

JOSEPH JEFFERSON JACKSON

“Shoeless Joe”

1888-1951

“Shoeless Joe Jackson was the finest natural hitter in the history of the game.”

—Ty Cobb

“I copied Jackson’s style because I thought he was the greatest hitter I had ever seen, the greatest natural hitter I ever saw. He’s the guy who made me a hitter.”

—Babe Ruth

JACKSON’S MAJOR LEAGUE CAREER

Philadelphia Athletics 1908-1909

Cleveland Naps 1910-1915

Chicago White Sox 1915-1920

.356 Career Batting Average – 3rd Highest Ever

Threw: Right Batted: Left Position: Left field

1911 Batted .408, highest batting average ever by a rookie

1912 Led American League in: triples (26), hits (226), and total bases (331)

1913 Led American League in: hits (197), doubles (39), and slugging percentage (.551)

1917 Threw 396 feet 8 inches to win a throwing competition

1917 Player for Chicago White Sox in World Series win against New York Giants

1919 Player for Chicago White Sox in World Series loss to Cincinnati Reds

1920 Batted .385 during regular season and led league in triples for third time; Suspended after allegations that 8 members of the White Sox conspired to throw the 1919 World Series

1921 Chicago jury acquits Jackson of helping to fix the 1919 World Series. Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis, first Commissioner of Baseball, goes against the court ruling stating, “Baseball is perfectly capable of governing itself.” Judge Landis bans Jackson and seven

other Chicago players from ever playing professional baseball again.

In the 1919 World Series, Joe Jackson:

- Batted .375, leading both teams
- Hit the only home run
- Had 12 hits, a World Series record until 1964
- Accounted for 11 of the White Sox’s 20 runs (5 runs, 6 RBI’s)
- Played errorless ball in the field

HONORS

BASEBALL MAGAZINE named Joe to its All America Team in 1911-1914, 1916, 1919

1951 Cleveland Hall of Fame

1969 SC Athletic Hall of Fame

1980 Ohio Sports Hall of Fame

1995 PA Baseball Sports Hall of Fame

1996 Brandon Mill ball field dedicated as *Shoeless Joe Jackson Park*

1996 Portion of SC Highway 123 named *Shoeless Joe Jackson Memorial Parkway*

1998 Hall of Famer Ted Williams filed a petition with Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig asking him to clear Jackson’s name so that he could be considered for induction into the National Baseball Hall of Fame

1998 South Carolina Legislature passed resolution asking Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig to reinstate Jackson as a member in good standing in professional baseball (Bill 993)

1999 Jackson finished 12th in the balloting for the All Century Team (Outfield)

1999 US Congress passes resolution asking Major League Baseball to clear Jackson’s name from their Ineligible List

2002 Inducted: Shrine of the Eternals in CA

2002 Dedication of Shoeless Joe Jackson statue and naming of public plaza in Jackson’s honor, historic West End, Greenville, SC

2008 Dedication and grand opening of the SHOELESS JOE JACKSON MUSEUM AND BASEBALL LIBRARY, located at 356 Field Street, Greenville, SC

Shoeless Joe Jackson Museum & Baseball Library

356 Field Street Greenville, SC

864-235-6280



Hours: Saturdays, 10am – 2pm

Private tours available by appointment

Free Admission and Free Parking



www.shoelessjoejackson.org

The Shoeless Joe Jackson Museum is a 501(c)(3) non-profit foundation dedicated to preserving the memory of Shoeless Joe Jackson. Admission is free, but donations for the operation and maintenance of the non-profit museum are gratefully accepted.

Questions? Contact the museum at

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