

THE HANK CAPUTO BASEBALL COLLECTION

A well-known figure in the Capital Region sports world, **Hank Caputo (1928-1997)** is best known for his involvement in amateur baseball. In the 1970's, he played an important role in reviving the Schenectady Connie Mack League. He moved on to found the Schenectady Baseball Club, a team for college age players which became the Schenectady Mohawks. Thanks to his contacts, several players were signed to professional contracts.

Money for the team's budget came largely from bingo games Hank, his family and friends ran on Saturday nights for many years. Hank also organized a yearly mid-winter baseball awards and hall of fame dinner with major league players, managers and executives as guest speakers.

This collection includes a variety of artifacts related to the Schenectady Baseball club including:

Album of photos, citations and ephemera – 1975-1989

Album of photos, citations and ephemera – 1989-1997

Schenectady Baseball Club Files:

Helfrich Ford Baseball Club 1978 Season – articles and program

Helfrich Ford, R&R Pools, State Color Baseball Clubs Yearbooks and Programs 1978 – 1992

Connie Mack, Mohawks Northeastern Collegiate League Programs and Schedules 1978-1992

Hall of Fame – 1986 Inductions (articles)

Schenectady Mohawks 1986 season (articles)

Hall of Fame – 1987 inductions (articles)

Schenectady Mohawks 1987 season (articles)

New York State Assembly Resolution congratulating the Schenectady Mohawks – 1/ 26/1987

Hall of Fame – 1988 inductions (articles)

Schenectady Mohawks 1988 season (articles)

Schenectady Mohawks Press Clippings – 1988 Season

Hall of Fame – 1989 inductions (articles)

Schenectady Mohawks Programs – 1986-1995

Schenectady Baseball Club Dinner Programs – Connie Mack, Hall of Fame, Annual Press Conference Banquets, 1977-1994

Also:

1954 Schenectady Little League World Series 50th Anniversary Commemorative Section in the Sunday Gazette – 9/12/2004

Baltimore Orioles Programs

Videotapes:

Hall of Fame Dinners: 1/28/1988. 1/20/1991, 1/17/1993. 1/15/1994 (3tapes)

Hot Stove Dinner – 1/19/1996(?)

Two plaques honoring Hank Caputo

Three large team photos

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