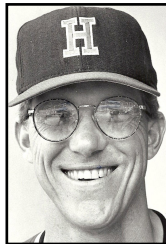


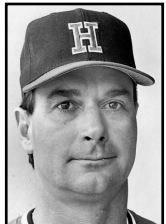
# Before The 'Burg

They all came from someplace else to get to Harrisburg, each coming to an island in the middle of the Susquehanna River during the summer of '93 with the hope of one day reaching the majors. Most did. Others came close. Their stories are on the pages that follow, but first some background information on the 41 players, two coaches and one manager who in 1993 formed one of the greatest teams in minor league history.

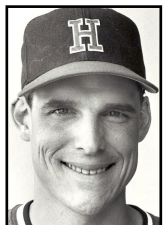


**JIM TRACY.** **Position as player:** Outfielder-first baseman. **Born:** Dec. 31, 1955 in Hamilton, Ohio. **Height:** 6-foot-3. **Weight:** 205 pounds. **Batted:** Left. **Threw:** Right. **How acquired by Montreal:** Signed by Expos in fall 1992 after four seasons in Cincinnati Reds' system as minor league manager and field coordinator. **Major League experience:** Played 87 games for Cubs in 1980-81. **Before the 'Burg:** Reds' minor league field coordinator before being fired after the 1992 season.

## THE COACHES

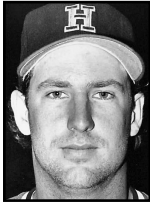


**CHUCK KNIFFIN.** Pitching coach. **Position as player:** Pitcher. **Born:** Oct. 28, 1950 in Rockville Centre, New York. **Height:** 5-11. **Weight:** 185. **Threw:** Left. **Batted:** Right. **How acquired by Montreal:** Joined Expos in 1992 after spending four seasons as Class A pitching coach with Seattle Mariners. **Major League experience:** None. **Before the 'Burg:** Pitching coach in 1992 at West Palm Beach in Class A Florida State League.

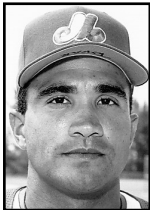


**GREG FULTON.** Coach. **Position as player:** Infielder. **Born:** Feb. 20, 1963 in Quincy, Massachusetts. **Height:** 6-4. **Weight:** 195 pounds. **Batted:** Right. **Threw:** Right. **How acquired by Montreal:** Signed as minor league free agent in July 1990. Retired as player in March 1993 and assigned to Senators coaching staff. **Major League experience:** None. **Before the 'Burg:** Spent 1993 training camp trying to win a roster spot at AAA Ottawa.

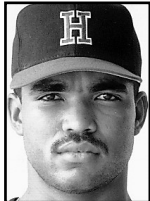
## THE PLAYERS



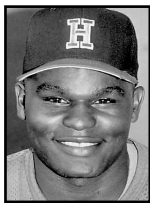
**MIKE THOMAS.** Pitcher. **Born:** Sept. 2, 1969 in Sacramento, California. **Height:** 6-2. **Weight:** 200. **Throws:** Left. **Bats:** Left. **How acquired by Montreal:** Trade with New York Mets for pitcher Tim Burke on July 15, 1991. **Before the 'Burg:** Was 1-3 with nine saves and a 3.29 ERA in 25 appearances. Joined Senators on July 7, 1993 after reliever Yorkis Perez was promoted to Ottawa.



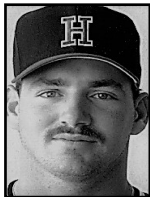
**EDGAR TOVAR.** Shortstop. **Born:** Nov. 28, 1973 in Aragua, Venezuela. **Height:** 6-1. **Weight:** 175. **Bats:** Right. **Throws:** Right. **How acquired by Montreal:** Signed as non-drafted free agent on Jan. 25, 1992. **Before the 'Burg:** Spent the '92 season at Jamestown in the short-season, Class A New York-Penn League, batting .270 in 72 games with 31 RBIs and 13 stolen bases.



**UGUETH URBINA.** Pitcher. **Born:** Feb. 15, 1974 in Caracas, Venezuela. **Height:** 6-2. **Weight:** 184. **Throws:** Right. **Bats:** Right. **How acquired by Montreal:** Signed as non-drafted free agent on July 2 1990. **Before the 'Burg:** Was 10-1 with a 1.99 ERA in 16 starts at Burlington in the Class A Midwest League. Joined Senators on July 5, 1993 when reliever Mario Brito was promoted to AAA Ottawa.



**DERRICK WHITE.** First baseman. **Born:** Oct. 12, 1969 in San Rafael, California. **Height:** 6-1. **Weight:** 220. **Bats:** Right. **Throws:** Right. **How acquired by Montreal:** Sixth-round pick in 1991 draft. **Before the 'Burg:** Reached the majors in '93 after playing '92 in Harrisburg. Was batting .224 in 17 games with Expos when sent to Senators on Aug. 12, 1993, swapping roster spots with Oreste Marrero.



**GABE WHITE.** Pitcher. **Born:** Nov. 20, 1971 in Sebring, Florida. **Height:** 6-2. **Weight:** 200. **Throws:** Left. **Bats:** Left. **How acquired by Montreal:** First-round pick (28th overall) in 1990 amateur draft. **Before the 'Burg:** Spent the '92 season with Rockford of Class A Midwest League, going 14-8 with a 2.84 ERA, seven complete games and 176 strikeouts in 187 innings over 27 starts.