



Hall of Fame

2012 Induction Breakfast

Paul Algar



Todd Budke



Dick Mason



John Miller



Shawn Rychcik



Adam Smith



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Midland, Michigan

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PAUL ALGAR

Lexington IL – Pitcher (Born October 17, 1964)



Paul Algar was introduced to softball and influenced by his father Ray, an infielder in the Wellington and Melrose region of New Zealand, as well by older brother Loren.

Ray recalls that “Ever since Paul was a kid, he practiced hard by himself. He would gather a whole bunch of balls and throw at targets on a wall. He would spend two to three hours and then come home for a soft drink and then back to his pitching.”

Paul remembers “Watching my older brother Loren pitch, I wanted to follow in his footsteps - he was so much fun to watch - he put everything he had into his pitch, plus he was a big man and was loved by everyone in the softball circles. Then, Dad played first base so it was a fun weekend for me.”

Initially, Loren journeyed to North America, earning All-World status with Madison WI Farm Tavern in 1982, and inspiring Paul, who coincidentally made his ISC debut that same year as a seventeen-year-old with Hubbard Construction of Bishop CA.

Al Doran (*ISC HoF 2008*) recalls a memorable 1994 ISC World Tournament in Summerside PEI “I got to see Paul play for the first time as he led the Green Bay WI All Car to victory over the reigning World Champion Toronto ON Gators, led by Darren Zack. That was quite an introduction to “Alfie” who was clearly one of the world’s leading pitchers of the day and a respected friend of all who played the game.”

For several years, Ray traveled to the USA to watch his sons play on some of America’s finest teams and stated “I’ve been to see them about 15 times and would spend five to six weeks sometimes. I love America. It’s a lovely place to live.”

In thirty years, Paul carved a sterling career spanning 26 ISC World Tournaments, pitching as recently as last year’s tourney with the host team Quad City Sox.

During that span, Paul’s most successful years were in the uniform of Madison WI Farm Tavern that included World Championships in 1997 and 1999. He was named ISC All-World on five occasions, four as a member of the Farm Tavern, and earned two MVP awards. Paul recalls that “It was a pleasure playing for Rod (Peterson) and I think I speak for all my teammates and past players that we all play to win not only for our teammates but a huge part of it for Rod, I think he was the only major sponsor that played at the top level as well as coached and we all respect him—he is a great human being.”

While he enjoyed watching his sons play fastball abroad, Ray admits that he misses them since the U.S. has claimed Paul as a son, while Loren lives in Australia and is the men’s national team pitching coach.

Ardent fastball fan Dave Spring summarizes “Paul Algar is simply one of the finest and most complete human beings ever to play our game. His natural, friendly disposition and gregarious deportment has endeared him to fast-pitch fans all over the planet, and his talent has earned him the respect of all of us who love the game.”

Paul Algar’s proudly induction sponsored by Kitchener Fastball Promotions, Kitchener ON

TODD BUDKE

Lancaster CA – Infielder (Born September 7, 1964)



A native of Mason City IA, Todd Budke from his earliest years was carted around softball diamonds in the mid-west by his mom following his dad's on-field softball exploits. At this early point of his life, Todd's passion was baseball, having carved a successful career at Mason City High and Kirkwood Community College and becoming a 30th round draft of the Minnesota Twins – as a pitcher – before succumbing to a rotator cuff injury in 1988.

Fast forward - in the early 1990s, Todd sat in the bleachers at a Palmdale CA city league softball game. One team was short a player and Todd recalled the manager's invitation "You want to play?"

Todd complied, and a successful transition was made to fastball. His first ISC competition was in 1994 at Summerside PEI as a member of the Long Beach CA Painters. Following a one-year stint with the Ballston Lake NY Heflin Builders in 1999, Todd joined Rod Peterson's Madison WI Farm Tavern in 2000, where he became a fixture for seven seasons.

