

Bill Gurvich

1994 Inductee - Athlete Category



Bill Gurvich was a sensational catcher throughout his fastpitch career. Fastball was the game Bill found to be the most interesting. From his teen years to his early 30's, you would find Bill holding the #2 position of catcher for well-known Vancouver teams such as the Firefighters or Carlings Pilsener.

In 1950 he played for Fred Asher's team, in 1952 for the IWA, and in 1953 for the Firefighters. He was a consistent power hitter, continuing to hit home runs throughout his career.

Fast-forward to 1957, he competed in the South Hill Senior A Men's League with the Pilseners (Pils), where he excelled behind the plate and routinely picked off runners with ease. He was known as the smartest catcher in the league for his dominance behind the plate.



In 1959, Bill was named Top Hitter leading the league with an impressive .500 batting average. Playing for the Carling's he won a batting championship in the South Hill Major Men's Softball League, batting .383 with 23 hits across 60 at bats.

Even when his catching career closed, he continued to stay behind the plate as an umpire. That career spanned 35 years and took Bill to National and International competitions. He was inducted into South Hill Sports Hall of Fame in 1993.

Career Highlights

- 1959 – Batting .500
- 1959 – Won the Batting Championship title with .383 (23 hits)
- 1993 – Inducted into the South Hill Sports Hall of Fame
- 1994 – Inducted into the Softball BC Hall of Fame