

Russ Hutchinson Iowa Hall of Fame Nomination By Jim Keeler Coach/Manager

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

WINS 450 --500

WON A STATE WITH LOWELL RATTLERS MVP
3RD AT REGIONALS

WON B STATE JIM MILLER BUY RITE MVP
B NATIONALS TOURNAMENT

WON C STATE SOUTHEAST IOWA MERCHANTS MVP

WON C REGIONAL LINCOLN NEBRASKA
C NATIONALS 13TH 3-1 RECORD

INDUCTED INTO NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY HALL OF
FAME WITH SOFTBALL TEAM, STUDENT COACH FOR HITTING AND
PITCHING

INDUCTED INTO DES MOINES SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME IN 2000

INCLUDED INTO DES MOINES SOFTBALL 1980-89 ALL DECADE TEAM

OTHER HALL TEAM MEMBERS TOM BAKKEY, PHIL WILKINSON, DEAN OLSON

PITCHED IN OPEN STATE TOURNAMENTS 79,81,82,83,84,85,92,97,99,
2018,2019,2020

PITCHED IN MANY "A", "B", "C" STATE TOURNAMENTS

PITCHED IN MANY IOWA MASTERS LEVEL STATE TOURNAMENTS FINISHING
2ND, 3RD, 4TH

PITCHED IN ASA MASTERS LEVEL TOURNAMENTS WITH THE DES MOINES
METROS COACHED BY MIKE CLARK OVER 10 YEARS

MADE THE 2ND TEAM ALL AMERICAN ONE YEAR

PITCHED IN MASTERS LEVEL NAFA WORLD TOURNAMENTS PAST 10-15 YEARS
WITH THE DES MOINES METROS

MADE THE NAFA ALL WORLD TEAM IN 2015

PITCHED IN 2015,16,17 ASA MASTER LEVEL 60 NATIONAL FOR B & L
PLUMBING FROM COLORADO, TEAM FINISHED 3RD ALL 3 YEARS

2017 ASA MASTER TOURNAMENT MADE FIRST TEAM ALL AMERICAN AFTER
PITCHING A 4-0 WIN OVER OHIO BATTERY, THEY WON 5 NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS THAT YEAR

LAST 3 YEARS HAVE ALSO PLAYED 65 OVER FOR A MICHIGAN TEAM IN NAFA

A PITCHING CAREER THAT HAS LASTED 60 YEARS AND HAVE PITCHED
AGAINST MANY OF THE GREAT TEAMS IN IOWA. ALSO AGAINST SOME OF THE
BEST AT THE MASTERS LEVEL. PITCHED AT ALL LEVELS, IN OPEN, A, B,
C. AND AT THE MASTERS LEVEL.

HAVE PITCHED IN NATIONAL OR OTHER TOURNAMENTS IN THE FOLLOWING
CITIES AND STATES.

SEATTLE WASHINGTON, KENT WASHINGTON, MINNESOTA, WISCONSIN
TWICE, MISSOURI, DECATUR ILLINOIS, ROCKFORD ILLINOIS AT 3
TIMES, MOLINE ILLINOIS 4 TIMES, MICHIGAN, MISSOURI, COLMAN
ALABAMA TWICE, HOUSTON TEXAS TWICE, TWO OTHER TOURNAMENTS IN
TEXAS, IOWA, MINOT NORTH DAKOTA, LINCOLN NEBRASKA, PRSCOT
ARIZONNA TWICE, PHONIX ARIZONA THREE TIMES, PASON ARIZONA.
PROBABLY A FEW MORE HARD TO REMEBER ALL OF A THEM.

- 1) Russ Hutchinson - Member of the Des Moines Fast Pitch Hall of Fame
- 2) Russ Hutchinson - Has Played From 1960 - 2021 (60 years)
- 3) 450-500 Pitching wins In Fast-Pitch
- 4) 2 x all-american as a Fast-Pitch Pitcher
- 5) Played in (12) open Iowa states / (5) a states / (5) "B" states / (2) "c" states
22 Iowa states tournaments

RUSS HUTCHINSON SOFTBALL PITCHING CAREER 1960-2020

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF SOME OF THE MANY TEAMS I HAVE PITCHED FOR:

