

THE HIGH HOPES NEWS

NO TIME TO WAIT! SAVE THE DATE! 2023 Legend's Dinner & High Hopes Golf Tournament Set for August 25 & 26

oin us for a ton of fun! The 2023 Sports Galore Weekend is taking reservations for the Legends Dinner and High Hopes Golf Tournament!

The Legends Dinner on Friday August 25th features a barbecue chicken & ribs dinner with apple pie dessert followed by presentations from Yakima Valley Sports Legends. The cost is \$50 per guest. For fundraising there is an awesome silent auction sponsored by Yakima Valley merchants.

The High Hopes Golf Tournament is Saturday, August 26th, with a 1:00 pm shot-gun tee time. The tournament cost is \$150 per player and \$600 per four player team. Sponsorships are available from \$200 to \$7,500. The Tournament includes a barbecue lunch, golf and is followed by the Trophy Hour reception. NEW! The Carol Finney Youth Division has eight teams that tee off at 7 am and receive Youth Division trophies during the barbecue burger lunch. Proceeds from these events are the funding source for our grants program.

Contact info@parkeryouthfoundation.com or 509-469-9336.

<u>Premier Sponsor Sherrie Parker</u> • Gold Sponsor Stan Renecker & Campbell Global LLC • Bronze Sponsor Terrel, Lewis & Wilke Insurance Silver Sponsors – Jon Mulvenon • Yakima Valley Community Foundation • McDonald's of Yakima Valley • Kirk Tourtillotte • Phil Hinrichs

SALUTE NOEL CORPORATION MULTIPED = Rodger Noel - Parker Youth & Sports Mike Trammell

The Parker Youth & Sports Foundation board of directors is honored to present the 2023 Contributor of the Year award to Rodger Noel, owner of Noel Corporation. Rodger Noel has great respect and belief in the people of Yakima Valley. He and his independent family-owned company – the Noel Corporation – have provided generations of generosity for youth in the Valley. Ninety years ago, John Noel Sr. and Frank Noel founded the Noel Corporation and secured a Pepsi-Cola franchise. They sold water, a few brand-named soft drinks and they established their corporate values. Rodger Noel owns and manages a business that has changed and diversified through five generations – but quality products, customer service and the Noel Corporation value of giving to communities and youth in this region has not changed. It is amaz-

2023 Contributor of the Year



ing – and almost incomprehensible – to quantify the gifts valley youth have received from the Noel Corporation. Baseball teams like the Pepsi Pak and Yakima Pepsi Beetles, softball teams, field repair projects, training camps, track construction, college uniforms and facilities – the list is beyond measure. In recognition of the extraordinary gifts of charity shown to youth athletics through the decades, Rodger Noel is named the 2023 Contributor of the Year!

Mike Trammell - Parker Youth & Sports 2023 Parker Partner of the Year

The Parker Youth & Sports Foundation board of directors is honored to present the 2023 Partner of the Year award to Mike Trammell, General Manager of Noel Corporation. Mike is a community man with a welcoming smile, who reaches out to people, is accessible with only a phone call and always answers the phone with courtesy. He must have a tiring day sometime – but no one we know has ever seen him even weary! Mike has been with the Noel Corporation for over 50 years and understands the work of youth athletics very well. He

listens to learn what youth groups need and helps them find answers. Mike has instincts of respect, eyes that see need and he has the Noel Corporation value of believing in the people who work to improve life for the youth of our Valley. Since our beginning, Mike Trammell has contributed to the work of Parker Youth & Sports Foundation to protect our parks, and support local college sports and youth athletics. In recognition of being a key partner that provides products and time to strengthen our organization, we salute Mike Trammell as the 2023 Parker Partner of the Year.



TODD STOTTLEMYRE



Todd Stottlemyre was born into a family of baseball players. His father, Mel, was a major league pitcher and coach, and his older brother, Mel Jr., also played in the big leagues. Todd was a 15-year major league starting pitcher from 1988 to 2002 who earned two World Series championship rings in 1992 and 1993 as a pitcher with the Toronto Blue Jays.

