

Members of the Class of 1989



Kenneth Andre Ian Rodgers

1934 - 2004

Andre Rodgers has earned a remarkable place in the annals of Bahamian sports history. This tall, rangy, quiet and gentle Bahamian, was an excellent softball and cricket player who was so athletically gifted that although not familiar with the sport of baseball up to age 17 years, he readily acquired the skills and excelled at the game professionally for 18 seasons.

Eleven of those 18 years were spent in the major leagues. He spent his first eight years with the New York/San Francisco Giants and the remaining three with the Chicago Cubs and the Pittsburgh Pirates.

When Andre received his first baseball contract in 1954, he became the first Bahamian to accomplish this feat. He paved the way for other Bahamians in professional baseball a few of whom have also attained places on major league rosters.

For these and other accomplishments, the Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, has appropriately named the official baseball stadium at the Queen Elizabeth Sports Center in honour of this outstanding Bahamian athlete.