

1976 Victoria Bate Construction

1990 Inductee - Team Category

After winning the Senior A Men's BC Championships for five successive years, the 1976 Victoria Bate Constr., team defeated the Oshawa Tony's at the National Championships, earning a berth to the World Championships in New Zealand.



In 1976, at the World Championships hosted in New Zealand, Canada was the top qualifier with two games left to play (New Zealand vs. Canada). The winner would go on to play the USA for the title. However, bad weather conditions forced the cancellation of the remaining games.

The International Softball Federation then decided that the remaining three teams would be Co-Champions. Victoria Bate Construction was the last "club side" to represent Canada at the World Championships.

Their impressive roster included the following athletes:

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| ➤ Bate, Herb (Sponsor) | ➤ Kern, Stan (Pitcher) |
| ➤ Bate, Ken (Centerfield) | ➤ Patterson, Joe (Field Manager/Coach) |
| ➤ Bates, Jack (Coach) | ➤ Ruthowsky, Dave (Pitcher) |
| ➤ Bell, Jack (Manager) | ➤ Sears, Bob (Statistician) |
| ➤ Brean, Randy (Infield) | ➤ Songhurst, Peter (1st base) |
| ➤ Burrows, Bob (Catcher) | ➤ Stevenson, Harvey (Right Field) |
| ➤ Cornett, Lyall (Infield) | ➤ Taaffe, Mike (Outfield) |
| ➤ Forland, Wayne (3rd base) | ➤ Underwood, Reg (Left Field) |
| ➤ Gallow, John (Equipment) | ➤ Walker, Carl (2nd base) |
| ➤ Hill, Bunker (Assistant Business Manager) | |
| ➤ Holness, Bob (Shortstop) | |
| ➤ James, Bill (Catcher) | |

In 1990, Softball BC and the BC Sports Hall of Fame inducted the 1976 Victoria Bate Construction team into their halls of fame for their impressive achievements.