In the past two seasons, few Major League teams have been more successful than the Texas Rangers. Led by their owner, president and CEO, Hall of Fame pitcher Nolan Ryan, the Rangers have put together a talented and exciting group of players that can flat out hit.

And in mid-September, in the thick of their playoff chase, the Rangers reached out to another former Hall of Fame pitcher: Fergie Jenkins. Fergie and his Foundation traveled to Arlington to sign autographs and raise money for the Rangers Baseball Foundation. As always, the opportunity to meet a Hall of Famer was met with great appreciation by Rangers fans, who came from all across the United States to spend time with Fergie and share their memories about the six great years he spent in Texas.

From 1974-75 and 1978-81, Fergie headed up the Rangers pitching staff, winning the Comeback Player of the Year award in ’74 when he finished a close second in the Cy Young voting to Jim “Catfish” Hunter. That ’74 season saw Fergie set personal bests in a single season for wins (25), innings pitched (328.1), batters faced (1305) and WHIP (1.008). In his first year in the American League, Fergie was simply dominating.

The Foundation’s trip to Texas was almost equally as successful as Fergie’s pitching seasons with the Rangers. Fergie took part in the Rangers annual charity golf tournament, reuniting with some of his former teammates, including his old battery mate, catcher Jim Sundberg (pictured) who now works in the Rangers front office.

One of the highlights of the entire trip was Fergie taking photographs with a group of military personnel outside the ballpark, giving them autographed pictures and going out of his way to thank them for their service.

Fergie and the Foundation would like to thank the entire Rangers staff for their superb hospitality. We hope to be back soon!
Big Brothers Big Sisters is not your typical organization. It helps children realize their potential and build futures. BBBS is an agency that provides direct service to children by matching adults and children in quality mentoring relationships. Their agency staff members are experts at screening volunteers and matching them with a child having similar interests. For over 98 years, the Big Brothers Big Sisters program has made a difference in the lives of young people by providing a friend where one is needed. If you are thinking about becoming a Big Brother or Big Sister, please contact your local agency.

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Heavy rains couldn’t keep the return of the Fergie Jenkins September golf tournament from being a great success.

After a two-year absence, the fall charity classic returned to Rockway Glen Golf Course & Estate Winery in St. Catharines, headlined by an A-list group of celebrities, a sold-out Meet & Greet party and our most dedicated group of golfers and sponsors ever.

The Meet & Greet featured a number of elite product sponsorships from Sleeman Breweries, M&M Meat Shops, 40 Creek Whisky, Cott Beverages and Saputo. Attendees were also given the opportunity to sample Fergie’s award-winning wine, which was developed at Rockway Glen.

The Meet & Greet evening was preceded by a celebrity bass fishing day in the Niagara River, with local fishing guides donating their time and boats to help make the event a great success. An experienced angler, it surprised no one when Fergie brought home one of the largest catches of the day. Awards for the biggest fish were presented at a dinner hosted by Remo D’Intino, owner of Big Marco’s Italian Restaurant and Pizzeria in St. Catharines.

The events were highly reflective of the history of the Toronto Blue Jays as six former players and coaches were in attendance, including Kelly Gruber, Devon White, Jesse Barfield, Mike Timlin and John Sullivan. Their presence was an autograph seeker’s dream as Meet & Greet attendees followed their heroes around the Rockway Glen banquet hall, anxious to receive a signature and an opportunity to speak with the former greats.

The celebrity list also included some names that were particularly unique to Canadian sports history as former heavyweight champion George Chuvalo, former NHL superstar Eric Lindros, and former 100m world record holder Donovan Bailey made the trip to St. Catharines to participate in Fergie’s event. Lindros was especially generous, signing dozens of autographs, including one particularly rare item: his personal Toronto Blue Jays baseball card, released when he was a young third base prospect prior to the beginning of his professional hockey career.

Chuvalo was a special guest of honour at the three-day festivities, promoting his own charitable initiative, Fight Against Drugs, which educates youths about the dangers of substance abuse. Chuvalo’s life has been stricken by tragedy with two sons passing away due to drug overdoses and another son and wife committing suicide. Out of respect to Chuvalo’s charitable work, an autographed boxing glove was placed on each table during the dinner banquet. Golfers were then allowed to make a $200 donation to Chuvalo’s cause, in exchange for the elite piece of memorabilia. Nearly all 20 gloves were sold, a remarkable showing of generosity by everyone in attendance.
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Fergie Jenkins’ massive collection of awards, memorabilia and unique sports-related items finally has a home.