Todd had a brilliant 15 year ISC World Tournament streak beginning at the ripe age of 35 – with impressive offensive stats - in 2001 his 16 hits ranks 2nd all time; in 2006 he hit .647 ranking fifth best all time; and another batting title in 2009, hitting .538. Todd was voted All-World six times and holds the all time career batting average for players who participated in a minimum 10 ISC World Tournaments.

Former teammate Dean Holien states, "everyone in this game should get a chance to be "Butter's" teammate for one year. One of the things I absolutely loved about playing with Todd was how he could do or say the perfect thing to relieve the pressure or tension."

Manager/teammate Fred Hanker offered that, "Todd is the most prepared hitter I have ever seen in my 25 years of baseball and fast-pitch. Todd is the picture of excellence on the field in the way he plays the game, his demeanor on the field, and his unmatched talent as a ballplayer. He is a class act and a great role model for young players."

Kitchener ON Hallman Twins teammate Dave Bailey shared "I was always impressed with the way Todd studied the game - in particular the art of hitting. He never quit learning and striving to be better. "Butter" played the game with passion and a smile on his face and far beyond his on-field talents, He will be remembered as one of the greatest gentlemen to ever take to the field."

Farm Tavern teammate, slugger Colin Abbott adds, "I was either hitting before or behind Todd in the Farm Tavern's lineup. Even after certain pitches we would confer to see what we were doing right or wrong. Todd was a great resource to have when analyzing at bats. He is a natural hitter and to be able to confer like this so many times in the run of a game or season was invaluable to my career."

Todd also excelled at the international level, where he was a captain and gold medal winner as part of Team USA in the 2002 Pan-Am Games in Guatemala and was voted the tournament's outstanding hitter.

Todd will always be recognized as one of game's greatest hitters and one of the most likeable players to ever put on a uniform. His softball accomplishments are only a small part of who he was as a teammate, a mentor and a friend to many ballplayers.

Todd Budke's induction proudly sponsored by Legends of Fastball Tournament, Kitchener ON

DICK MASON

Littleton CO – Administrator / Past President



Born in Quincy IL, Dick Mason made his way through St. Frances grade school and on to Christian Brothers and Quincy High Schools. He left high school early in his senior year to enlist for a four-year term in the U.S. Marine Corps and was in boot camp when he celebrated his 18th birthday.

Dick trained as an Amtrak mechanic and spent time in various postings throughout the USA, including Hawaii as well as Okinawa before a stint in Vietnam. He received an Honorable Discharge three months before his term of duty ended in order to attend Glendale AZ College, graduating with an AA degree in May 1969. He completed his undergraduate (Bachelor of Science in Business Administration) degree in early 1972 and within two months he passed the rigorous Certified Public Accountant exam. He has been in the field of public accountancy ever since.

Dick commenced playing fastball in the early 1970s until the mid 1990s and he evolved to become a coach, manager and administrator in men's and boys' teams and programs. While he played for twenty-five years, he also served as a manager from 1976 – 1995 and as an administrator since 1990.

His many fastball activities include his role with Ken Hackmeister in coaching the 1995 U.S. Olympic Festival Gold Medal team; his involvement with the 1996 19-and-under U.S. National team selection camp, and the 1998 U.S. Men's National team selection camp - a team that captured the Silver medal. He played the same key role with the 19-and-under U.S. National team selection in 2000.

For a quarter-century, Dick has served on the Colorado ASA Hall of Fame Committee as either the chairman or as a member. For two years he served as Deputy Commissioner for men's fast-pitch in Colorado.

In 1996, Dick was appointed as ISC Commissioner for the Colorado/Kansas area, advanced to the executive role of Treasurer in 1999 and was elected President of the ISC in 2001, a position he held for six years.

In those two latter positions, Dick was a tower of strength and a valuable voice of counsel and reason during an important and challenging era in the history of the International Softball Congress. He continues to serve the ISC as a Western Region Commissioner.

Enthusiastic accolades about Dick describe a remarkable man – “Always ready to jump in – no matter how busy he is – Dick gets the job done. . . maintains his great sense of humor. . . there isn't anyone more devoted to the game. . .he motivates people. . . if more organizations had people like Dick, things would be a lot better and run more smoothly.”

