

Meet the 2018 HOF Inductees

Donnie Davidson– Booster

Donnie is an avid collector of items related to the history of the Eastern Shore League. He is willing to spend as much time and resources as necessary to make sure the Eastern Shore League and the history of baseball on Delmarva will never be forgotten. For many years, Donnie worked relentlessly as a board member of the Eastern Shore Baseball Foundation and still serves as its historian. Donnie remains instrumental in helping the Foundation operate the Hall of Fame Museum by sharing his knowledge, collection, and time. At the Museum, there are two complete walls dedicated to the original Eastern Shore League thanks to Donnie. Donnie has also participated in presentations at numerous locations across the Shore talking about the history of the Eastern Shore League as well as sharing his collection. He was a major contributor to Mike Lambert's book "Eastern Shore League – Images of Baseball". Thanks to Donnie Davidson, the history of the baseball on the Eastern Shore will never die!

Jackie Edward Finney - Player

Jackie was a standout left-handed pitcher for the Virginia Shores of the Eastern Shore Baseball League in the 1980's and early 1990's. Jackie led the Shores, managed by Hall-of-Famer Dave Tyler, to a league championship in 1996 with a record of 6-3 and a 1.96 ERA. He was ESBL all-star and pitched one perfect game. Jackie is best known for pitching BOTH games of several doubleheaders. He was a hard-nosed, hard-working player who did not know the meaning of giving up at any time. Jackie was nominated by Hall-of-Famer Kirkland Hall, who is one of the best evaluators of baseball talent on the Eastern Shore.

Brian Hollamon – Player

An Eastern Shore native, Brian was a member of the 1989 Delaware State Baseball Champion Sussex Central High School and played in two Big League World Series. He was captain, MVP, and all-conference shortstop at Salisbury University, and was one of the most dominating players in the Eastern Shore Baseball League from 1992 – 2013 as an outfielder, catcher, shortstop, and third baseman. For 18 of his 22 years in the ESBL, Brian played for the Perdue Chicks and helped lead them to 11 league championships, and 5 national World Series appearances. Brian, who played 530 games for Perdue, dominates the Perdue all-time record book in many statistical categories. Remarkably durable and dedicated, he only missed 22 games in his 18 seasons with Perdue. He was inducted into the National Semi-Pro Baseball Hall of Fame in 2014. In addition to his accomplishments as a player, Brian also coached high school baseball at Mardela and Parkside from 1999 to 2017, leading his teams to many successes. Currently, he is the Head Baseball Coach of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

Brian C. Horner – Player

Born in Wenona, Maryland, Brian was a star player for 4 years for the Washington High School baseball team in the early 1990's. During those summers, he played Big League Baseball, where he led his teams to World Series appearances in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida for 3 consecutive summers. Upon graduation, Brian was drafted in the 48th round of the Major League Baseball June Amateur Draft by the Chicago White Sox. After that, Brian played at Delaware Technical & Community College, where he helped lead the team to the Division II College World Series in Millington, Tennessee in 1995. During his high school and college career, from 1992 to 1998, Brian played in the Eastern Shore Baseball League for Peaky's, Virginia Shores, and Perdue. After his playing days, Brian has coached Little League, High School, and American Legion.

Brad C. Lee – Player

Brad was a pitcher and outfielder for Laurel High School from 1989-92 and was a first team All-Henlopen conference pitcher in 1992. Brad was the starting pitcher in the 1992 Blue/Gold Delaware all-star game for the winning Gold team. He also played in the 1991 Big League World Series for USA East. Brad went on to pitch at Delaware Tech in 1993 and 1994 and compiled a 15-3 record. He was drafted in 1993 by the Detroit Tigers but decided to stay in school. In 1994, Brad signed a letter of intent with New Mexico State University and had numerous other offers from top Division 1 schools, however the Texas Rangers selected him in the 1994 supplemental draft at which time he signed with that club. Brad played in the Rangers organization in 1994 and 1995 before retiring from professional baseball in 1996. After pro ball, he pitched in the Eastern Shore Baseball League for 10 full seasons (1993, 1997-2005) and finished with an overall record of 92-12 (including post season) and was undefeated in 4 of the regular seasons. Brad threw 7 no-hitters and 3 perfect games while playing in the ESBL. He was inducted to the National Semi-Pro Baseball Hall of Fame in 2014.

Michael L. Ross – Umpire

Mike was born in Berlin, Germany and is the son of a military family. He grew up in Silver Springs, MD. and attended Good Counsel High School. After high school, he served in the US Navy. Mike started umpiring in the early 1980's and moved to the Eastern Shore in the late 1980's and began umpiring college and high school baseball as well in the ESBL. Mike was active as an umpire in the ESBL from the early 90's until the early 2000's. He then filled in as necessary and took on an active role in the league from a board perspective. Mike is currently the Vice President of the ESBL and has held that position for several years. Mike has been a staple for the league, always going the extra mile to recruit teams and players as well as help the league to host the NABF Regional Tournament. Without Mike's involvement and dedication in the ESBL, this league may very well not be in existence today. Mike has been involved with the ACU (Atlantic Coast Umpires Association) for 28 years and currently serves as the association's secretary and assigner. He is always working with younger umpires to help them better themselves. He spends several weeks in Florida during the off season working with Roy Hobbs, formally as an umpire, and currently as an announcer and game day scorebook keeper. In short, Mike Ross has done a lot for the local baseball community.