Todd was a standout athlete in high school, excelling in baseball and basketball at Davis High School, and was named the state's high school Baseball Player of the Year in 1983. Todd played American Legion baseball for the Yakima Beetles coached by Bob Garrettson Jr. He was drafted by the New York Yankees in the fifth round of the 1983 amateur draft but did not sign. He attended and played ball at University of Nevada-Las Vegas. He then played at Yakima Valley College and was coached by Bill Faller. In 1985, he played collegiate summer baseball with the Harwich Mariners of the Cape Cod League and was named a league All-Star.

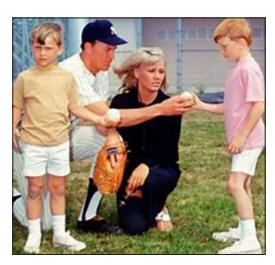
In the 1985 MLB draft, the Toronto Blue Jays selected Todd out of YVC as the third overall pick,



and he signed with them on Aug. 12, 1985. He pitched his first major league game with Toronto in 1988 at the age of 22. He spent seven seasons with the Blue Jays, helping them win the 1992 and 1993 World Series. His best season came in 1991, when he recorded 15 wins and pitched 219 innings with an ERA of 3.78. He signed with the Oakland Athletics for the 1995 season. He was traded to the Cardinals prior to the 1996 season and played three seasons before being traded to the Texas Rangers. In 2002, he retired from professional baseball as a member of the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Todd's pitching velocity averaged 92-93 mph. Perhaps his most memorable moment came in the 1993 World Series, when he pitched a complete-game shutout against the Philadelphia Phillies in Game 6 and helped to clinch the championship for the Blue Jays. Todd was known for his fierce competitive spirit on the mound and his willingness to take risks in big moments.

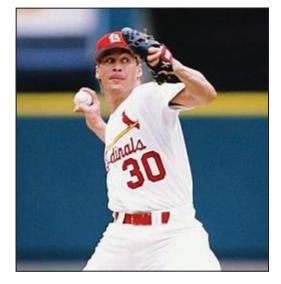
Off the field, Stottlemyre is a philanthropist, successful entrepreneur, author and motivational speaker. He established the Todd Stottlemyre Foundation, which has raised millions of dollars for cancer research and patient care. His personal and uplifting books include "Relentless Success: 9-Point System for Major League Achievement" (2017) and "The Observer" (2020). In 2000, Todd received the Lou Gehrig Memorial Award, which honors the major league baseball player who best exemplifies the courage and character of Lou Gehrig. In 2000 he was also awarded the MLB Branch Rickey Award, which honored his outstanding community service. He is married with five children and lives in Arizona. Todd Stottlemyre is a true role model who has used his talent and success to make a positive impact on youth and the world around him.





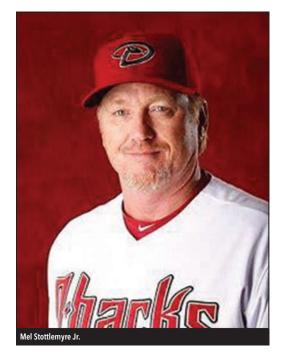






"Todd was a competitor, and he liked a challenge. He'd get down on himself at times and want to throw harder and he challenged himself. He set goals. He didn't realize at that time how good he was. He knew the game and went to battle on the mound." Coach Bob Garretson Jr.

MEL STOTTLEMYER, JR.



In the provided states of the same vision....To Win!"

Mel Jr. was born in Prosser and played baseball at Davis High School. He played American Legion baseball with the Yakima Beetles under Coach Bob Garretson, Jr. He played college baseball at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas and played collegiate summer ball with the Harwich Mariners of the Cape Cod League.

Mel Stottlemyre Jr. was selected in the 1982 major league baseball draft by the Seattle Mariners, but he did not sign. In 1985, he was drafted by the Houston Astros and began his professional playing career with the Astros' Asheville Class A team. Mel started the 1987 season with the Astros' Double-A Columbus team and was traded at mid-season to the Kansas City Royals, who assigned him to their Double-A team in Memphis. In July 1990, the Royals called him up to the major leagues, where he pitched in 13 games that season. The rest of his playing career Mel delt with injuries, and he underwent seven surgeries. "I had many hardships, and I really learned how to deal with adversity," he says.

