

Clem Perini

1998 Inductee - Athlete Category



Clem Perini started playing in the Port Moody Park League as a pitcher at age 15. Next he moved to Senior A ball at South Memorial Park. Clem's club enjoyed success at every level of play including a Senior B Provincial Championship in the late 60's. Perini joined Russell Hotel in Sapperton Park in 1972 leading them to the Inter City Softball title and guiding them to a berth at the Sr. A Championship.

In 1974/75, he was the ace with the Vancouver Magicians. During the '75 campaign, he was selected as the MVP pitcher at the tough Seattle Invitational which featured all the top Senior A teams in the Northwest. Victoria picked Clem up for their 1978 National Championship appearance. They won their 4th National in a row. Clem received the Top Pitcher award at the 1978 Nationals and also All Star Pitcher along with Rob Guenther. In 1978, his Thirsk team became the first Canadian team to win the Seattle Invitational.

Perini was overpowering on the mound. At 6 '3", he was intimidating to hitters who were exposed to his hard fastball and one of the best riseballs in the game. Clem was an accomplished hitter often supplying his own runs with timely hits.

Clem finished his Senior A career in Houston, Texas guiding his team to 5 ISC Club World Championships. He returned to Canada in 1991 and enjoyed a successful Masters year, culminating in a Western Canadian Championship with Victoria's Payless as a pick up. In 1992, he retired from the game.

Career Highlights

- 1960's – Senior B Provincial Championship
- 1972 – Inter City Softball Title
- 1975 – Seattle Invitational MVP Pitcher
- 1978 – National Championship Best Pitcher and All-Star Pitcher Award Recipient
- 1978 – Member on the First Canadian Team to win the Seattle Invitational
- 5x Competitor in the ISC Club World Championships
- 1991 – Attended the Western Canadian Championships with Victoria's Payless
- 1998 – Inducted into the Softball BC Hall of Fame
- 2023 – Inducted into the Fastpitch Legends of the Greater Houston Area Hall of Fame