Dick's achievements are well documented and he possesses a truly unique combination of personal strengths and professional commitment, plus an abundance of intangibles that make him a true Hall of Famer.

Currently, Dick is a Partner in the firm of Haynie & Company (Littleton, CO), and is married to wife JoAnn. They are proud parents of three children and two grandchildren.

Dick Mason's induction proudly sponsored by Haynie & Company, Littleton CO

Hall of Fame Inductees

- 1965** * **LOU NOVIKOFF**
Outfielder, Long Beach, CA
- 1966** * **KENNY LAW**
Pitcher, Phoenix, AZ
- 1970** * **JOE RODGERS**
Manager, Long Beach, CA
- * **LEROY ZIMMERMAN**
Pitcher, Fresno, CA
- * **STAN WHITE**
Catcher, Long Beach, CA
- 1971** * **CLEO GOYETTE**
Second Base, Long Beach, CA
- * **CARROL FORBES**
Founder/Exec. Director, Greeley, CO
- * **PAUL FORCHE**
Administrator, Tulsa, OK
- * **FRANK PORTH**
Administrator, El Paso, TX
- 1972** **AL COTTI**
First Base, Fresno, Hanford, CA
- * **LES HANEY**
Pitcher, Taft, Fresno, CA
- 1973** **CHARLIE TOPPERT**
Catcher, New Bedford, Rock Island, IL
- JACK RANDALL**
Pitcher, Long Beach, CA
- * **CLYDE FORTUNE**
Administrator, Waco, TX
- 1974** * **PAUL LOPEZ**
Pitcher, El Paso, TX
- * **LARRY SILVAS**
First Base, Long Beach, CA
- 1975** * **CLINT HERRON**
Third Base, Long Beach, CA
- * **MARVIN CASTEEL**
Administrator, Ogden, UT
- 1976** * **VIRGIL JONES**
Pitcher, San Pedro, CA
- * **JIMMY JONES**
Shortstop, Long Beach, CA
- 1977** * **EDDIE (SPOTTS) WILLIS**
Catcher, Phoenix, AZ
- BOB NEELY**
Outfielder, Phoenix, AZ
- 1978** * **CLAYTON DUGGER**
Pitcher, Waco TX
- KARL NEILSON**
Administrator, Phoenix, AZ
- 1979** **RICHIE STEPHEN**
Pitcher – Mountain Green, UT
- 1980** **DON SARNO**
Pitcher, Culver City, Long Beach, CA
- 1980** * **STU ZINK**
Catcher, Phoenix, AZ
- 1981** **MILT STARK**
Catcher, Taft, Long Beach, CA
- * **JERRY WELLS**
Pitcher, Prescott, Phoenix, AZ
- 1982** * **PAUL (LUCKY) HUMISTON**
Outfielder, Long Beach, CA
- * **BRYAN VOIGT**
Pitcher, Tampico, IL, Dinuba, CA
- 1983** **CHARLES SMITH**
First Base, El Paso, TX
- 1984** **DICK BRUBAKER**
