

IVY PAUL ANDREWS

IVY PAUL ANDREWS WAS BORN IN DORA ON MAY 6, 1908. He led Dora High School to a state basketball tournament and two trips to the prestigious Cotton States Tournament. Legend has it that he never lost a high school baseball game and in 1925 scored Dora's inaugural touchdown on a 50 yard run.

He became a renowned local semi-pro pitcher, ultimately signed by the New York Yankees. He had his first Yankee victory on September 3, 1931. The following season, he was traded to Boston where he posted a credible 10-7 record.

Over the next 4½ years he proficiently toiled with the least talented teams in the American League prior to being reacquired by the Yankees. In the 1937 World Series, he pitched 5 2/3 excellent innings against the Giants and captured his coveted championship ring. His Yankees repeated in 1938.

After seven more years of pro minor league ball, he retired to Dora where he was a faithful helpmate to his beloved "Madam Queen" the former Josephine Gwin.

Ivy Paul played with and against some of the game's greatest stars during baseball's golden age. He was personal friends with Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig. He once shared a St. Louis apartment with Dizzy Dean. When he was nominated for the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame, the normally aloof Joe Dimaggio penned a very eloquent letter of support. He was inducted in 1985 into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame, one of only three Walker Countians.

He passed away on November 24, 1970.

