

RESUME FOR DUKE McCULLOUGH

Carroll "Duke" McCullough started his softball pitching career at age 13 for a new team in the Fort Dodge league. He had some hard knocks for a couple of years pitching against such Iowa Hall of Earners as Howard Merryman and Don Hensley. He finally moved up to pitch for stronger teams such as Vincent Clay and Gene's Place.

In 1964, Duke joined the Sandy's Distribution team of Fort Dodge and won league championships three years running in 1965, 1966, and 1967. He pitched the team to District championships in 1965, 1966, and 1968, and 1969, and third place finish in 1967. This was one of the largest districts in the state with many of the top teams competing.

In 1965, he pitched the team to a second place finish in the sub-state tournament and to a third place finish in 1967. In 1968 he pitched the team to a sub-state championship and fourth place in the state finals. In 1969, they finished fourth in the sub-state. Note that these were the days before classes such as A-B-C were used. The team played all over Iowa and three surrounding states with Duke winning many invitational tournaments.

In 1966, Duke set a state record and tied a national record with a 24 inning game in the championship game in a tournament. The team won the 1-0 game with a 24th inning double by McCullough driving in the winning run. Duke had a no hitter through fifteen innings and finished the game with 57 strikeouts.

In 1970, Duke moved to Waterloo and pitched the next two years for Pinky's Tap. Duke retired from softball in 1972. He was inducted into the Fort Dodge Softball Association Hall of Fame in 1977.

During his pitching career Duke compiled four perfect games, eighteen no hitters, thirteen one hitters and totaled forty three shutouts. Through 1969 he struck out 1,468 batters in 823 innings. In 1967, he had a 0.77 earned run average and 1.61 marks the next two years. His highest batting average came in 1968 at .316.

Duke now lives in Manson, Iowa

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