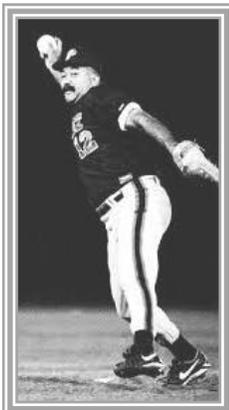


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From his birth in Levin New Zealand and a few short years later, Robert “Chubb” Tangaroa and his brothers would pitch behind his residence, which was a local college. All siblings became effective pitchers, with Chubb suiting up in senior ranks with the Kotuko Softball Club as a 13-year-old.

Chubb moved to Christchurch, playing for Papanui and then traveled to Western Suburbs where he added to his credentials as a pitcher for Burnside, facing the best softball players in the country.

Chubb was an original softball trendsetter. In the 1980s he was among the early wave of New Zealand pitchers to cross the Pacific and truly internationalize the ISC.

In his 1984 ISC debut season, “Chubb” toed the rubber for Lancaster CA Chameleons, helping the team to finish 3rd in the ISC Championship in Allentown PA. He also played for the legendary Long Beach CA Nitehawks under the leadership of Red Miers, Denton TX Kings (1986), Saskatoon SK All-O-Matics (1987) and Auckland NZ Medicare Marist (1988). In 1989, he joined a competitive Rohnert Park CA Guanella Brothers squad that finished in the ISC “final four” on three consecutive occasions, losing to Sioux City IA Penn Corp in the 1989 Championship tilt in Kimberly WI. With Guanella Brothers, “Chubb” was 11-4 courtesy his sharp-breaking rise ball, threw a no-hitter, struck out 32 batters in one 15-inning game, and led all pitchers at the 1989 tournament, with 98 Ks in 51 innings.

Chubb recalls the 1989 championship game with Guanella Brothers as he and his ‘mates clawed their way through the losers’ bracket to the finale. Earlier in the tournament he had ripped the nail off and tore open his index finger, but pitched the entire finale, eventually losing in extra innings to Penn Corp of Sioux City IA who successfully defended their 1988 title.

Chubb then enjoyed four successful seasons as part of the Decatur IL Pride, and finished his ISC career in 1997 with Broken Bow NE.

Chubb was named to ISC First-Team All World in three successive tournaments – 1989-90-91. He loved Northern California and sponsors Walt and Ray Guanella embraced Chubb and really made him feel at home.

In total “Chubb” pitched 25 wins spanning his 13 ISC seasons.

As a member of the New Zealand Black Sox, “Chubb” posted an impressive 12-1 ISF record in leading the Kiwis to medals in three consecutive World Championships - silver (1988 & 1992) and gold (1996). “Chubb” later served as New Zealand’s national pitching coach.

In amassing additional ISF gold medals, Chubb has been inducted into both the New Zealand (2004) and ISF (2011) Halls of Fame.

Chubb continues his involvement in softball, coaching kids and sharing his memories that have spanned many decades.