

Dennis Eckart

2020 Inductee - Athlete Category



Dennis' fastpitch career spanned twenty years where he established himself as one of the dominant hitters in the world. Over the course of his playing career in Men's Senior A, Dennis has won six Canadian Championships, and two Western Canadian Championships. He competed at the provincial, national and international level with teams such as the Victoria Bates, Royals, Budget, Payless, Calgary Break and Clutch. He quickly established himself as a dominant hitter, known for his consistency at the plate.



In 1979 and 1983 he competed internationally, at the Pan American Games with Team Canada, winning two gold medals in the Games. In 1983, his exceptional playing career continued, taking gold at BC Provincials, the Canadian Championships and setting a record with a .875 batting average, which still stands today. Dennis continued on to win four more Canadian Championships. His excellence continued into 1986, where Dennis won a MVP Award, an All-Star Award, and a gold medal at the North American Fastball Association Championship (NAFTA). In 1992/93, he won two more gold medals at the Western Canadian Championships, entering the Senior B Men's League where his dominance persisted.

Dennis has an impressive array of accomplishments, however, they do not stop on the field. Beyond his playing career, he conducted softball clinics and mentored youth athletes. His accomplishments as a player and his commitment to the softball community have been honored by his numerous Hall of Fame Inductions, acknowledging his dedication and his lasting contributions to this sport.

Career Highlights

- 1979-1990 Senior A Men's Fastball – 11x Provincial Gold Medalist, 6x Canadian Gold Medalist, 2x Canadian Silver Medalist
- 1979/83 – 2x Pan Am Gold Medalist with Team Canada
- 1979-1990 – Attended ISC Tournaments with Victoria, Aurora and Calgary Teams
- 1983 – Canadian Championships Top Batter (.875 Batting Average)
- 1986 – North American Fastball Association (NAFTA) Champion
- 1986 – MVP Award Recipient & All-Star Award Recipient
- 1992/93 – 2x Western Canadian Championship Gold Medalist

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- 1994-98 Senior B Men's Fastball – 2x Provincial Gold Medalist, 1x Western Canadian Gold Medalist, 1x North American Fastball Association Championship (NAFTA) World Championship Gold Medalist
- 1994/95 - Masters Men's Provincial Gold Medalist
- Pacific Northwest League – 7x All Star Recipient, Top Batter Award Recipient, 2x MVP Award Recipient, 2x ISC All-Star Award Recipient, and Firecracker Classic MVP Award Recipient
- 1999 – Inducted into the Alberta Softball Sports Hall of Fame
- 2020 – Inducted into the Softball BC Hall of Fame
- 2024 – Inducted into the Greater Victoria Sports Hall of Fame