

# Longtime White Sox scout dies at 63



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Longtime White Sox scout Paul Provas died Thursday at age 63.

**P**aul Provas, who was instrumental in the Chicago White Sox's signing of Joe Crede and the acquisition of John Danks, died Thursday in Dallas after a bout with brain cancer.

Provas, 63, was elected to the Texas and Midwest Baseball Scouts Hall of Fame in 2011.

Provas, a native of Overland Park, Kan., had worked for the White Sox since 1993. He served as an area scout with the Chicago Cubs from 1983 to 1992.

A graduate of Shawnee Mission North High School and Johnson County Community College, Provas played third base and coached in the Kansas City area Ban Johnson League.

Provas began his stint with the Sox as an area scout before he was elevated to a crosschecker scout covering the Midwest region from 2002 to 2004. Among the players he was instrumental in drafting were major league players Chris Young (outfielder), Boone Logan, Carlos Torres, Kip Wells, Jesse Hollins, Gary Majewski, Ryan Sweeney and Crede.

Provas also was involved in the evaluation process that led to the acquisition of Danks and reliever Nick Masset from the Texas Rangers before the 2007 season.

Services will be held next week in Overland Park, Kan.

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