On Nov. 4-5, the Foundation opened the doors to the brand new Fergie Jenkins Museum, an extension of the Foundation offices in St. Catharines. Local dignitaries, politicians, sponsors, family and friends came from across Ontario for a chance to be among the first to check out a facility that will soon become one of the most comprehensive displays of memorabilia in North America.

The expansion was largely made possible by a grant that the Fergie Jenkins Foundation received from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF). Ellis Katsof (pictured, bottom right), an OTF representative, was among the list of dignitaries who came to pay respect to Fergie and celebrate the grand opening. Other attending dignitaries included St. Catharines Mayor Brian McMullan, Niagara Regional chair Gary Burroughs and Debbie Zimmerman from Grape Growers of Ontario. Each dignitary spoke their well-wishes to Fergie and presented plaques to him, commemorating the day.

The grand opening concluded with a cake presentation by Cheryl Miller from Cake by Cheryl, a local bakery with a flair for one-of-a-kind desserts. The two-tiered lemon and chocolate fudge cake recognized Fergie’s baseball accomplishments and was topped with an edible baseball that Fergie was able to sign in a dramatic photo opportunity to the delight of the nearly 200 people in attendance.

The two-story expansion will celebrate every aspect of Fergie’s life. The second level, the direct result of the OTF grant, will be exclusively used as a Black History exhibit. Fergie’s father’s scrapbooks are displayed upstairs, a collection of pictures and news clippings that Ferguson Sr. gathered while his son was a young pitcher in the 1960s and 70s. These items have never been seen outside the Jenkins family and are, perhaps, the most priceless items the Foundation has ever had in its possession.

The Black History exhibit will become the focal point of the Foundation’s Black History Month charitable work in February 2012.

The lower level of the expansion will display so much of Fergie’s memorabilia. Transparent showcases are currently being built that will house some of his game-worn uniforms and local artist and Foundation board member Rick Manners intends to paint a massive wall mural that will take viewers on a nostalgic walk through Fergie’s life.

Awards such as Fergie’s Lou Marsh, Cy Young and Rangers Hall of Fame induction plaque will be displayed on the walls and another focal point will be a large framed art piece that was presented to him by the Chicago Cubs when his number, 31, was retired in May 2009. Baseballs and bats signed by Hall of Fame players, many whom have since passed away, will be prominently displayed throughout the museum, giving viewers an opportunity to get a glimpse at a memorabilia collection that is second to none.

The Foundation will continue to appeal to the OTF for additional funding, assisting the growth of North America’s latest great sports exhibit. The groundwork has now been laid for completing the kind of display that Canada’s only member of the Hall of Fame so rightfully deserves.
On Sept. 18, the Brock Badgers varsity baseball team in St. Catharines, Ontario, played their annual Alumni day game. Former players were invited to reunite and relive the glory days by getting together, watching a game or two and reminisce, while also showing their appreciation of the dedication they put in when they were players.

What better way to do this than to invite the greatest Canadian baseball player to attend and throw out the first pitch of the game against the Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks. When the Brock team asked Fergie to help kick the day off with this special honour, he was more than happy to participate. Fergie is a big supporter of baseball in Canada and as he has said before, he believes there is hidden talent north of the border, especially in the Niagara Region.

Fergie and the Foundation arrived early so he could spend some time talking to the players, giving advice and providing them with the opportunity to ask questions to the Hall of Famer. After the teams completed batting and pitching practice, Badgers head coach Jeff Lounsbury gathered the team together so Fergie could talk to them about what baseball life was like for him, starting out as young athlete, how he discovered his dream and, also, why to never give up on their own dreams.

“Play each game like someone is watching, because you never know if someone is,” he said, relating back to when Gene Dziadura, an MLB Scout in Canada, discovered a young Fergie Jenkins playing in Chatham, Ontario.

Fergie went on to explain about the trials and tribulations he had faced during his career and how he had to push through them. The speech came from the heart and was inspirational, motivational and educational for the team.

“This is an invaluable experience [the team] will never forget, and we thank Fergie for coming,” said James Parker, the team’s general manager.

