



John Blackwell

2008 Inductee

Born in Los Angeles in 1935, John moved to Sacramento as a youngster and has been a part of the baseball community since he was 12. His 6'-4" frame along with incredible dexterity earned him the nickname "Stretch" as one of the best first basemen to play the game. He also added strength to his teams as a left handed pitcher, and was a consistently good hitter. John joined the SMSBL at the age of 58 and has played with the Solons, Gold Miners and Rivercats during a 14 year career, and is known for being a great teammate and team player. When most men are retired, John played on 8 World Series Championship teams while accumulating a 6-1 pitching record and batting over 300.