Mel Jr. began his successful 20 year coaching career with the University of Nevada-Las Vegas,

serving as their pitching coach. In 2002, he became pitching coach of the Yakima Bears, a Class A team in the Arizona Dilamondbacks' system, and for several years he continued as a pitching coach for several Single-A, Double-A, and Rookie-level teams.

In 2009, Mel Jr. was hired as the pitching coach for the Diamondbacks. He also worked for the organization as a roving minor-league pitching instructor. In 2013, he returned to the Diamondbacks' major league staff as the bullpen coach.

In October of 2015, Mel Jr. was announced as the pitching coach for the Seattle Mariners, where he became known for his ability to develop young pitchers. "For years I watched my Dad and how he trained as a player and how he treated people as a coach," Mel Jr. says. "Now, I have a chance to do that. I had a great mentor."

In December 2018, Mel Jr. was introduced as pitching coach for the Miami Marlins, a position he holds to this day. This is the fifth season he has overseen a wealth of talent and development in







Miami. The Marlins have several notable young hurlers such as Sandy Alcantara, who led the National League in complete games in two of his first four full seasons. "Analytics have made me a better pitching coach," Mel Jr. says. "They are a good tool to use with the feelings and instincts that are still important when managing players."

Mel and Lisa, his wife of 33 years, and their family enjoy and relax with Mel's fishing-guide business in the Pacific Northwest. "I like my path,' Mel Jr. says. "I've seen a lot, done a lot, and learned a lot of life's lessons. This made me a better coach, father, and person."







"As a young man, Mel Jr. wanted to be a catcher not a pitcher. It was a problem because he was a very good pitcher! He naturally knew how to do it - plus he was a tough pitcher on the mound." Coach Bob Garretson Jr.

Celebrating A Proud History of 18 Years of Parker

Since 2006, 44 individuals have been honored by Parker Youth & Sports Foundation as outstanding athletes and leaders in the sports and athletic traditions of the Yakima Valley.



1. 2006 PETE RADEMACHER 1956 Olympic Gold Medal **Heavyweight Boxing**



BILL PEARL 1953, 1961, 1967, 1971 Mr. Universe 1978 Hall of Fame



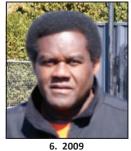
3. 2008 CHUCK "Bobo" BRAYTON YVC-WSU Baseball Coach - College Baseball Hall of Fame



PHIL MAHRE 1984 Olympic Skier Gold Medal



STEVE MAHRE 1984 Olympic Skier Silver Medal



WILLIF TURNER 1967 World's Fastest Man 100-yard & meter NCAA Track Title All-American



13. 2013 GENE ROSTVOLD Coach, Davis HS Baseball, Basketball Athletic Director



14. 2013 **BETTY BAKER** Fast Pitch Softball Women's Golf Women's Leader



15. 2013 MARY SHERAR JOHNS Women's Tennis Women's Leader



16. 2014 **BILL DOUGLAS** Football All-State Univ. of Wash. 1964 Rose Bowl Quarterback



17. 2014 **OLLIE NELSON** YMCA Exec. Director **Cross Country cyclist** 50-Yr. Athlete Youth Sports Director



18. 2015 STEVE DALE 1965 HS All American Ftball RB 1965 WA St Ftball Player of Year 1965 Ike HS State Champ-Capt. **USC Football RB** 1969 Rose Bowl USC



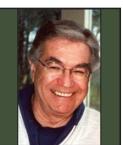
25. 2017 JAKF KUPP Football Player NFL - 12 Years University of Wash. Sunnyside HS 1964 Rose Bowl



26, 2017 CRAIG KUPP NFL - 1990 Pacific Lutheran Univ. Selah HS **PLU Hall of Fame**



27. 2018 STAN RENECKER Philanthropist for youth sports Founder, Faller-Brayton Endowment YVC & Ike Baseball