After taking pictures with the Brock team, Fergie also made sure to walk over to the visiting Golden Hawks and spend some time with them, giving the players another pep talk and taking photos with the team before getting into position to throw out the ceremonial first pitch. While Fergie may not throw as hard as he did in his heyday, he put the ball right down the pipe, into the glove of Tyler Harrison, a Badgers pitcher and an intern at the Fergie Jenkins Foundation.

Fergie spent the rest of the game signing autographs, talking and taking pictures with fans. He donated a signed Fergie Jenkins jersey from the Foundation that was raffled off to help support the Brock Badgers baseball team.
Baseball legend meets beer baron with unique hardball history

It was a meeting of two great Canadians who have made significant contributions to society.

On Sept. 1, Sleeman brewery CEO John Sleeman and Hall of Fame pitcher Fergie Jenkins got together to pull a pint and share stories about their paths to greatness.

The meeting took place at the Sleeman Brewery in Guelph, Ontario, with Jenkins showing his appreciation for the longstanding partnership between Sleeman Brewery and the Fergie Jenkins Foundation. Sleeman’s products are provided at both of Fergie’s annual Canadian golf tournaments in the Niagara region.

“So many of the professional athletes, I regret to say, are not great role models,” Sleeman said.

“But [Fergie Jenkins] is. He’s giving back to kids right across the country and that’s something to be very proud of.”

There is also a strong history of baseball in the Sleeman family, further demonstrating the parallels between the brewing magnate and Canada’s most successful pitcher. John Sleeman’s great-grandfather, George, was a pitcher with the Guelph Maple Leafs baseball club in the 1860s and one of the first individuals to work in organized baseball in the Royal City.

Baseball legend meets beer baron with unique hardball history

From the hardcourt to the pulpit, Meadowlark Lemon captivates the audience

Once an entertainer, always an entertainer.

The great Meadowlark Lemon, a close friend and former teammate of Fergie’s, was once the face of the Harlem Globetrotters basketball team, appropriately nicknamed the Clown Prince for his on-court theatrics.

Lemon played in more than 16,000 games over 22 years for the Globetrotters and was inducted into the Naismith Hall of Fame in 2003.

Following his basketball career, Lemon has fully embraced his devout Christian faith and become a minister, preaching to audiences across North America. On Sunday, Oct. 16, he held services at the Power House Church and Zion Hill Methodist Baptist Church in Rochester, NY.

Meadowlark “held court” for more than four hours during the pair of services, also taking time to sign autographs and raise money for his charity, the Meadowlark Lemon Ministries, through the sale of his book, Trust Your Next Shot.

True to his entertaining self, Meadowlark also had a few old basketball tricks up his sleeve, drawing great laughter from the congregation when the ball bounced off an unexpecting youngster and landed in the baptismal pool.

The Clown Prince never fails to amaze.
A hockey-mad small Ontario town might seem like an odd place for a Hall of Fame pitcher to be a keynote speaker.

But when Fergie Jenkins addressed the audience at the Penetanguishene Sports Hall of Fame (PSHOF) banquet, professing his childhood love of the Montreal Canadiens, the town with a rich French-Canadian history embraced him as one of their own.

Fergie took part in the Oct. 1 event as a favour to longtime friend – and fellow Penetanguishene “adopted son” – Pierre Pilote, who had assisted Fergie in August by coaching the celebrity team at the 2nd Annual Hockey Night in St. Catharines fundraiser.

In 2011, the PSHOF was celebrating the inductions of four local individuals who had made great contributions to the world of sport: former NHLer Chris Kontos, boxer Edmund Desrochers Jr., and builders Doug Mundy and Larry Banks.

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Fergie would like to thank Waxy Gregoire, David Dupuis (pictured, left) and everyone else in the community who was kind enough to welcome the Fergie Jenkins Foundation to the event and raise money on behalf of youth programs across North America.

The list just keeps on growing.

The Fergie Jenkins Foundation is happy to welcome a new group of interns to its 2012 staff, coming from a number of local university/college disciplines.

