

Debbie Duke

2003 Inductee - Athlete Category



Deb played ball for the YMCA team at age 10. She was on the team that won the Bantam Championship. At age 13, she played Senior B at South Hill for King Edward Hotel. At 15, Deb started playing Senior A for the Blues. She played on the same team for the next 11-12 years. During that time they won 11 Provincial Championships, 6 Canadian Championships and played in 2 World Championships. In 1984, in Stratford, Connecticut they finished 7th and in 1978 2nd at San Salvador, El Salvador. Deb began coaching in the Victoria Women's League where her team "The Lightning" won the league finals in July 2003.



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Her playing career was mostly as a catcher where she was one of the best. Steady and smart, not flashy but did a fantastic job in a quiet fashion. Deb called the game to get the best out of the pitcher and was always upbeat and supportive, no matter how bad you were doing. She had a strong arm that caught lots of attempted base stealers and a wicked fake to catch a runner at 3rd base. Her batting average was .325. A great team player. Deb was a great team player and continues to love softball by giving to the game she loves.

Career Highlights

- 11x Provincial Championships Gold Medalist
- 6x Canadian Championships Gold Medalist
- 2x Competitor in the World Championships
- 1978 – World Championships Silver Medalist
- 2003 – Inducted into the Softball BC Hall of Fame