Levi McCormack



Signed Levi McCormack Baseball Donated by John Alley Levi McCormack was a member of the Nez Perce Tribe and Lapwai High School graduate and star athlete participating in football, basketball, baseball, and track. Levi went on to play basketball and football at Washington State University. He began his professional baseball career while still enrolled at WSU playing for the Lewiston Indians of the Idaho-Washington Minor League in 1933. He went on to play for the Spokane Indians and Seattle Rainiers (1939-1947), a favorite among fans and sport writers.

A signed baseball was donated to the Lapwai School District this week by John Alley, in memory of his grandparents Dr. John Alley and Hallie Alley. Dr. Alley established the tuberculosis hospital in Lapwai in 1902. Mrs. Alley led efforts in the Lapwai valley to begin the first integrated school system in the United States of its kind, native and non-native students.

On behalf of the students, staff, and trustees of the Lapwai School District, we would like to thank Mr. John Alley for his generosity. He was given the baseball as a gift and is signed, "To John."

Levi McCormack Signed Baseball



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Levi McCormack, center top row, played for the 1941 Western International League champion Spokane club.





Danny Escobar, Herm Reich (Fort Lewis Warriors) and McCormack before a Pasco Navy Flyers-Fort Lewis game in 1942.



McCormack, left, with Pasco Navy Flyers teammates Don White, Edo Vanni, and Danny Escobar in 1943. With McCormack hovering on the right, Dwight Aden, left, and manager Ray Jacobs help Mrs. Bill Ulrich take pies out of the oven following the annual team dinner.





McCormack, center, with Spokane teammates Joe Abreau, left, and Pete Jonas, worked for Oscar Levitch Jewelers in Spokane during offseasons. Levitch was a long-time sponsor of the Spokane Hawks and Indians and other Western International League teams. Left, to right, Dick Gyselman, George Archie, Alice Brougham (daughter of Post-Intelligencer columnist Royal Brougham), Bill Lawrence and McCormack at spring training with the Seattle Rainiers in 1939.





Spokane owner Bill Ulrich (suit and tie, far right) invited his players to dinner every year, and this shot is from one of those events, circa 1941. Levi McCormack is in the top row in the argyle sweater. Mike Budnick is to his right in a suit and tie. Spokane legend Dwight Aden is in the back row wearing the cowboy hat.