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Dean Holoien was born to play Fastpitch. The oldest son of Doug and Maxine Holoien was born into a Fastpitch family. In the town of Melfort Saskatchewan there were at least 9 Holoien family members that would pitch for Melfort teams and another half dozen that played other positions. Dean grew up being coached by his dad and it was obvious at a young age that Dean was a special talent. He worked hard and under the tutelage of his dad had a minor and junior career that included a Midget and Junior National Championship with his hometown Melfort 222's.

After junior Dean moved to the west coast to start his senior career that would take him to teams across North America. His first ISC World Tournament was in Kimberley Wisconsin in 1993 as a member of Saskatoon Rempel Brothers and over the next 23 seasons Dean would wear a few different uniforms that included stints with the Heflin Builders, The Farm, Aspen and Kitchener. Throughout those 23 years Dean amassed an ISC Hall of Fame career that includes 6 All World selections at the pitching and Designated Hitter positions. This two way impact on a game is illustrated by his ranking in the ISC top 20 Players in Strikeouts, Wins and Home runs.

Dean's combination of pitching and hitting ability was never more on display then in the 2009 ISC when he was named MVP for his performance in leading the Kitchener Riversharks to the Championship title. Dean was named 1st Team All World Designated Hitter and also recorded the win in the circle, striking out the side in the bottom of the 7th to win the title.

Dean's resume also includes a Silver and Bronze at the International Softball Federation World Championships as a member of Team Canada, 4 Canadian National Championships and 2 ASA National Championships. Dean's performances on the field could only be overshadowed by his performances in the dugout. Dean will forever be on the list of great players to ever play the game but he is also at the top of the list as one of the greatest teammates to ever play with. His desire to win not only for himself but his teammates is truly a testament to his Hall of Fame career.