

Charlie Kelly

Baseball

Ingersoll born Charlie Kelly was an outstanding fastball pitcher and renowned hard hitter. He, along with catcher Bob Henderson, were the battery in many district ball tournaments during the 1920's.



When Canada needed more troops during World War One, Charlie enlisted with the 168th – Oxfords Own – giving his occupation as “athlete”. While with the Canadian Army overseas in 1917, he pitched against an all-star U.S.A. team led by major league pitcher, Herb Pennock. The Canadians won 2-1 thanks to Charlie’s pitching. King George V was a spectator and congratulated Kelly with a hand shake for his 2-1 victory.

Charlie continued to play baseball in Ingersoll after the First World War until 1927, when his career was ended by illness. Charlie passed away in 1933.

Inducted in 1986—Athlete