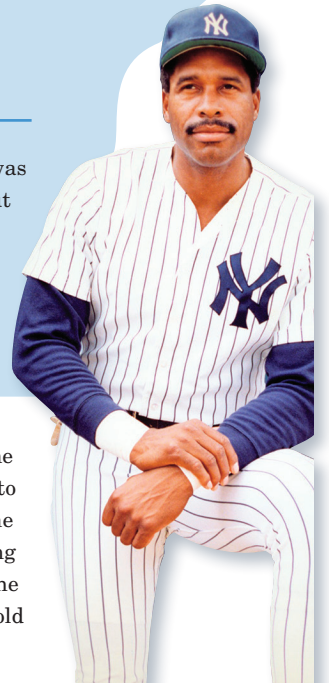




Minnesota

DAVE WINFIELD

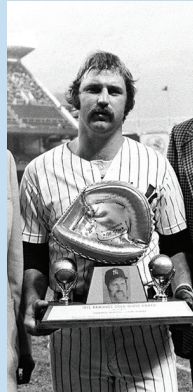
St. Paul native Dave Winfield was so good at sports that, coming out of the University of Minnesota in 1973, he was drafted by the San Diego Padres, the NBA's Atlanta Hawks, the ABA's Utah Stars and — even though he didn't play college football — the NFL's Minnesota Vikings. He chose baseball, bypassing the minors and skipping directly to the big leagues, where he became a 12-time All-Star — including eight straight selections with the Yankees — and a seven-time Gold Glove Award winner.



THURMAN MUNSON

Ohio

The Yankees' captain and All-Star catcher embodied New York's grit and toughness during the 1970s, but Thurman Munson kept Ohio in his heart wherever he went. He became a pilot so that he could fly home and see his family whenever possible, an endeavor that ultimately led to Munson's shocking death on Aug. 2, 1979, when he crashed while trying to land at the Akron-Canton airport.



EARLE COMBS

Kentucky

After a standout career at Eastern Kentucky, Earle Combs thought his playing days were over and was resigned to a future as a schoolteacher in the Bluegrass State. But he gave baseball the old college try and ended up becoming the American League's top leadoff hitter during the 1920s, leading the Junior Circuit in hits and triples in 1927 while manning center field for the vaunted "Murderers' Row" Yankees.



DEREK JETER

Michigan

Dick Groch, the scout who insisted Derek Jeter was headed to Cooperstown rather than the University of Michigan, turned out to be right. After a 20-year career rife with clutch moments and memorable milestones, the Kalamazoo Kid received the highest percentage of votes (99.7%) of any Hall of Fame position player.



Missouri

YOGI BERRA

From The Hill section of St. Louis to American immortality, Yogi Berra was truly one of a kind — and one of the greatest catchers who ever lived. The utterly quotable, impossible-not-to-love son of Italian immigrants fought in World War II before winning 10 World Series and three AL MVP Awards with the Yankees.