Joining the team are Pam Raynor and Kerrigan McNeill from the Niagara College Public Relations program, Meagan Elliott and Laura Futino from the Niagara College Events Management program, Jen Dujlovic from Laurier’s Communications program, and Steven Lapointe, Dexter McQueen and Brett Varey from Brock’s Sport Management program. They have all participated in recent events and we look forward to having them continue with us going forward.
Fergie Jenkins’ annual November charity golf tournament in Arizona has always been one of the favourite events on the Foundation calendar. Not only does it give participants a chance to escape the forthcoming Canadian winter weather, but it also features one of the most impressive celebrity guest lists for any charity event.

And in 2011, the Arizona tournament received a significant makeover that was met with rave reviews. After years of holding the tournament at the Wigwam Golf Resort and Spa in Litchfield Park, Fergie elected to move the tournament to Scottsdale with the Talking Stick Resort and Talking Stick Golf Club playing host. The Talking Stick Resort is affiliated with Casino Arizona and the combination of golf, the casino and a luxurious resort atmosphere was nothing short of spectacular.

More than 100 golfers and 35 celebrities made the trip to Scottsdale for the two-day event and unlike Fergie’s Canadian tournament in September, the weather was perfect. Golfers shuttled between the golf course, casino and the always fantastic Hampton Inn in Phoenix, where many took up residence for the better part of a week.

Celebrities who attended included Hall of Famers Fergie, Gaylord Perry, Rollie Fingers, Carlton Fisk, Bob Uecker, Bobby Bell and Meadowlark Lemon, as well as Foundation regulars Bert Campaneris, Johnny Rodgers, Lee Smith, Dave Kingman and Duane Ward.

This impressive list of celebrity guests made for some fantastic prizes for the golfers as no one left without a great piece of sports memorabilia in tow.

The golf tournament was preceded by a celebrity Meet & Greet event at the Talking Stick Resort. Two massive conference rooms housed the event with impressive sponsorship displays from Kokopelli Winery, Four Peaks Brewery, Coca-Cola, Food Should Taste Good and MillerCoors. Hundreds of people attended for a chance to receive autographs, spend time with the celebrity guests and support Fergie’s charitable work through the silent auction. The silent auction had dozens of autographed baseballs, bats and jerseys available, many of which are particularly rare.

The live auction that took place during the dinner banquet also had some unique items: the 1,000,000th bottle of wine produced by Kokopelli (autographed by all the celebrities), a football helmet autographed by all three Nebraska Heisman Trophy winners (Rodgers, Mike Rozier, Eric Crouch), Spring Training travel packages to Arizona, Chicago Cubs box seats and a jersey autographed by Cubs pitcher Ryan Dempster, now the second-winningest Canadian of all-time.
The Fergie Jenkins Foundation is pleased to announce that it will be expanding its 2012 Spring Training fundraisers to additional Cactus League baseball games in Mesa, Scottsdale, Surprise and Peoria, AZ. The Foundation looks forward to spending all of March in Arizona, supporting a number of regional charities.

In partnership with the Bullott Proof Baseball Academy in Welland, ON, the Fergie Jenkins Foundation is proud to support the Fergie Jenkins Showcase League. The league will showcase the best teenaged Canadian talent, in hopes of providing exposure for young baseball players seeking scholarship opportunities.

In 2012, the Fergie Jenkins Foundation is set to take over the Columbus Clippers Adult Fantasy Baseball Camp. The camp, which has been run in conjunction with the Clippers AAA team, has 25 years of history and provides participants with the opportunity to learn baseball skills from former pros such as Fergie Jenkins, Rick Wise and Bill Buckner. Stay tuned for details!

**AROUND THE HORN**

*Kind words from across the continent and on the web*

The Fergie Jenkins Foundation is on Twitter as we extend our charitable reach and interact with our supporters. Follow us @fergiejenkins31

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@ProsGiveBack ProsGiveBack
Heading to St. Catharines for the Grand Opening of the @fergiejenkins31 Foundation Museum expansion. 4 Nov

@cmbsweden Christopher Banks
Cannot believe that @FergieJenkins31 actually tweeted to me. My favorite Ranger all time! 28 Oct

@halladayfan32 matt harvey
@FergieJenkins31 i wish you well fellow st catharines bud you are a canadian legend only canadian in hall of fame cheers fergie you rock 11 Oct

@BowensLake Bowen's Lake
@THE_Dan_Patrick If you want to talk about pitching..past and present...HOF @FergieJenkins31 would be a great guest. 4 Oct

@michaelgrange Michael Grange
@FergieJenkins31 @FAN590 @GloBlair It was an honor to chat with Canada's only HOFeR. 20 Sep
On Oct. 16, the Fergie Jenkins Foundation had the honour of attending, participating and supporting the resurrection of the Hickok Belt.

