



Bill Byckowski (1980)

SPORTS - BASEBALL - HALL OF FAME

Bill Byckowski moved to Brampton with his family at the age of 10. At this young age Bill showed an immediate interest in baseball, and soon joined the Chinguacousy Minor Baseball Association and later the Brampton Minor Baseball Association. His Baseball career in Brampton continued for several years before he left to compete at the collegiate level in Michigan. As a young man, Bill's interest in sports was not restricted to baseball. While attending Bramalea Secondary

School, Bill competed successfully in basketball, volleyball, track and field and finally football. He set a Peel-Halton Touchdown Record as a Midget High School Football Player and was named Bramalea Secondary's "Athlete of the Year". Football success followed Bill through his years at Wilfrid Laurier University, culminating in Bill being selected as an early round draft choice of the British Columbia Lions of the Canadian Football League.

Bill's greatest achievements were realized in baseball when, after completing his education he played in the Intercounty Baseball League for several years. Bill accumulated 3 batting titles and had a lifetime batting average of .389. It is no wonder Bill was recruited for the Canadian National Baseball Squad that competed in the 1987 Pan American Games and the 1988 Seoul Olympics.

Although no longer involved as a player, Bill has maintained his interest in baseball. He managed the Brampton Bantam "Representative" Team that won the 1992 Canadian Championship. Bill then joined the staff of the Toronto Blue Jays Baseball Club and was recently named to the position of Director of Canadian Scouting