ASTRO BOYS, C & P VENDING, DEANS STUDIO, LONGS AUTO PARTS, DES MOINES
JETS, PEPSI HAYLOFT OF MISSOURI, WOODLAND LOUNGE, VITALS ,ADW HAWKS, OLIH
OF ANKENY, SPAGHETTI MARKET, TRIANGLE TAP, KRAMER FEED OF WEBSTER CITY,
MASON CITY POODLE CLUB, DEERWOOD, LOWELL RATTLERS, FLEX AND OSCARS, DES
MOINES METROS, SOUTHEAST IOWA MERCHANTS, DEEVER ROOFING, SPILMAN AUTO,
AR JAYS CEDAR RAPIDS, GENE TURNER DESIGN, JIM MILLER BUY RITE, LINE DRIVE,
PYRAMID GRAPHICS OF OTTUMWA, FEYE BROTHERS CEDAR RAPIDS, BUSHWOOD, B & L
PLUMBING OF COLORADO, MT UNION TEAM, SPORTSMAN OF MICHIGAN

PLAYED FOR MANY TEAMS DURING SAME SEASON TO GO TO DIFFERENT TOURNAMENTS.

1960-63 COMMUNITY TEAMS

1964 NEIGHBORHOOD REC TEAMS

1965 NEIGHBORHOOD REC TEAMS

1966 NEIGHBORHOOD REC TEAMS

1967 ASTROS BOYS CHURCH LEAGUE COACH BOB UTTER

1968 ASTROS BOYS CHURCH LEAGUE COACH BOB UTTER CITY CHAMPS 17-0

1969 NOT COMPETING ARMED SERVICES

1970 NOT COMPETING ARMED SERVICES

1971 NOT COMPETING ARMED SERVICES

1972 C & P VENDING DES MOINES COACH DAVE CHONGO

1973 DEAN STUDIO DES MOINES COACH DAVE CHONGO CLASS "B" STATE CORALVILLE

1974 DEAN STUDIO DES MOINES COACH DAVE CHONGO

1975 LONG'S AUTO PARTS DES MOINES COACH DAVE CHONGO

1976 JETS DES MOINES

1977 PEPSI/HAYLOFF TEAM MISSOURI RECORD 32-5

1978 WOODLAND LOUNGE DES MOINES

1979 VITALIS/HAWKS DES MOINES COACHES DON WINTERBERG/JACK DEATON

COMPETED MAJOR OPEN CEDAR RAPIDS

1980 ADW HAWKS DES MOINES COACHES DON WINTERBERG/JACK DEATON

1981 ADW HAWKS DES MOINES COACHES DON WINTERBERG/JACK DEATON

COMPETED MAJOR OPEN CEDAR RAPIDS

1982 SPAGHETTI MARKET DES MOINES COACH RON BROOKS

COMPETED MAJOR OPEN CEDAR RAPIDS 3RD PLACE

1983 ADW HAWKS DES MOINES COACHED DON WINTERBERG/JACK DEATON

WON DES MOINES CITY TOURNAMENT COMPETED MAJOR OPEN SIOUX CITY

1984 ADW HAWKS DES MOINES COACHES DON WINTERBERG/JACK DEATON

COMPETED MAJOR OPEN CEDAR RAPIDS

1985 ADW HAWKS DES MOINES COACHES DON WINTERBERG/JACK DEATON

WON DES MOINES CITY TOURNAMENT COMPETED MAJOR OPEN CEDAR RAPIDS

1986 ADW HAWKS DES MOINES COACHES DON WINTERBERG/JACK DEATON

COMPETED "A" STATE DES MOINES

1987 TRIANGLE TAP DES MOINES COACH RON BROOKS

1988 KRAMER FEEDS WEBSTER CITY/MASON CITY POODLE COMPETED "A" STATE DES MOINES

1989 DEERWOOD/LOWELL RATTLERS NEW LONDON COACH JOHN ALDEN/DUANE BLINT

COMPETED "B" STATE DES MOINES

1990 LOWELL RATTLERS LOWELL COACH DUANE BLINT

COMPETED "A" STATE TOURNAMENT CEDAR RAPIDS

1991 LOWELL RATTLERS LOWELL COACH DUANE BLINT

WON DISTRICT COMPETED "A" STATE TOURNAMENT DAVENPORT

1992 LOWELL RATTLERS LOWELL COACH DUANE BLINT

COMPETED IN MAJOR OPEN IN DES MOINES

1993 SOUTHEAST IOWA MERCHANTS NEW LONDON COACH DUANE BLINT

WON THE "C" STATE AT CEDAR RAPIDS, MVP PITCHER