Historically, the Hickok Belt was awarded annually to the top professional athlete from 1950-1976. The first winner of the belt was Phil Rizzutto. The belt was created by the Hickok family in honour of Stephen Rae Hickok, the entrepreneur who built the Hickok Manufacturing Company with only a $300 investment and turned it into a multimillion-dollar company. It also became the world leader in men's accessories, including belts.

A few years ago Tony Liccione, president of the Rochester Boxing Hall of Fame, acquired the trademark to the award and was a catalyst in the rebirth of the belt. He contacted Fergie and the Foundation to help with the re-launch back in August 2009. Knowing the Foundation has many contacts in the sports world and experience running a wide variety of events with professional athletes, Liccione was set on making this event a success.

Fergie, Carl Kovacs and Craig Nyman were 100 per cent behind Liccione and his dream to revive the Hickok Belt.

“It is an honour and a privilege to be associated with Tony and the Hickok Belt award,” said Fergie. “It’s also a great opportunity for my Foundation to be a part of it.”

After a couple of years and many emails and phone calls between Liccione and the Foundation, the night of announcing the return of the Hickok Belt came to pass and it was a huge success. The night was great and full of story-telling and celebrating the history of the belt. Past winners of the belt, Carmen Basilio and Bob Turley, spoke about what an honour it was to receive the award and how coveted it truly was. Also, former professional athletes George Chuvalo, Meadowlark Lemon and Johnny Antonelli were on hand to show their support for the award. They also spoke about what the belt means to professional sports.

A touching moment was when Holly Lang, the daughter of Ray Hickok, spoke about how proud her father would be at this moment.

Many of the past recipients of the Hickok Belt are still household names and even non-sport fanatics would know who they are. Some of the most recognizable former winners include Muhammad Ali, Joe Namath, Willie Mays, Mickey Mantle and Pete Rose.

To learn about other iconic names who are on the winners list, read more about this event, the history of the Hickok Belt and what the future holds, visit www.Hickokbelt.com.

FERGIE FACT

Did you know...

In Fergie’s 1971 Cy Young Award-winning season, he became the first and only pitcher in the modern era to eclipse 20 wins, 20 complete games, 20 hits and 20 RBI in a single season.
From the Archives

A LOOK BACK AT WHAT SOME OF NORTH AMERICA’S GREATEST SPORTS WRITERS HAD TO SAY ABOUT FERGIE JENKINS

Fergie Jenkins gets 3,000th strikeout

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
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MAY 26, 1982

SAN DIEGO (AP) - Ferguson Jenkins of the Cubs Tuesday night became the seventh pitcher in major league history to record 3,000 career strikeouts, but was the loser as the San Diego Padres edged Chicago 2-1.

Jenkins, who was relieved after seven innings, reached the 3,000-strikeout plateau when he fanned Garry Templeton in the third inning. He added three other strikeouts in the game.

“I was very happy,” said the soft-spoken Jenkins. “If you’re consistent enough, you make goals happen.”

Not considered a power-pitcher, the 38-year-old right-hander joined Walter Johnson, Gaylord Perry, Nolan Ryan, Steve Carlton, Bob Gibson and Tom Seaver as baseball’s all-time strikeout leaders.

Jenkins, appearing in his 607th game of his career, started the night with 2,999 strikeouts. He had a full count on Padres’ leadoff hitter Al Wiggins in the first inning, but walked him. He got two strikes on Ruppert Jones, before the center fielder grounded out.

The 3,000th strikeout came on the second out in the third inning. After Tim Flannery flied right, Jenkins then got Templeton to foul off the first two pitches and nailed him on a swinging strike for No. 3,000.

The game was halted momentarily to save the ball as a memento and the crowd gave Jenkins a two-minute standing ovation as the organist played “The Way We Were.”

The disappointment of 1969 still looms clearly in the minds of Cubs fans, who saw their heroes blow a 9 1/2 -game lead in August to finish second by eight games to the New York Mets, who would go on to win their only world championship.

