

Brian Paton - HoF - 2011

BRIAN PATON, Woodstock ON



Brian played in 12 consecutive ISC World Tournaments and was a member of three ISC Championship teams, twice with Toronto ON Gators (193-95) and with Tampa Bay FL Smokers (1998). In 1995, he helped to lead the Gators in their amazing come-back week to capture the ISC title.

In so doing, Brian established a new record for hits in a tournament (17) and was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

Patrolling centre field, he was one the best at stealing what appeared to be "sure-hits" and limiting base runners to singles. He was not simply a member of great teams – those teams enjoyed their successes in no small part as a result of Brian's leadership – witness his nine "top-four" finishes at the ISC Worlds.

Brian has numerous other notable softball accomplishments international with Team Canada (1985-2002) with four Pan-Am gold medals and in ISF, both silver and gold.