

Nomination to Iowa Fast Pitch HOF for Dean Whitebreast

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I wish to nominate Dean Whitebreast to the Iowa Fast Pitch Hall of Fame.

Dean began his fast pitch career in 1955 as a catcher for the Waterloo Marine Reserve team in the Waterloo City League. His career spanned over the next 16 years. Playing for: Dubois Home-Builders, Craft-Cochran, Russell Lamson, Cardinal Super-Value, Lary Lange Ford, Del William's, Super-Value of Rockford Il. and Butter-Topp of Clear Lake. He played in 6 State Tournaments, winning the State Tournament in 1967 and 1968. Additionally he played in tournaments in Illinois, Oklahoma, Texas and Missouri. The tournament in Springfield Missouri was a National Fast Pitch Tournament.

He caught such pitchers as: Paul Rayberry, Jerry Rolffs, Jim Sovereign, Dale Root, Dean Olson, Steve Nielson, Larry Sparks, Rollo Fischer, Dale Johannson, as well as many more notable pitchers. His teammates were HOF'ers Don DeBerg, Dick Fischer, Bob Sheldon and many more. He has competed against many nationally recognized players.

His defensive quickness was respected by all, often picking runners off at all three bases. His arm strength kept all base runners "honest".

Offensively he had the power to reach the fences, as well as beat out infield hits and bunts. He annually sported a .275-.325 batting average' which included many extra base hits, due to his speed. He accomplished this while playing 75-100 games annually against top teams and players. Dean is a Native American, who has always represented the Mesquaki Nation of Tama, Ia with great pride. He is also a Veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps (1957-1960).

Hopefully Dean Whitebreast will be inducted into the Iowa Fast Pitch Softball Hall of Fame at your next induction.

Thank you,

Respectfully submitted by

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