Pitcher, Aurora, IL
- TY STOFFLET**
Pitcher, Coplay, PA
- ROYCE HEATH**
Administrator, Arlington, TX
- 1985** **SAM BEAVERS**
Pitcher, Fort Worth, TX
- * **HOWARD HEUSTON**
Pitcher, Bartlesville, OK
- * **JACK GRAFMEIER**
Administrator, Kimberly, WI
- * **BOB WALSH**
Umpire, Bethlehem, PA
- 1986** * **JIM BOEDNER**
Pitcher, Manlius, IL
- K.G. FINCHER**
Pitcher, San Rafael, CA
- * **L.G. (TULIE) STANSEL**
Administrator, Deer Park, TX
- * **DALE VAN HOUTEN**
Administrator, Columbia City, IN
- 1987** **DUDE AUSMUS**
Outfielder, Sapulpa, OK
- * **DICK GONZALES**
First Base, Phoenix, AZ
- * **LES DIETZEN**
Administrator, Kaukauna, WI
- 1988** * **IRVIN (RED) MEAIRS**
Catcher, Long Beach, CA
- DICK POBANZ**
Pitcher, Decatur, IL
- DUTCH ELBERS**
Administrator, St. Paul, MN
- 1989** **DUTCH AUSMUS**
Second Base, Sapulpa, OK
- KENNY WYCOFF**
Pitcher, El Paso, TX
- * **CARL GRIECO**
Administrator, Juniata, PA
- 1989** **ED KIRNER**
Administrator, Montgomery, IL
- 1990** **FRANK TREJO**
Third Base, Phoenix, AZ
- BOB BEYERS**
Administrator, Seattle, WA
- ARMANDO SAMBRANO**
Umpire, El Paso, TX
- 1991** **BOB TODD**
Pitcher, Long Beach, CA
- * **BOB WELBY**
Administrator, Florissant, MO
- * **SARAH CALHOUN**
Tournament Sponsor, Rock Island, IL
- 1992** **GIL ARAGON**
Pitcher, Phoenix, AZ
- NICK HOPKINS**
Shortstop, Long Beach, CA
- * **BILL VAN DINE**
Administrator, Sun City Center, FL
- * **LARRY MILLER**
Sponsor, Salt Lake City, UT
- 1993** * **KEVIN HERLIHY**
Pitcher, Hamilton, NZ
- * **JIM AVERSING**
Outfielder, Rock Island, IL
- PAT SULLIVAN**
Administrator, Dubuque, IA
- * **CARL WILSON**
Administrator, Tulsa, OK
- * **RAY ANDERSON**
Publisher, Fastpitch Bulletin
- 1994** **ALAN COLGLAZIER**
Pitcher, Pueblo, CO
- JAMES KENNEMER**
Catcher, Tulsa, OK
- ROD PETERSON**
Manager, Madison, WI
- * **FRANK ARRIGONI**
Administrator, Fresno, CA
- FLOYD HAMMEN**
Administrator, Little Chute, WI
- DAVE BALL**
Manager, Commissioner, S.CA
- 1995** * **PAUL MAGAN**
Pitcher, Sioux City, IA
- DON FRAZIER**
IF/OF, Long Beach, CA
- LARRY FISHER**
Administrator, Findlay, OH
- TOM STASIK**
Administrator, Frankenmuth, MI

