



The Patchogue Athletics were a semi-pro baseball team who played for several seasons (SEE ARTICLE 1) under Manager, Paul Skidmore. Skidmore, in 1947, also simultaneously founded and managed another incarnation of the "Patchogue Athletics", but on the football gridiron instead of on the baseball diamond (SEE ARTICLE 2).

The baseball Athletics played on the Patchogue High School athletic field, at night, and under arc-lights (SEE ARTICLE 3). In 1947, a photograph of the team (SEE ARTICLE 4), along with an enumerated roster, was published in the September 18, 1947 issue of the "Advance". After the team folded after the 1949-1950 season, there was at least one attempt to revive it, in 1952, by Paul Skidmore himself. However, it appeared to come to naught, alas.

INTRODUCING THE ...

Patchogue A's

EDWARD (EFFIE) YOST



Born:
February 1, 1923

Place:
New York City

Height: 5'6"

Weight: 160 lbs

THE ADVANCE, PATCHOGUE, N.Y.

THURSDAY, MAY 27, 1946

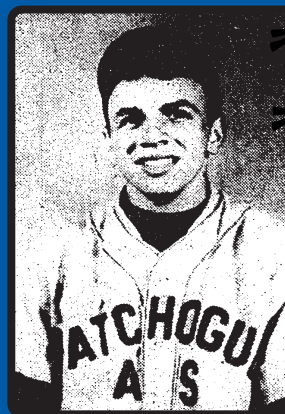
Catching seems to go hand-in-hand with Effie Yost, the redoubtable backstopper for the Patchogue Athletics, and one of the foremost of the A's when it comes to team play. This spirited receiver was a sports standout during his high school years when he was a four letter man. Effie was a stellar end on the football eleven, played a bangup game of basketball, and, of course, was the catcher on the Raiders' baseball nine. He has lived in Patchogue for the past ten years, and, although the Navy interrupted his athletic activities during World War II, Effie has become better than ever since he forsook the navy blue for civilian life.

During the basketball season, Effie has a full slate, for he plays for both the Terry Brothers, local town team, and Swozey & Nowins, champions of the Brookhaven Town YMCA league.

When the cage season terminates, Effie brings out his favorite receiver's mitt and is ready for another baseball campaign. Last year, he had a sensational year with the A's, hitting .336 and leading the team in total hits with 15. Fans say this 25 year old hustler will even outdo his 1947 feats this coming season.

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LOUIS (BUDDY) FUOCO



Born:
April 26, 1928

Place:
Patchogue

Height: 5'6 1/2"

Weight: 150 lbs

THE ADVANCE, PATCHOGUE, N.Y.

THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 1946

Versatile is the word that best describes Bud Fuoco, stellar infielder for the Patchogue Athletics, who, after a poor start last season, started on a hitting spree and wound up with a neat .309 average, besides filling the shortstop gap with near perfection.

Buddy, when he was graduated from Bellport High school in 1946, left behind him a string of accomplishments in the sporting scenes that would fill a book. Besides being a standout on the baseball diamond for the Red and Blue, Bud also excelled in soccer, track and basket-

ball. However, avowing about the infield is his specialty and he makes plays from his shortstop post that are unbelievable. He recently had a tryout with a Chicago White Sox farm team but was released when his arm went bad.

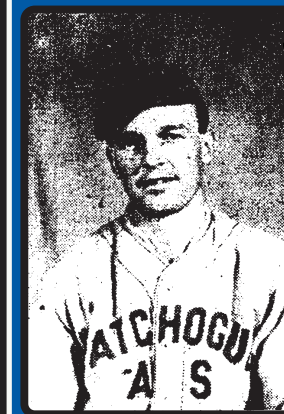
A left-handed batter, Buddy hits a long ball, which makes him a constant home run threat, especially on the Patchogue High field with that inviting fence.

Besides being a top notch diamond performer, Buddy is a nice guy to know and is very popular with his teammates.

—GORDON FORBES

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AL KING



Born:
August 9, 1920

Place:
Patchogue

Height: 5' 9 1/2"

Weight: 155 lbs

THE ADVANCE, PATCHOGUE, N.Y.

THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 1946

One of the outstanding outfielders turned out by Patchogue High school during the 1935-1938 era was Al King, currently among the five picket men that comprise the Patchogue Athletics outer gardens. Strictly a line drive hitter, Al specializes in hitting directly to left field and it was just one of these pokes that won a practice game for the A's against the Bay Shore Panthers last month.