WON THE "C" REGIONAL LINCOLN NEBRASKA

NATIONALS, MINOT NORTH DAKOTA, PLACED 13TH

PITCHING RECORD 3-1

1993 DEEVER ROOFING	COACH MIKE CLARK MASTERS STATE TOURNAMENT PLACED 4TH MASTERS NATIONALS LAS VEGAS
1994 FELIX & OSCARS DES MOINES	COACH MIKE CLARK CLASS "A" STATE TOURNAMENT DES MOINES MASTERS STATE TOURNAMENT CEDAR RAPIDS
1996 MT.UNION IOWA TEAM	CLASS A STATE TOURNAMENT DES MOINES
1997 LOWELL RATTLERS	COACH DUANE BLINT OPEN STATE TOURNAMENT CEDAR RAPIDS IOWA
1998 LOWELL RATTLERS	COACH DUANE BLINT CLASS "A" STATE CHAMPS AT CEDAR RAPIDS CLASS "A" REGIONALS 3rd CEDAR RAPIDS IOWA
1999 DES MOINES METRO'S	COACH MIKE CLARK MASTERS STATE TOURNAMENT DES MOINES 2nd MASTERS NATIONALS MIDLAND MICHIGAN
1999 LOWELL RATTLERS	DISTRICT CHAMPS MAJOR OPEN STATE TOURNEY CEDAR RAPIDS
1999 DES MOINES METRO'S	OVER 40 STATE TOURNAMENT 3rd SIOUX CITY
1999 DES MOINES METRO'S	OVER 45 NATIONALS PHOENIX ARIZONA
2000 SPILMAN AUTO,BLOOMFIELD	DISTRICT TOURNEY B STATE TOURNAMENT
AR JAYS CEDAR RAPIDS	A STATE TOURNAMENT
DES MOINES METRO'S	OVER 40 STATE TOURNAMENT 4th
DES MOINES METRO'S	OVER 45 NATIONALS, ALABAMA
2000 INDUCTED INTO THE DES MOINES	SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME
2000 ISC REGIONAL	2-0
2001 AR JAYS CEDAR RAPIDS	3RD IN DISTRICT TOURNAMENT
2001 AR JAYS CEDAR RAPIDS	AR JAYS A STATE TOURNAMENT DES MOINES
AR JAYS CEDAR RAPIDS	A REGIONAL 3RD PLACE FINISH
2001 DES MOINES METRO'S	OVER 40 STATE TOURNAMENT
2001 DES MOINES METRO'S	OVER 45 NATIONALS INDIANA 2-2
2002 ISC REGIONAL	2-1
2002 GENERAL MILLS CR	2ND DISTRICT PITCHED 8 GAMES 2 DAYS
2002 DES MOINES METRO'S	OVER 40 STATE TOURNAMENT
2002 DES MOINES METRO'S	OVER 45 NATIONALS ARIZONA 2-2
2002 DES MOINES METRO'S	NAFA HUTCHINSON KANSAS
2003 DES MOINES METRO'S	OVER 40 STATE TOURNAMENT 2-2
2003 DES MOINES METRO'S	OVER 45 NATIONALS SEATTLE WASH. 2-2 7th
2003 JIM MILLER BUY-RITE	2ND DISTRICT
2003 JIM MILLER BUY-RITE	NAFA WISCONSIN
2003 JIM MILLER BUY-RITE	CLASS A STATE TOURNAMENT
2003 AR JAY'S	PRESCOTT ARIZONA 0-2
2004 DES MOINES METRO'S	OVER 40 STATE TOURNAMENT 2-2
2004 DES MOINES METRO'S	OVER 50 NATIONALS TEXAS
2004 DES MOINES METRO'S	OVER 45 NATIONALS ALABAMA 3-2 5th 2ND TEAM ALL AMERICAN
2004 ISC REGIONAL JIM MILLER	WALCOT 2-2 5th
2004 JIM MILLER BUY-RITE	LEAGUE CHAMPS CEDAR RAPIDS
2004 JIM MILLER BUY-RITE	2ND DISTRICT
2004 JIM MILLER BUY-RITE	B STATE TOURNAMENT, 1 st MVP TOURNAMENT.
2004 JIM MILLER BUY-RITE	B NATIONAL TOURNEY TEXAS
2005 FEYE BROTHERS	LEAGUE CHAMPS CEDAR RAPIDS 11-1
2005 FEYE BROTHERS	2ND DISTRICTS
2005 FEYE BROTHERS	B STATE
2005 FEYE BROTHERS	B NATIONALS DECATUR ILL.
2005 DES MOINES METRO'S	OVER 40 STATE TOURNEY 4-2 3RD
2005 DES MOINES METRO'S	OVER 50 NATIONALS PRESCOTT ARIZONA 2-3