39. 2022 JIM SCOGGINS **30-year newspaper Sports** Editor, 3-term Yakima School Board, Co-founder PYSF. covered Yakima Valley games and athletes

YVC = Yakima Valley College



MFL MOORF 26-yr. WIAA Tournament Dir. Baseball, Volleyball **Rotary Unsung Hero**



40. 2022 COACH BOB GARRETSON, JR. 17-year YVC baseball coach, 13-year Yakima Beetles Coach, two World Series Legion titles. 9 State Titles, WSU player



29. 2019 PHIL HINRICHS **Baseball Pitcher** YVC 1976, 1977 WSU baseball Team Co-Captain Team Champs



TODD STOTTLEMYRE 15-yr MLB Pitcher, Blue Jays', 2 World Series Rings 1992, 1993. Davis HS, YVC, Yakima Beetles, Lou Gehrig Memorial & MLB Branch **Ricky Award**



30, 2019

PHIL FNGLISH

Coach, Track-Cross Country

Nat'l. HS Coach of the Year

Ike, Carroll HS

Runner at WSU

22 Boy & 22 Girl league titles

42. 2023 MEL STOTTLEMYRE, JR. 6-yr MLB Pitcher, 20-yr MLB pitching coach; Pitching coach Diamondbacks-Mariners-Marlins, Davis HS. Yakima Beetles Legion & Univ. Nevada baseball



37. 2022 **DR. DAN DOORNINK** 8-year NFL Seahawks-NY Giants running back, Called 'Mr. Third Down", WSU Hall of Fame, Wapato's All-Star quarterback



38. 2022 PAIGE MACKENZIE 10-year LPGA golfer, 2005 Player of the Year, 2006 PAC 10 Regional Champ, 2010 #1 Nat'l. Amateur, **Golf Channel analyst**

WSU = Washington State University



AWARDS

2023 MID-YEAR GRANT PRESENTATIONS **JUNE 26, 2023**





St. Joseph / Marquette School





First Tee of Yakima



Sunnyside Parks and Recreation



Pegasus Project

"LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD" PRESENTED TO BOB GARRETSON SR Garretson is the name. Baseball is the game!

LL IN THE FAMILY - and the name of the family's game is Baseball! The Garretson name has deep ties to baseball history in the Yakima Valley. Coach Bob Garretson Sr., his son Coach Bob Garretson, Jr, and grandsons Mike Garretson - a player, and Jeff Garretson - sports reporter and Pippins General Manager, have been a part of the growth of Yakima baseball for 90 years. The Garretson family impact on youth baseball in the Yakima Valley began in 1937 when Portland-born Bob Garretson Sr. moved to Yakima as an experienced baseball player to play first base for the first Pippins team in Yakima. Bob Sr. and his teammate Joe Gordan (14-year Yankee) had signed professional baseball contracts with the "Western International League" as they graduated from their Portland high school. The 2,500-seat baseball stadium Parker Field was also built in 1937. In time, Bob Sr. married, moved to a ranch and his career gradually became baseball coaching, with some farming. In 1959, Bob Sr. became the head coach for the Yakima American Legion team and these teams won 8 state championships.

"FIELD OF DREAMS" Bob Sr. had a passion for the sport of baseball and he dedicated his life to helping young athletes reach their full potential on and off the field. He was a legendary baseball coach in Yakima and succeeded John Zaepfel as coach of Yakima's American Legion team -then called the "Logan Wheeler Post 36" or "The Yakima Packers" depending on who provided funds for the team. In the 1950-60's, each player had to have a sponsoring business that paid \$150 dollars for the player to play. Players wore the name patch of that business on the backs of their uniform.

"ANGELS IN THE OUTFIELD" For 15 years, from 1959 to 1974, Bob Sr.'s served as the head-coach of Yakima's American Legion team while working with a dozen or more Yakima fathers to build a top notch, high quality-baseball program for Yakima's young men. Yakima fans will recognize the family name of these ambitious and dedicated group of dads because many of their sons and grandsons continue to work for youth athletics in Yakima today. The group of father's included Buck La Bissoniere, Ted Mellotte, Norm McDonald, Doc Stevenson, Del Edler, Mike Lovering, Ron Pearson, Duke Dornan, Art Fellows, and Mer Edmondson.