The hard-working left fielder entered the Army when the war broke out and served more than three years with Uncle Sam. After his discharge, Al again picked up where he had left off during his high

school years and was the regular left fielder on the Patchogue Cubs, a local semi-pro team. With this squad, Al blossomed forth as a .300 hitter and patrolled the outfield with his usual finesse.

A resident of Patchogue all his life, Al was not on the A's roster last season, but he played so well in "pre-season" contests that Mgr. Paul Skidmore immediately handed him a uniform. Fans are sure to like this veteran player who gives his best whenever he is on the ball field.

—GORDON FORBES

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WILLIAM J. MARTIN



PATCHOGUE A'S

Born:
August 30, 1924
Place:
Brooklyn, N.Y.
Height: 5' 8½"
Weight: 165 lbs

THE ADVANCE, PATCHOGUE, N.Y.

THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 1946

Bellport, already represented by shortstop Bud Faoco, has come up with another outstanding infielder in Bill Martin, the capable keystones guardian for the Patchogue Athletics who is off to a brilliant start this year.

While attending Bellport High, Bill played varsity basketball and baseball during the 1939-41 period. After receiving his diploma in 1941, Bill continued his ball playing with the Hagerman Fire department until the Army beckoned him. While in the Army, Martin was stationed on Saipan from 1944-46, and was given his discharge at the beginning of 1946. Immediately he became the

regular second sacker for the championship Hagerman team that season.

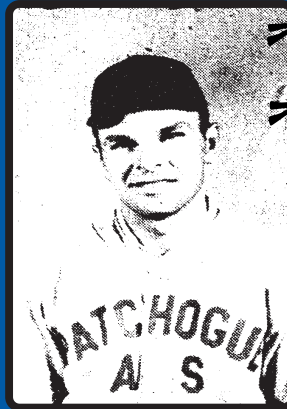
Trying out for the A's, Martin made the grade and became the regular second baseman last season and continued on the varsity this year. Bill teams up with Buddy to form a spectacular second base combination which makes the Athletics strong "down the middle."

Although not a spectacular hitter last season, Bill got his share of hits and played a bangup game at second. This year, he's off to an electrifying start, with two hits in each of the first two contests.

—GORDON FORBES

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STAN GLOVER



PATCHOGUE A'S

Born:
March 13, 1925
Place:
Yaphank
Height: 5' 7"
Weight: 175 lbs

THE ADVANCE, PATCHOGUE, N.Y.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 1946

Patrolling the tricky right field position for the Patchogue Athletics is no cinch, but Stan Glover seems to have made the job look easy. A consistent batter, Stan really can hit that long ball which makes him a valuable runs-batted-in man.

Glover, who never played baseball in high school, says his greatest thrill was hitting a homerun against Sayville last season with the bases loaded. The blow sailed clear to the tracks in deep left field and started the A's rolling to their win in that contest.

Stan earned the nickname of "Pete Reiser" by virtue of his unorthodox style of bating fly balls and his falling into the bushes in right field

last season. Having improved tremendously in his defensive abilities, the nickname is rapidly disappearing.

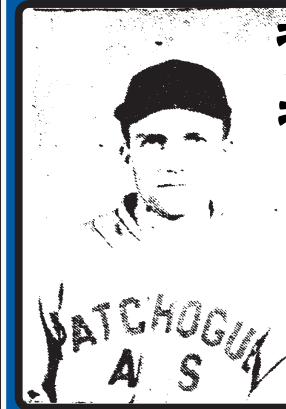
When you first take a look at Glover in the batters' box, you would never believe him to possess the batting ability which he displays. His left, or front elbow, is cocked very high but somehow this Yaphank slugger generates enough power to send the ball for a long flight on most of his visits to the plate.

Currently, the stocky right fielder is clipping the pill at a .300 average and more than likely will spoil many pitchers' efforts before the season comes to an end.

—GORDON FORBES

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BILL DONNELLY



PATCHOGUE A'S

Born:
June 1, 1920
Place:
Port Jefferson
Height: 5' 6"
Weight: 150 lbs

THE ADVANCE, PATCHOGUE, N.Y.

