



ANNOUNCING:

The La Crosse Area Baseball Hall of Fame

MISSION:

To acknowledge the historical, economic, and social significance of the role that baseball has played on the growth and development of the La Crosse area. We seek to honor those with area ties who contributed to the great game of baseball and the improvement of the quality of life in the La Crosse area.

The purpose of the La Crosse Area Baseball Hall of Fame is to recognize the significant impact that baseball has made on the La Crosse, Wisconsin area. We seek to commemorate the individuals most closely associated with baseball, its promotion, success, and positive impact on the economy, history, and quality of life in the La Crosse area.

Each inductee will be honored with an engraved plaque in the shape of home plate, which will be permanently embedded in the sidewalk around La Crosse's Copeland Park. Copeland Park was chosen as the site for the commemorative plaques for its historic and present significance in the La Crosse baseball scene. More than 200 baseball games are played at Copeland Park each year. The high traffic area around the baseball field makes it an ideal venue to honor those who have helped to promote baseball in the La Crosse area.



The first class of honorees will be announced in January 2015 with the induction ceremony to take place with the unveiling of the plaques later that year. Future inductees will be added on an annual basis.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

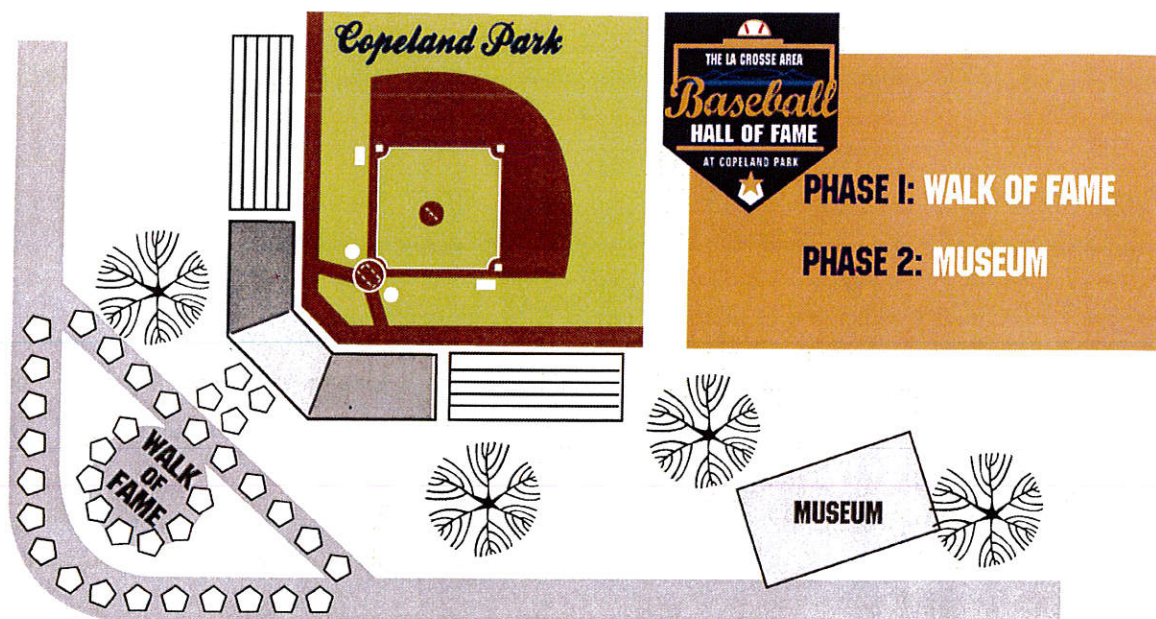
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Edward "Big Ed" Konetchy

Born and raised in La Crosse. Slick fielding first baseman led NL in fielding seven times. Batted .281 in 2085 games in a fifteen year MLB career 1907-1921. 15th in career triples with 182.

For more information please contact Mike Haupert, Chair,
La Crosse Baseball Hall of Fame Committee, at mhaupert@uwlax.edu.



OPERATING STATEMENT PHASE I: WALK OF FAME

1. To create a permanent commemoration to honor the legacy of individuals with area ties who have made significant contributions to baseball. This commemoration will take the form of an engraved plaque for each individual commemorated. The plaques will be in the shape of home plate and will be embedded in the sidewalk around Copeland Park, a historic and present site of baseball in the La Crosse area.
2. In addition to the plaques, each honoree will also be commemorated with a 3' x 6' photo banner that will hang inside Copeland Park.
3. Each year a new class of Hall of Famers will be inducted and their plaques added to the walkway around Copeland Park.
4. A traveling display of baseball memorabilia and artifacts to honor the history of the game in the La Crosse area will be created. This display will be housed temporarily at various locations, including businesses, museums, and schools. The display will evolve and change over time as new materials are added to it. Its purpose will be to inform, entertain, and educate, while at the same time drawing attention to the Hall of Fame, which will be prominently identified in the traveling display. The display will be small enough to easily move to various locations. Its purpose will be to bring greater attention to the role that baseball has played and to honor those people, places, and events that have played significant roles. The traveling display is meant to be viewed for brief periods of time, perhaps multiple times by a viewer. The display will be designed so that a viewer can get a good idea of what it contains in a glance, and should be able to comprehensively view the entire display in about 15 minutes.

OPERATING STATEMENT PHASE 2: MUSEUM

1. A facility for a permanent display. This might be a dedicated baseball hall of fame museum building or permanent exhibition space in another facility.

The La Crosse Area Baseball Hall of Fame is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Donations are tax deductible as allowed by law. Donated funds will be used for the purchase, engraving, and installation of plaques and the maintenance of the traveling exhibit. An endowment is also being established for the Phase II portion of the campaign, which will fund a permanent site for the La Crosse Area Baseball Hall of Fame.