These hard-working men and others began building a program with a financial structure, sponsors, and facilities for our local American Legion baseball program that was called Yakima Youth Baseball. One year, Coach Garretson Sr. even sold two steers and gave the proceeds to the team to help cover the expenses!

"LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN!" The new baseball organization worked year-round because every year had to be better than the year before - and in every way. Better facilities, more coaches, improved uniforms, and a tougher longer schedule. The fans arrived and the crowds grew as the teams succeeded.

"THE NATURAL" The legacy of Bob Garretson Sr. continues today with the Yakima Youth Baseball Garretson Memorial Tournament honoring Bob Garretson Sr. It is a unique 12 team wood bat tournament featuring pool play and a Championship round. Played at Parker Field at Yakima Valley College, it is one of the top tournaments in Washington state featuring the best teams in the Pacific Northwest.

FOR THE LOVE OF THE GAME AWARD! Because Bob Garretson Sr.'s gave 50 years as a dedicated and innovative coach of young athletes in the Yakima Valley: Because Bob Garretson Sr displayed leadership with his family and community to improve and strengthen athletic opportunities for young athletes, Parker Youth & Sports Foundation awards Bob Garretson Sr. a "Lifetime Achievement Award" for his work with Youth Athletics!"

Parker Youth & Sports Foundation is a 501c(3) non-profit organization. Our tax ID number is: EIN: 20-1584691. A copy of our 501c(3) letter of determination is available upon request. Parker Youth & Sports Foundation began in October 2004. Over the last 15 years over \$620,500 in grants have been awarded to local parks, Yakima Valley College, school athletics and youth athletic organizations.

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL HIGH HOPES GOLF SCRAMBLE Saturday, August 26, 2023 - 1 p.m. Shotgun Start

Apple Tree Resort - 8806 Occidental Road, Yakima, WA

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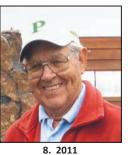
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Youth & Sports Foundation 'Legends' Honorees

These individuals have received local, state, national, or for some, international recognition in their sport as a player, coach or administrator of athletic programs.



7. 2010 MEL STOTTLEMYRE 11-season MLB Pitcher, 23season MLB pitching coach for the Yankees, Mets, Astros, Mariners, 5-time MLB All-Star, 6-World Series rings. YVC player



BILL FALLER **Baseball Coach** YVC Athletic Director **Coaches Hall of Fame** Founding Board, PYSF President, PYSF



9. 2011 DARYL PARKER **Youth Sports Founder** Philanthropist YVC



TOM PARRY **Football Coach** WSU All-Star CWU Hall of Fame & **Pacific Northwest Football Coaches Hall of Fame**



11. 2012 **BETTY YADEN** Tennis Player, Coach Coach, Girls' Sports Chair, Tournaments 20 yrs. Parks and Rec.



12. 2013 **KEITH FARNAM** Coach, Eisenhower HS Tennis, Baseball, Basketball, Softball Athletic Director



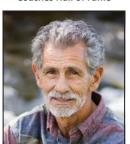
19. 2015 **TED WIERMAN** 1965 Davis Football Basketball Capt. **Davis State Champ** Basketball



20. 2015 SCOTT MCDONALD 1965 Marquette HS **Basketball Captain** 1965-70 Orioles Yakima Beetles



21. 2015 ERIC BEARDSLEY Star Track Runner **CWU Hall of Fame** NAIA Coach of Year Coach, Moses Lk and CWU



22. 2016 LANE PHILLIPS **New York Yankee** Pitcher YVC Player YVC Coach



23. 2016 PETE ORGIL Baseball Coach, Davis HS YVC Baseball Player Washington State Baseball Hall of Fame



24. 2017 MIKE CARLON Selah Baseball Player YVC Pitcher WSU Pitcher Top Player MVP Award Coach, Youth Sports



31, 2020 **KAY ABFRLF** 32-yr Volleyball Coach 5 State Championships at Selah High School 91% win percentage in Champion seasons