- 1996 JOHN EGE**
Infielder, Sioux City, IA
JIMMY MOORE
Pitcher, Seattle, WA
* **RUSS BOICE**
Manager, St. Louis, MO
KEN HACKMEISTER
Administrator, Salt Lake City, UT
- 1997 LARRY BODASHEFSKY**
Outfielder, Oshawa, ON
DON LESLIE
Infielder, Murietta, CA
GALE KURTZ
Manager, Sioux City, IA
LES CIGEL
Sponsor, Green Bay WI
- 1998 CHAD (CORKY) CORCORAN**
Infielder, Seattle, WA
JOHN WILSON
IF/OF, Long Beach, CA
* **GEORGE PEARSON**
OF/Pitcher, San Pedro, CA
RAY UNRUH
Infielder, Dinuba, CA
- 1999 JAY BOB BICKFORD**
Pitcher, Phoenix, AZ
JERRY FLORY
Outfielder, Long Beach, CA
* **JIM ALLEN**
Administrator, St. Charles, MO
CARL HANSEN
Sponsor, Salt Lake City, UT
- 2000 GARY DOBEREINER**
Catcher, Moline, IL
DICK THOMPSON
Infielder/Pitcher, Quincy, IL
DICK ZUCCATO
Catcher, Wofford Heights, CA
HERB WISDOM
Manager, Tumacacori, AZ
BOB MINSHALL
Umpire/Administrator, Burlington, ON
* **LEO (LEFTY) BARTOS**
Team & Program Administrator,
Midland, MI
- 2001 HICE STILES**
Outfielder, South California, CA
BOB GUY
Infielder - South California, CA
BRAD BURRUP
Catcher - Salt Lake City, UT
* **CLYDE WOODS**
Outfielder - Oklahoma, OK
- 2002 LARRY NOLAN SR.**
Outfielder - Rancho Cucamonga, CA
- 2002 MARTY KERNAGHAN**
Infielder, Sioux City, IA
* **CLARENCE (BUTCH) CHAMBERS**
Catcher, Las Vegas, NV
LES NOVAK
Umpire, New Hope, MN
NEIL FENNELL
Administrator, Perth, ON
DAN YANTZI
Pitcher/Contributor, Waterloo, ON
- 2003 JOHNNY APPELL**
Player/Manager, TX
BILL BOYER
Outfielder, Seattle, WA
JIM RUBBELKE
Manager, MN
- 2004 ED DANIELS**
Catcher, Fresno, CA
BOB OSBURN
IF/OF, Balboa Island, CA
JERRY RALFS
Pitcher, Davenport, IA
MARK SMITH
Pitcher, Falmouth, NS
NORB THURMER
Manager, Sponsor, St Louis, MO
- 2005 RANDY BURNSIDE**
Catcher, Seattle, WA
PETER FINN
Pitcher, Midland, MI
MARGARITO (MAGGIE) BANALES
Umpire, El Paso, TX
ART CASHION
Administrator, Fort Worth, TX
- 2006 ART GILLIS**
Recognition of Services, Saginaw, MI
ED KLECKER
Pitcher, Sunset Beach, CA
GREG SEPULVEDA
Shortstop, Mission Viejo, CA
BRAD UNDERWOOD
Pitcher, Owen Sound, ON
- 2007 LARRY LYNCH**
Manager, Kitchener, ON
PETER MEREDITH
Pitcher, Salt Lake City, UT
* **LLOYD SIMPSON**
Administrator, Owen Sound, ON
BOB TOMLINSON
Contributor, Poynette, WI
TIM WAHL
Catcher, Grayland, WA
- 2008 HAL BRITTON**
Catcher, Fresno, CA
DENNY BRUCKERT
Manager, Gillespie, IL
DOUG CHASE
Catcher, Port Alberni, BC
AL DORAN
Recognition of Services, Richmond Hill, ON
FLOYD "BLUE" LA VERGNE
Outfielder, Los Angeles, CA
GORDON WISE
Administrator, Piqua, OH
- 2009 DAN NESSLER**
Infielder, North Mankato, MN
MICHAEL WHITE
Pitcher, Eugene, OR
MIKE PIECHNIK
Pitcher, Victoria, BNC
BOB WILLS
Outfielder, Rancho Murieta, CA
* **TOM McAVOY**
Manager, Stillwater, NY
WES HAYMOND
Manager/Administrator, Salt Lake City, UT
- 2010 JOE AVILA**
Infielder, Hanford CA
JOHN BECKER
Manager, Holmen, WI
DENNIS JOHNSON
Administrator, St. James, MN
ALAN ROHRBACK
Outfielder, San Diego, CA
THE SONNENTAG FAMILY
Recognition of Services, Marathon, WI
MARK SORENSON
Catcher, Lower Hutt, New Zealand
DARREN ZACK
Pitcher, Garden River, ON
- 2011 DAVE BLACKBURN**
Recognition of Services – Santa Monica CA
ROBERT GRAY
Administrator – Wetumpka AL
JODY HENNIGAR
Pitcher/Infielder – Halifax NS
JERRY HOFFMAN
First Base – Irvine CA
BRIAN PATON
Outfielder – Woodstock ON
* **LANNY RUPP**
Field Manager – Lakewood CA

