

RETROSPECTIVE

Louis “Rags” Scheuermann 1923 - 1997

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Louis “Rags” Scheuermann, the pre-eminent amateur coach in New Orleans for over 40 years, died on April 7, 1997.

Rarely has a coach influenced the lives of as many young people in the community as Mr. Scheuermann did.

Rags coached kids’ baseball in the N.O.R.D. programs, and later coached college students at Loyola University, Delgado Community College, and guided the New Orleans Boosters of the All-American Amateur Baseball Association to nine national championships.

His players at Delgado, where he compiled an incredible record of 527 – 199, routinely went on to become major college ballplayers. Scheuermann’s teams won wherever he coached, but his success in coaching transcended wins and losses. His legacy to the game of baseball consists of the multitude of players he taught to love the game, who later themselves became coaches or leaders in the community. His talent for communicating with the younger generation, along with his impeccable knowledge of baseball, is the reason Scheuermann was held in such high esteem by his players and other coaches.

Rags was inducted into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame in 1990.

Scheuermann is survived by his widow, Maureen, two sons and two daughters. He will be missed by his family, his friends, and all of us who love baseball.

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