLIS BASEBALL HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

with year of induction

1946 Championship Team	2003	Otto, Rick	2008
		Otto, Vern "Nails" (Fan)	2005
Ashenbrenner, Duane "Buckshot"	2004		
Asenbrenner, Dave	2018	Paiser, Arlie (Fan)	2006
		Paiser, Harold	2009
Brunner, Albert "A.N."	2003	Pederson, Orlin and Shirley (Fan)	2004
Brunner, Emereth	2014	Pederson, Orlie	2014
		Peterson, Carol (Fan)	2017
		Peterson, Todd	2018
Carroll, Gregg	2013	Peterson, Roger	2006
Carroll, Jim	2011	Pevonka, Orv	2010
Carroll, Leland and Sabina (Fan)	2010		
Carroll, Pat	2014	Reminger, John Jr	2011
Carroll, Thomas	2015		
Cervany, George	2006	Sazama, John	2009
Clement, Frank	2007	Sazama, Stanley	2013
Conradt, Marshall	2005	Schultz, Jerry	2007
Conradt, Steve	2013	Schmidt, Tyler	2017
		Schmidt, Warren (Fan/Ump)	2015
DeBaker, Joe (Fan)	2014	Sousek, Alex	2003
		Sousek, Jeff	2016
Heinl, Bob	2011	Sousek, Milan	2015
Hoffman, Todd	2012	Sousek, Victor	2015
Huebner, Wally	2003	Stefl, Ty	2004
		Steinke, Allen "Swamy"	2003
Kazda, Pat	2008	Steinke, Melvin "Butch"	2004
Kresl, Matt	2006	Stezenski, Joe	2004
Kristof, Allen Sr.	2004		
Kristof, Carol and Rita (Fan)	2007		
Kristof, Floyd	2003	Thiel, Art	2003
Kristof, Frank and Bonnie (Fan)	2016	Thiel, Bert	2004
Kristof, Jim	2013	Thiel, Brian	2012
Kristof, Margie (Fan)	2018	Thiel, Kelly	2010
Kristof, Peter	2007	Thiel, Kevin	2008
Kristof, Steve	2005		
Kristof, Tom Sr.	2003	Vierbicher, Roland "Red"	2005
Kristof, Tom Jr.	2018		
Kristof, Veronica (Fan)	2008	Westphal, Orville	2010
Kucksdorf, Peter	2017		
		Zimdars, Ron	2009
Lohrentz, Billy	2017	Zimdars, Bill, Sylvia, Shelly (Fan)	2011
Messherschmidt, Art (Fan)	2004		
Mitchell, William "Billy"	2005		