But an experimental starting time of 3:30 p.m. at lightless Wrigley Field and a seat-cushion promotion drew the largest crowd of the season and created an atmosphere of optimism.

The complete game, during which Jenkins fanned four and walked just one, was the first by a Chicago pitcher this year. Jody Davis drove in four of Chicago’s runs with a three-run homer and a double.

Just Like Old Times’ For Fergie Jenkins

BY: JOHN NELSON
PUBLISHED IN THE YOUNGSTOWN VINDICATOR
JUNE 11, 1983

Suddenly, Ferguson Jenkins was 25 years old again and in the midst of a 21-15 season.

He was pitching at Wrigley Field for a throng on 37,024, and the chants exploded from the stands.

“Fergie! Fergie! Fergie!”

“I felt like it was ’69 again,” the 39-year-old pitcher said. “The electricity was flowing from the fans to the field. It was ’69 all over again.”

Jenkins, 3-3, pitched a four-hit shutout Friday to lead the Cubs to a 7-0 victory over the World Series champion St. Louis Cardinals. The victory was Chicago’s eighth in nine games and handed the Cards their third straight loss. The Cubs now trail St. Louis by just four games in the National League East.

The complete game, during which Jenkins fanned four and walked just one, was the first by a Chicago pitcher this year. Jody Davis drove in four of Chicago’s runs with a three-run homer and a double.

“If you’re consistent enough, you make goals happen.” - Fergie Jenkins
"Krush"ing for JDRF

It was a stomping good time.
From Oct. 21-23, the Fergie Jenkins Foundation participated in the Kokopelli Krush, a private wine sampling event at the Kokopelli Winery in Chandler, AZ. Two of Fergie’s close friends and former teammates, Bert Campaneris and Jody Davis, were on hand to sign autographs and raise money for one of Fergie’s most beloved charities, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF).

The highlight of the three-day series of events was a grape stomping competition that took place outside the winery. Participants took turns crushing grapes with their barefeet in barrels, culminating what was a very successful event.

The Kokopelli Winery has consistently been one of the top sponsors supporting the Fergie Jenkins Foundation and was the foremost wine supplier at Fergie’s recent November charity golf tournament.

What’s the Deal, Campy?

Former six-time all-star shortstop and close friend of the Foundation, Bert Campaneris, isn’t the only famous member of his family.

The once-elite speedster with the Rangers, Yankees, A’s and Angels also has a daughter, Erin, who is equally successful in her own right, working as a model on the acclaimed television show, Deal or No Deal.

Erin, pictured with Bert and puppy, Miles Davis, has been a regular on the game show and the proud displayer of “briefcase #23.”

Clicking his heels to the Hall

It was almost exactly one year ago that Chicago Cubs fans from across the globe mourned the passing of their beloved third baseman and broadcaster, Ron Santo.

Then, eight months later, Cubs faithful mobilized again, gathering outside Wrigley Field to pay tribute to the man they called “Ronnie” as Santo was memorialized with a statue outside the ballpark.

Now, the whirlwind that has been the past 12 months has finally culminated with a final piece of good news: Ron Santo is a member of the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown.

In a near-unanimous decision, 15 of 16 voting members of the Major League Baseball Veterans Committee cast their approval for the late Santo’s induction, which will take place in July 2012.

The moment is bittersweet for Cubs fans and Santo’s family, who surely would have loved to have seen Ronnie accept his induction in person, but for now, this news is cause for celebration.

The outpouring of support for Santo’s induction has been nothing short of phenomenal. Fergie Jenkins and fellow Cubs alumni spent countless hours on the phone following the news of Santo’s induction, giving interviews that sang his praises.

“Ronnie was the kind of guy who wanted to be on the field, day in and day out,” said Fergie. “He would always go out of his way to shake your hand or pat you on the back any time you did a good job out there.”

Santo’s wife, Vicki, who gave such a powerful and emotional speech at the statue unveiling in August, is expected to make the Hall of Fame induction speech on behalf of her late husband.

Don’t expect a dry eye in the audience.
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• The Doug Davis Foundation Charity Golf & Poker Tournament
• Cubs/Rangers/Twins FanFests
• February is Black History Month
• Spring Training in Arizona

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• If you have your own creative idea how you'd like to donate to Fergie's charitable efforts, please contact the office at your earliest convenience.

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