THURSDAY, JULY 1, 1946

Smart baseball wins games and Bill Donnelly is just the type of ballplayer that can change the tide in a ball game with his heads-up style of play. Bill, who has had vast experience on the diamond, ranging from four years of scholastic baseball with Sayville High to 14 months of Double A ball on the Pacific coast, was recently elected captain of the Patchogue Athletics, an honor which he justly deserves.

Donnelly served for two years in the Navy and joined Paul Skidmore's club during the early part of last year's season. We can still recall the way Bill patrolled the center field position in his first game, making several sensational catches.

When a fly ball is hit towards Donnelly's territory, fans just relax and know that Bill will "but that one away."

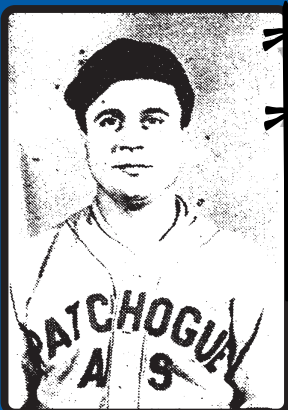
Very popular with his teammates, Bill plays a spirited game whenever he is on the ballfield. Donnelly is serving as lead-off man this season and so far, has reached base on 6 out of 13 trips to the plate. He received the nickname of "Blis" last season because of his name similarity with the major league pitcher.

If we were to describe Bill's actions during a ball game, we would simply state that this crafty center fielder believes in "putting the pressure on the other team."

—GORDON FORBES

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MIKE CHIUCHIOLO



PATCHOGUE A'S

Born:
June 29, 1924
Place:
Rome, Italy
Height: 5' 8"
Weight: 183 lbs

THE ADVANCE, PATCHOGUE, N.Y.

THURSDAY, JULY 6, 1946

Whenever the Patchogue Athletics have a runner in scoring position and Mike Chiuchio comes up to the plate lugging his big brown bat, you can feel safe to wager with the nearest fan that the man on base will not be left stranded. Known as "The Clutch-Hitter" among his teammates, Mike specializes in driving runs across with his powerfully-hit drives which carry through the infield like a jet.

Although not colorful, when it comes to guarding the third base post, Chiuchio time after time comes up with amazing plays that make you wonder at times just how good this fellow can be. Well-built

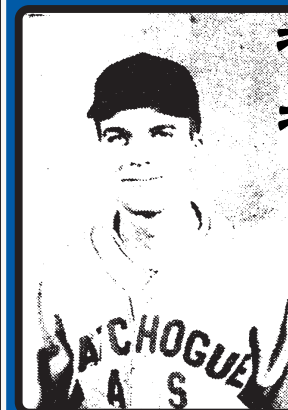
Mike possesses a rifle-like throwing arm and also puts plenty of muscle behind his hits which frequently are labeled "extra-base."

Very modest, Mike remarks that his highest thrill in baseball was seeing Stan Glover pole that memorable home run again Sayville last year. However, we are willing to bet that if we delved into Mike's history, we could come up with one or two thrills which he himself performed. However the betsy third sacker is content to cover the hot corner for the A's and continue to live up to his nickname of "The Clutch Hitter."

—GORDON FORBES



JOSEPH CANTWELL



PATCHOGUE A'S

Birth Place:
Brooklyn
Height: 6' 1"
Weight: 170 lbs

THE ADVANCE, PATCHOGUE, N.Y.

THURSDAY, JULY 15, 1946

From the heart of the beloved Brooklyn Dodger section comes first basemen - outfielder Joe Cantwell, one of the new members of the Patchogue Athletics. Although an outstanding ballplayer, Joe is finding it equally hard to replace the hard hitting George Staudt at first or break into the Bill Rooney - Bill Donnelly - Stan Glover trio in the outfield.

Joe attended Erasmus Hall High school where he was a top ranking athlete, participating in baseball, football, and swimming. Just after graduating, Joe or "Smiley" as most friends call him, found himself in

the midst of World War II and immediately he was donning one of Uncle Sam's uniforms. While in the service, Joe was in the Pacific for three years, participating in the invasions of Leyte, Manila and Okinawa. After receiving his discharge, that old yearn to feel the tingle of a ball meeting a bat came to Joe and he played for several semi-pro teams before moving to Patchogue. Now, Joe is trying his best to oust one of the regulars from a starting berth and if our "Smiley" continues his top notch play, he's liable to do just that.

—GORDON FORBES