

BOB FONTANA FAST PITCH SOFTBALL RESUME 1980-1994

***SOME SEASONS RECORDS AND STATISTICS WERE KEPT AND OTHER SEASONS NOTHING WAS KEPT.**

1980- ANKENY STATE BANK- LED THE 8 TEAM ANKENY FAST PITCH LEAGUE IN HITTING WITH A .545 AVERAGE. THE LEAGUE WAS BASICALLY MADE UP OF 8 CLASS "B" LEVEL TEAMS. PLAYED 3RD BASE FOR ANKENY STATE BANK

1981- STARTED OUT WITH ANKENY STATE BANK AND HALFWAY THROUGH THE SEASON JOINED MOULTON PAINT AND PLAYED IN THE CENTRAL IOWA CLASSIC LEAGUE AT BOMBER PARK. THAT WAS MY FIRST INTRODUCTION TO THE "MAJOR OPEN "LEVEL. THE FIRST NIGHT OUT, I FACED DEAN OLSON AND BOB SANTEE. IT WAS QUITE THE BAPTISM...A LOT MORE CHALLENGING THAN PLAYING IN THE ANKENY CLASS" B" LEAGUE. ALSO PLAYED IN THE FIRST MAJOR OPEN STATE TOURNAMENT IN CEDAR RAPIDS. PLAYED 1ST BASE PRIMARILY FOR MOULTON PAINT.

1982-1986 PLAYED WITH THE DES MOINES A.D.W. HAWKS

- **PLAYED RIGHT FIELD MOST OF THE TIME AND AT TIMES LEFT FIELD**
- **PLAYED IN 3 MAJOR OPEN STATE TOURNAMENTS AND 2 CLASS" A" STATE TOURNAMENTS**
- **PLAYED IN 2 CLASS" A" REGIONALS**
- **5 YEAR BATTING AVERAGE WITH ADW HAWKS WAS .325**

1987-1988 PLAYED WITH DES MOINES LAPIZZA HOUSE-HENRY J'S

- **PLAYED RIGHT FIELD MOST OF THE TIME AND AT TIMES LEFT FIELD**
- **1987**
 - *MAJOR OPEN STATE TOURNAMENT- FINISHED IN 7TH PLACE**
- **1988-**
 - * MAJOR OPEN STATE CHAMPIONS**
 - *MAJOR OPEN NATIONALS IN BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS-33RD PLACE**
 - *PLAYED IN THE ISC WORLD TOURNAMENT WITH AMES PALMAS IN DECATUR, ILL.**
 - *.360 AVERAGE**
 - **WAS THE MVP IN THREE TOURNAMENTS IN 1988**
 - *IOWA MAJOR OPEN STATE TOURNAMENT / *MIDDLETON, WISCONSIN TOURNAMENT**
 - *NE MISSOURI TOURNAMENT IN LABELLE, MISSOURI**

1989-1994-PLAYED WITH DES MOINES METROS

- **PLAYED RIGHT FIELD MOST OF THE TIME AND AT TIMES LEFT FIELD. LAST TWO YEARS OF CAREER PLAYED SOME 3RD BASE AND DH ON OCCASION**
- **1989-**
 - * **METROS RECORD WAS 49-32. *-MAJOR OPEN STATE TOURNAMENT WE DIDN'T PLAY WELL AND FINISHED 5TH**
 - * **WON THE ISC TRAVEL LEAGUE AND THE QUALIFIER FOR THE ISC WORLD TOURNAMENT IN KIMBERLEY, WISCONSIN. WENT 1-2 AND FINISHED 33RD.**
- **1990-**
 - * **METROS RECORD WAS 67-24. MAJOR OPEN STATE CHAMPIONS. NATIONALS WERE IN MANKATO, MINNESOTA. FINISHED 24TH**
 - * **WON THE ISC TRAVEL LEAGUE AND THE QUALIFIER FOR THE ISC WORLD TOURNAMENT IN VICTORIA, BRITISH, COLUMBIA.WENT 2-2 AND FINISHED 24TH**
 - * **.324 AVERAGE. LED TEAM IN RBI'S AND TRIPLES.**
- **1991-**
 - * **METROS RECORD WAS 66-35. MAJOR OPEN STATE TOURNAMENT-2ND PLACE**
 - * **WON MID-AMERICA REGIONALS**
 - * **NATIONALS IN MIDLAND, MICHIGAN – FINISHED 5TH PLACE**
 - * **WON THE ISC TRAVEL LEAGUE AND THE QUALIFIER FOR THE ISC WORLD TOURNAMENT IN SIOUX CITY.WENT 1-2-32ND PLACE**
 - * **.333 AVERAGE. LED TEAM IN HOME RUNS, RBI'S AND TRIPLES.**
- **1992-**
 - * **METROS RECORD WAS 83-28. MAJOR OPEN STATE TOURNAMENT-2ND PLACE**
 - * **NATIONALS IN BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS –WENT 2-2 FINISHED 12TH PLACE**
 - * **WON THE ISC TRAVEL LEAGUE AND THE QUALIFIER FOR THE ISC WORLD TOURNAMENT IN SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.WENT 4-2 -FINISHED IN 5TH PLACE**
 - * **.303 AVERAGE- WAS MIZUNO GAME MVP IN WORLD TOURNAMENT**
- **1993-**
 - * **MISSED THE SEASON DUE TO KNEE SURGERY**
 - * **METROS WERE MAJOR OPEN STATE CHAMPS**
 - * **QUALIFIED FOR ASA NATIONALS IN MIDLAND, MICHIGAN AND ISC WORLD IN KIMBERLEY, WISCONSIN-5TH PLACE**

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- * METROS FINISHED IN 2ND PLACE MAJOR OPEN STATE TOURNAMENT-**
- *WON MID-AMERICA REGIONAL**
- *NATIONALS IN PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA – FORFEITED BECAUSE OF LACK OF ENOUGH PLAYERS WHO COULD MAKE THE TRIP**
- * WON THE ISC TRAVEL LEAGUE AND THE QUALIFIER FOR THE ISC WORLD TOURNAMENT IN SUMMERSIDE, PRINCE EDWARD, ISLAND.FINISHED 33RD PLACE**
- *.298 AVERAGE**

SUMMARY:

- *PLAYED IN 11 MAJOR OPEN STATE TOURNAMENTS ON 3 STATE CHAMPIONS AND 3 STATE RUNNERS-UP**

- *PLAYED ON 2 REGIONAL CHAMPIONS**

- * PLAYED IN 4 MAJOR OPEN NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS AND 6 ISC WORLD TOURNAMENTS**

- *SELECTED TO THE DES MOINES ALL -DECADE TEAMS FOR THE 1980'S AND 1990'S**

- *INDUCTED TO THE DES MOINES HALL OF FAME IN 2000 AND INTO THE IOWA STATE HALL OF FAME IN 2001.**

- *HAD A LOT OF TEAMMATES ON LAPIZZA HOUSE AND DES MOINES METROS THAT HAVE ALSO BEEN INDUCTED INTO THE STATE HALL OF FAME**

- *I HAD A LOT OF FUN PLAYING FAST PITCH SOFTBALL. I MET A LOT OF PEOPLE THROUGH THE GAME AND WAS ABLE TO GO TO AND PLAY IN PLACES I MAY HAVE NEVER VISITED IF IT WASN'T FOR SOFTBALL. A LOT OF GREAT MEMORIES.**