Paul Rapier Richards

Year Inducted: 1996  Category: Baseball

Born in Waxahachie, Texas...Played in the major leagues with the Brooklyn Dodgers, New York Giants, Philadelphia A's and Detroit Tigers from 1932-1946...Member of the Tigers' 1945 World Championship team...Played 523 career pro baseball games batting .227 with 321 hits (51 of which were doubles), 15 home runs, 140 runs scored and 155 RBIs...Played in all seven World Series games collecting four hits, two that were doubles...World Series batting average was only .211, but he drove in six runs...Playing catcher, Richards was involved in 46 put-outs during the series and also had five assists...Managed the Chicago White Sox (1951-54, 1976) and Baltimore Orioles (1955-1961)...Posted a 190-117 record as Atlanta Crackers' manager...Vice president for the Atlanta Braves from 1966-72.