

Team Hemond Makes Memorable Return

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A sellout crowd was treated to an emotional evening of baseball at the annual Pitch and Hit Club awards dinner in Lombard on Sunday.

Among the highlights was the reunion of Roland Hemond with Detroit Tigers general manager Dave Dombrowski and Milwaukee Brewers GM Doug Melvin, whom he mentored earlier in their careers.

Dombrowski was inducted into the Lou Boudreau Hall of Fame, while Melvin received the Major League Executive of the Year Award. Hemond was selected for the Dizzy Trout Baseball Ambassador Award.

“It made me proud to see Dave and Doug recognized because they're special people who have served the game so well,” said Hemond, the Arizona Diamondbacks special assistant. “The Pitch and Hit Club put on a great event.”

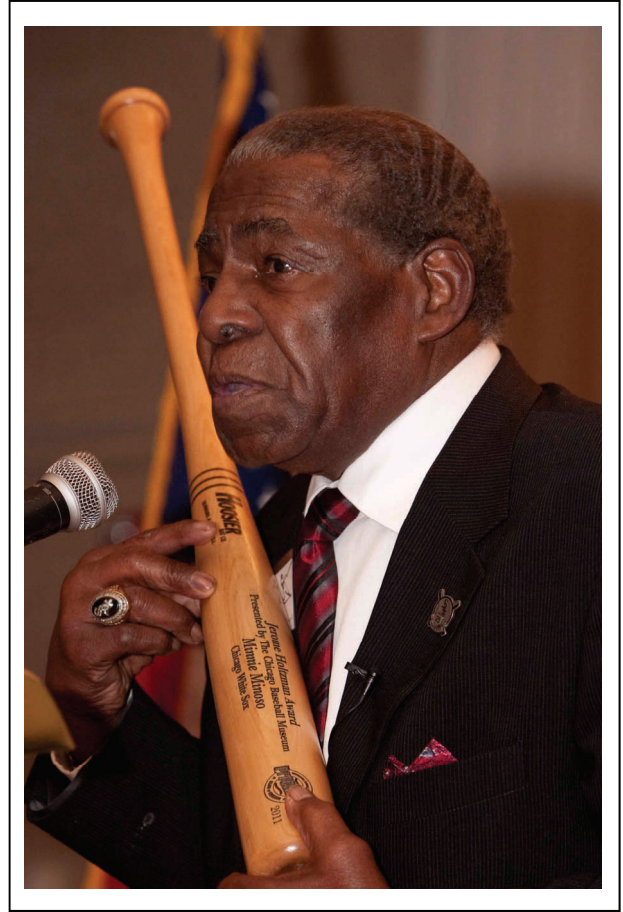
White Sox legend Minnie Minoso was presented with the Jerome Holtzman Award from the Chicago Baseball Museum for his contributions to local baseball last year.

Also honored were Mrs. Jenny Dempster (Mary Frances Veeck Woman of the Year), New York Yankees outfielder Curtis Granderson (Chicago Area Major League Player of the Year) and Joliet Slammers president Bill Waliewski (Minor League Executive of the Year).





Chicago Museum President Dr. David Fletcher



White Sox ambassador Minnie Minoso



Pitch and Hit Club president John Dittrich, Minoso and Dr. Fletcher

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