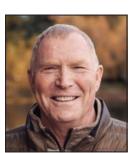


SARAH SILVERNAIL Volleyball player **Two-Time All-American** 1997 Pac-10 Player of Year 1998 National Team WSU. Fife & Ike HS player



33, 2020 AL ROGERS Volleyball Coach 38 years coaching YVC NWAC Coach of the Year -3 times

1984 Officiated at Olympics



34, 2021 DAVF FDLFR 4 Seasons with the Seattle Mariners, WSU Baseball, 1975 American Legion Plaver of the Year



35. 2021 SHAG WILLIAMS Standout Basketball player Univ. of Washington, Davis High School, **All-State Coach**



36, 2021 COACH CAROL FINNEY WIAA Hall of Fame, Ike Softball Coach, coach of several girls' sports, PYSF Board



43. 2023 SCOTT HATTEBERG 14-year MLB Catcher & 1st base Red Sox, Athletics, Reds. IKE HS, Yakima Beetles Legion, WSU baseball.1991 MVP Pac 12. Winning Homerun for Athletics 20 game win title



BOB WELLS 9-yr MLB pitcher Phillies, Mariners, Twins. 1996 Mariners MVP-pitched 12 wins, IKE HS, Yakima Beetles Legion Spokane Falls College baseball. 1999 AL most games played

CWU = Central Washington University



Parker Partners Support Youth Sports JOIN TODAY!

HS= High School

SCOTT HATTEBERG



When Scott Hatteberg was young, many people would say he was destined to be a baseball player because he loved the game so much. He certainly fulfilled his destiny. After 14 years of major league baseball from 1995 to 2008, Scott succeeded as a catcher and first baseman and had over 1,000 hits while playing for the Boston Red Sox (seven years), Oakland Athletics (five years) and Cincinnati Reds (two years). Playing for the the Athletics, Scott is best known for his role in the team's 20-game win streak in 2002. He was named the Athletic's Most Valuable Player for that season.

Scott was born in Salem, Ore., as one of three sons and played Little League baseball in Canby before moving to Yakima. He played baseball at Eisenhower High School and was the catcher for the Yakima Beetles American Legion team coached by Yakima Valley Sports Legend Bob Garrettson Jr., that placed third in the 1988 Legion World Series played in Middletown, Conn.

Scott played college baseball at Washington State University under College Hall of Fame Coach and Yakima Valley Sports Legend Chuck "Bobo" Brayton when the Cougars won the Pac-10 North three straight years. Scott was named 1991 Pac-12 Conference MVP. He played collegiate summer baseball in the Alaska Baseball League and was a member of the U.S. National team playing in the 1990 World Cup.

In the 1991 draft, Boston selected Hatteberg in the first round. He made his first appearance in the major leagues in 1995 and played seven years with the Red Sox as both a catcher and first baseman. He was traded to the Oakland Athletics in 2001 as a first baseman and quickly became a valuable player for the A's with his reliable offensive skills and defensive abilities at first base. It was with the Athletics that Scott made history as a key member of the 2002 A's team that won 20 straight games. He made many outstanding plays in the field that contributed to the streak. Scott's pivotal moment of the streak occurred when he hit a home run in the bottom of the ninth inning of an 11-11 game, sealing the team's 20th win and cementing his place in baseball history. The story of this amazing winning streak and Scott's role on the team is captured in the 2011 movie "Moneyball."

Scott played for the Athletics for five years before being traded to the Cincinnati Reds, where he played two more seasons before retiring with a .273 career batting average, 1,153 hits, 106 home runs and 527 RBI.

Scott, his wife Bitsy, and their three daughters Lauren, Sophia and Ella, live in western Washington. Scott works as an analyst for the Oakland Athletics and enjoys fishing in his free time. He is known for his philanthropic work, particularly with organizations that help children with autism and other disabilities. His love and passion for the game of baseball shines through in everything he does, and he remains an inspiration to young players everywhere.





