

Greg Sepulveda - HoF - 2006

After playing hardball through High School in Santa Ana, Greg Sepulveda began playing for the local Cine Yost fastpitch teams in 72 & 73. In 74, ISC Executive Director Emeritus Milt Stark was the manager of the Mission Viejo Vaqueros. Milt immediately recognized Greg's talents, and picked him up to play his first season in the Western Softball Congress. In the team's 1974 team program, the writer said "Greg is very fast and aggressive and will be an outstanding player for many years". That writer couldn't have been more right, in this assessment of Greg's fastpitch talent. By the 1976 season, Greg helped the Lakewood Jets finish in the runner-up spot at the ISC World Tournament in Long Beach. For the next 7 years,

Greg played for General Manager Al Olivos, and his Santa Ana Cine Yost team, which had also joined the strong Western Softball Congress league. Greg continued WSC competition for the next 20+ seasons, winning numerous league Championships, while being named MVP twice, and an All-Star too many times to count.

In 1983, Greg was a mid-season addition to the powerful Lancaster Chameleons, as sponsor Tom Morris assembled his juggernaut ball club based in the Antelope Valley. Greg anchored the infield, and was a key offensive stalwart, as the Chameleons went on to win the ISC World Tournament, later that summer of 83, in nearby Bakersfield. The Lancaster ball club beat ISC Hall of Fame pitching star Peter Finn, and his Saint Louis Budweiser Kings teammates, in the 1983 ISC World Championship Game.

The Chameleons finished in the 3rd Place spot at the 1984 ISC World Tournament in Allentown, PA, finishing behind in-state rival Ed Smith Welding of Bakersfield, and Decatur (IL) ADM. Greg had an outstanding Tournament, posting a .333 BA, and was honored as the All-World 1st Team at Shortstop.

After a disappointing 16th place finish at Kimberly, Wisconsin in 1985, the Chameleons relocated to Lakewood's Mayfair Park for the 1986 season. They were back with vengeance when the ISC World Tournament was played in Sioux City, Iowa in August of 1986. After dropping their opening ball game to an underdog team from Denton, Texas, the Chameleons performed an amazing march through the Loser's Bracket, reaching the ISC World Championship game. Facing legendary ISC Hall of Fame star Jimmy Moore, and his defending Champion Seattle Pay & Pak squad, The Chameleons dropped an 11-inning heartbreaker, finishing in the ISC World Tournament runner-up spot. Greg was again named All-World 1st Team Shortstop, playing flawless defense, and achieving a solid .316 batting average.

In ISC Hall of Fame Pitcher Kevin Herlihy's book titled "Striking Out", he names his all time, All-International team of non-New Zealanders, position-by-position. At Shortstop, he picks Greg Sepulveda:

Our Lancaster Shortstop, Greg was a complete player. Despite his large build, he covered a tremendous amount of ground, and had an excellent throw, which he reserved for occasions that demanded it. As a batter he could drop a bunt and beat it out. He could slap hit, and drive the ball hard. Over the years, he took some outs behind me, that I had given up on. Greg was a very humble person, and really enjoyed his company."