Russ HUTCHINSON Des Moines HALL OF Fame member

Members of the Des Moines Hall Of Fame, families, and friends:

I have three scripts that I get to choose from in introducing our next inductee to the Des Moines Softball Hall Of Fame (his, which is too long, my first version, which was even longer, and my short version which may also be quite long - so bare with me).

Our inductee started playing fast pitch softball with his neighborhood buddies in the early 1960's. They would go from school yard to school yard and have their games.

Some of the teams he played with along the way were Astro Boys, C and P Vending, Dean Studio, Long's Auto Parts, Des Moines Jets, Pepsi/Hayloff out of Missouri, Woodland Lounge, Vitalis, ADW Hawks, O.L.I.H. out of Ankeny, Spaghetti Market, Triangle Tap, Kramer Feeds out of Webster City, Mason City Poodle Club, Deerwood, Lowell Rattlers, Southeast Iowa Merchants out of London, Deever Roofing, Felix and Oscars, Des Moines Metro's, Spillman Auto out of Bloomfield, and AR Jays in Cedar Rapids.

Some of his coaches throughout the years were names that many of us know as good softball people: Bob Utter Dave Chongo John Alden Duane Blint Don Winterberg Jack Deaton Ron Brooks and Mike Clark Some pretty good company, I'd say!

Our inductee has been a very good and durable pitcher throughout his years in fast pitch softball. He would like to make you think he is and was a great hitter. Well, he wasn't a great hitter. Although, he was, pretty darn tough.

Some of his accomplishments over the years are:

His church team (ASTR BOYS) of 1968 won the league city championship with a 17-0 record

The next three years he was representing our country in the United States Military.

It was during the early seventies that I got to know this young pitcher. I can remember (so vividly) many a night watching the Major Open with he and his friend (Donnie Coors) along the first baseline at Bombers Park. We were watching the great ball players of that time (Dean and Gene, Stokes, Rich Smith, Dale Root, Wendell, Dave Mount, Don Flisher, Gene Knopp, Dallas Slagel, Ritchie Stevens, Lance Dreesman, Roger Budden, Bob Sturgess, and many many more. He would tell me how he was going to pitch in the Major Open someday and I would tell him how I was going to someday umpire in a Major Open. He thought the idea of him pitching was a good idea, but he was not so sure about my idea. But, that is understandable, most pitchers think they have the eye sight of Ted Williams anyway.

In 1983 and 1985 his team (ADW Hawks) won the Des Moines City Tournament.

During this period, he even pitched for one of my teams. We went to Lacona and won a tournament. He had eighteen strikeouts in his first game and fourteen in the championship game. I never asked him back. I figured that if he couldn't strike out 18 every time I didn't need him anymore.

His team (Southeast Iowa Merchants) won the 1993 C State Championship (where he was named the most valuable pitcher), then won the regional championship in Lincoln, Nebraska. They then participated in the national championship in Minot, North Dakota where his pitching record was 3 and 1.

This man was, and is, very instrumental in the advancement of his teams to different state tournaments.

He has competed in several B and A State tournaments as well as in regionals and nationals.

He has competed in Major Open tournaments at different locations throughout the state in 1979, 1981, and 1982 (where his team - Spaghetti Market, finished third). It was during the Sub-State that year, that he had to pitch three games on Sunday to qualify his team to the Major Open. He also competed in the Major Open in 1983, 1984, 1985, 1992, 1997, 1999, and 2000.

He has and is currently pitching in masters tournaments locally, regionally, and nationally.

This man was named to the Des Moines all decade team of the 1980's. The other three pitchers named to the team were Tom Bakey, Phil Wilkerson, and Dean Olson. I'd say, that is some pretty good company.

Hall of Fame members, families and friends,

I'm very proud to introduce you to our newest inductee to the Des Moines Softball Hall Of Fame: Currently residing in Mediapolis, Iowa

Hall Of Famer: Russ Hutchinson