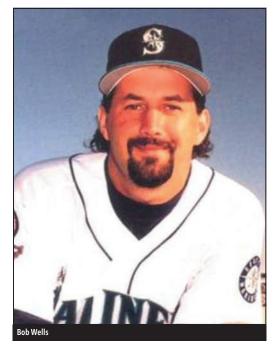






"Scott was an infielder when he was younger – but he got moved to the catching position in high school. Scotty was so good as a catcher - and the good pitchers needed his ability behind the plate to catch them. He was an excellent clutch player." Coach Bob Garretson Jr.

BOB WELLS



Akima native Bob Wells was a star major league baseball pitcher who played from 1994-2002 for the Philadelphia Phillies, Seattle Mariners, and the Minnesota Twins. Bob was born and raised in the Yakima Valley. He graduated from Eisenhower High School in 1985 and played American Legion baseball on the Yakima Beetles coached by Bob Garretson Jr. in 1984 and 1985. He played at Spokane Falls Community College before being signed by the Philadelphia Phillies in 1988.

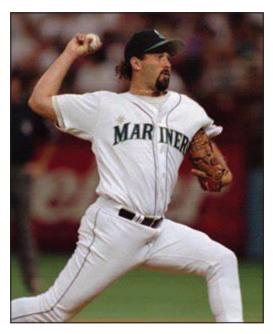
Bob spent development time in the Phillies' minor league system before making his major league debut in May of 1994 with the Phillies at the age of 27. He quickly became known as a reliable reliever, with a fastball clocked at over 90 mph. Later in the 1994 season, he was picked up by the Mariners off the waiver wire and made his Mariner debut in 1994. He pitched most of his career as a reliever but had a successful stretch of starting for the Mariners, especially in 1996, when he pitched in 36 games, 16 as a starter, threw 130.2 innings, had one complete game, a shutout, and was selected as the M's Most Valuable Pitcher after finishing with a 12-7 record.

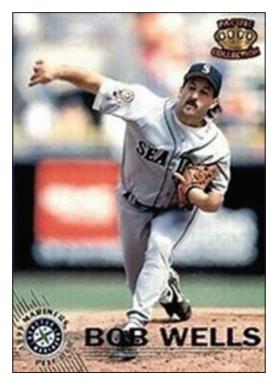
He pitched five seasons with the Mariners, becoming one of the most consistent relievers in the American League. He pitched 76.2 innings in 30 appearances as a starter and reliever in 1995 and was part of the Mariners' playoff run in 1995 when they beat the New York Yankees in the AL Division Series before falling to Cleveland in six games in the AL Championship Series.

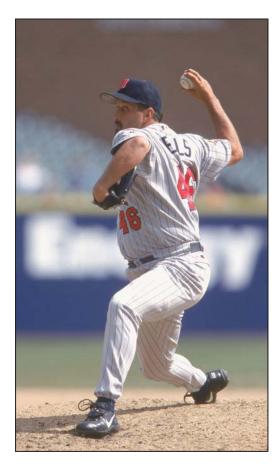
While playing with the Phillies, Mariners and Twins, Bob pitched in more than 400 games with 415 strikeouts and a record of 40-28. He played in the postseason in 1995 and 1997 with the Mariners and in 2002 with the Twins. In 1999, Bob led the American League in appearances with 76 games and in 2000 was third in the AL with 76 appearances.

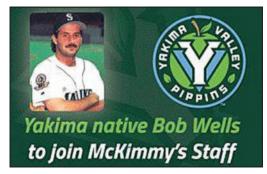
He retired from playing baseball in 2002. He became the pitching coach of the Yakima Pippins – a collegiate summer team – in their inaugural year. He's also handy with a golf club, recording a hole-in-one at the Yakima Elks Golf & Country Club. No one was surprised that he aced the 155yard 16th hole using a "pitching wedge."

Bob has been married for 32 years to his wife, Heidi, and they have three grown children – Ben, Sam, and Olivia. He has apple orchards in the Valley and works in the agricultural business. He remains a popular sports figure in the Yakima Valley, where he is remembered as one of the greatest baseball players to ever come out of the area.











"Bob was a pitcher with the American Legion Beetles team. He always gave 100% as a relief pitcher. He was always ready and gave his best. He was a competitor and did the job." Coach Bob Garretson Jr.





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