JOHN MILLER

Green Bay WI – Sponsor

Bob Welby Memorial Award – Recognition of Service



Wisconsin loves John Miller. More specifically Wisconsin fastball teams, players and fans really love John Miller.

John was born in Cleveland WI in 1938 and moved to Maribel WI at age 10 where John was first exposed to fast-pitch softball. Maribel played in the Manitowoc County League and it may as well have been the major leagues as far as John was concerned. While there, John's father passed away suddenly and his mother, he, and four brothers moved to Larrabee WI where he began to play fast-pitch on a youth team. It helped that his brother Jim was a pitcher. At age 14 the family relocated to Green Bay WI where John organized a team, managed it, and secured a sponsor to play in a Minor AA League. The high school years were spent playing ball in various city leagues, both baseball and softball.

After graduation, John joined the Navy, serving aboard the USS Des Moines where he became a radio operator. Once home he continued playing ball, met his wife Clare at the 616 Club (home of many of Green Bay's top softball teams), married and started his family (Mark, Jess, Bill, Lora and Kate). John coached football and basketball at St. Philip's Grade School for many years.

John owned and operated a Rahr's beer distributorship, bought Circle Tap in Denmark in 1967, and constructed a ball diamond where leagues played during the week and tournaments were held on weekends. He continued to play while sponsoring several teams. In 1970, Don Kane and John started and co-chaired a Knights of Columbus Tournament (now known as the famous Boys of Summer Tournament) in Denmark WI and John continues to chair or be involved in this tournament. He bought a bar in Green Bay in 1972 (not coming up with a better name it remains "The Bar" to this day). He and his business partner, John Duckett, sponsored as many as 20 fast-pitch men's and women's teams at various levels each season among sponsoring other sports teams. The Bar team won the Classic League Championship at Kimberly and the right to advance to the World Tournament in Sun City AZ.

In the late 1980s a group of young ball-players from the Denmark WI area needed a sponsor and thus the Denmark Dukes were born. This team was comprised of local ball players, predominantly from the Denmark area, and included John's son Bill. The Dukes won many state tournaments and participated in many World Tournaments. To compete with other successful teams in the State and World Tournaments, the management decided to get pitching help from outside the area. John somewhat defrayed these added expenses by winning blackjack tournaments in Las Vegas. With some coaxing by Darren Derricks and son Mark Miller, the Dukes are once again planning to compete in the Midland World Tournament in 2012.

Staying involved in fast-pitch may have simply been a wise business decision in earlier years, but grew into a gratifying and enjoyable hobby. Along the way many lasting friendships were made.

John's resources, generosity and passion for the small diamond sport have made indelible marks on cheese state teams for close to a half century, including the Denmark Dukes, Denmark Circle Tap, and the myriad of squads in the stable of "Bar" teams. His support has also been significant for the Circle Tap tournaments for twenty years as well as thirty years of community involvement for the Knights of Columbus Denmark tournaments.

John Miller's induction proudly sponsored by The Bar—Appleton, Green Bay, Oshkosh and Wausau WI

SHAWN RYCHCIK

Salamanca NY – Outfielder/ Infielder (Born December 05, 1968)



Shawn Rychcik grew up on the ball fields in Salamanca NY with his introduction to fastpitch resulting from spending weekends at the ball park watching his dad play in Western NY. In 1985, at age 17, Shawn got his first chance to play and spent the next four years playing softball in local leagues and traveling to tournaments along the east coast and Canada.

In 1989, Shawn played in his first ISC Tournament in Kimberly WI for the New Martinsville WV club. The team won four games year and Shawn had an auspicious debut as co-leader in rbis for the tournament and was named to the All-World Team.

In 1992, Shawn joined the Midland MI Explorers for two seasons - after which an opportunity presented itself that would challenge his softball career... and enhance and dramatically change his life.

Following the 1993 season, Shawn accepted Mark Sorenson's invitation to play with Hutt Valley Cardinals in New Zealand, then returning, along with Mark to Russ Boice's Green Bay WI All-Car Roadrunners. All

Car was undefeated in the 1994 ISC Tournament beating the Toronto ON Gators in the final. Shawn enjoyed three more successful seasons in Wisconsin, before heading south.

In 1998, Shawn joined the Tampa Bay Smokers, winning his 2nd ISC World Championship, and then moving on to the Decatur IL Pride. In 2000, the Pride added pitchers Darren Zack and Mike White and Shawn claimed his 3rd ISC title.

Shawn returned to Wisconsin for the final five years of his career, joining Marathon WI County Materials. The 2006 season was very special - Shawn and his teammates played in seven tournaments, winning ALL seven including its second straight ISC World Championship, while compiling a 47-3 record. The 2006 version of County Materials has been called one of the greatest teams ever, a claim always to be debated. However, you can't have a conversation about the greatest teams without including the 2006 County Materials squad in the discussion.

In his 18 consecutive seasons of ISC competition Shawn was named ISC All-World ten times, (tied for 4th all-time), equally at home patrolling the outfield as well as providing defensive efficiency at infield positions. His two-way proficiencies helped lead his teams to ISC World Titles on five occasions with teams in Green Bay WI, Tampa FL, Decatur IL and his last two in back-to-back seasons with County Materials in 2005-06. Shawn achieved 198 total bases, including 21 home runs, tied for 4th in career dingers.

Shawn's overall 23-year career included an eight-year stint on the USA Men's National Team, producing one gold, two silver, and a single bronze medals. He was twice named United States Olympic Committee Athlete of the Year in Men's Softball, and retired with two ASA National Championships with a MVP and eight All-American selections.

Shawn always displayed a flair for the dramatic, with clutching hitting, often in title games as he rallied his team-mates with come-from-behind victories leading to championships and an abundance of memorable moments throughout his career.

Shawn has recently accepted the position of head softball coach at North Carolina State University. He currently resides in North Andover MA with his wife Tricia and their two boys, Ajay and Drew.

Shawn Rychcik's induction proudly sponsored by Les Cigel / All Car Roadrunners, Green Bay WI

ADAM SMITH

Hagersville, Ontario – 2nd Baseman (Born December 29, 1964)



Adam Smith is a natural athlete, and he wasn't adverse to getting his uniform dirty, routinely diving left and right at 2B, and offensively stretching singles into doubles. In addition, Adam mentally focused on every game, every inning, every at bat, and every ground ball that came his way. Ability, grit and smarts – the epitome of a warrior.

Larry Lynch had the rare opportunity to have played and coached against Adam, and as well to share a few seasons as a teammate, stating "Adam was, without doubt, one of the most amazing players of his era. He had the knack to make the impossible look simple. He would dive, jump or slide to stop any ball; he would cover the front end of a double play, defying any runner to take him out; he would then pivot and throw to make the back end of the play at first. In Adam's prime, fans would marvel at the number of times Adam was carried from the field after a sensational defensive play only to return and blast a home run, securing another victory. He transcended pain as such was his veracity as a player and a leader."

True grit at its best.

Terry Baytor, who coached the Toronto Gators and Team Canada recalls "Adam Smith was, without question, one of the three top players I have ever coached over my 32-year career. He exemplified everything that is good about the sport of softball and he played the game with a passion and a commitment to excellence that was second to none.

As both a Gator and National Team player, Adam set the standard to which others aspired. Simply put, he was in a "league of his own" as a second baseman, and his major contributions both offensively and defensively made the difference between championships won or lost. Adam had no equal when it came to playing above and beyond the call of duty, and what is most impressive, is how he was able to inspire his teammates and "will" them to be better players and winners."

Adam was a captain of the renowned Gators, a team loaded with talented individuals and Canadian National teammates. During his career, teams that benefitted from his two-way prowess finished in the top three ISC positions eight times, including the Gators 1993 & 1995 World Championships. He earned the respect, was admired and simply refused to lose.

Gators sponsor Jack Fireman unequivocally states that the Toronto Gators without Adam Smith would not have been World Champions.

From the start in 1987, Adam provided solid defensive skills while wagging a lethal bat that resulted in his playing 109 ISC games, sporting a career .322 batting average and being recognized as an ISC All-World player on five occasions between 1994 and 2003. In 1995, he was the ISC World tourney rbi leader (11), and was the tournament's leading hitter in 2001 (.583).

Adam has similar traits in life as a devoted father and husband who farmed along side his own dad for many years. He worked as hard as he played, but work and family came first. He made his sacrifices on the diamond with his body and for his family, always finding a way to get the tough job done. That's what real Warriors do.

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