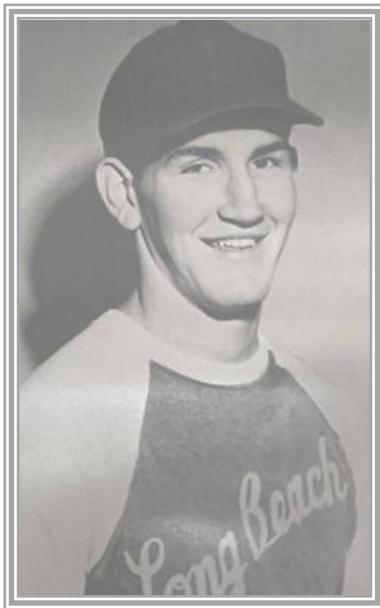


Jack Randall - HoF - 1973



The former Long Beach Wilson High athlete was the premier pitcher for the Long Beach Nitehawks during their incredible run of winning 10 World Championship Tournaments, and there was no better pitcher in all of the land than Jack Randall.

Randall was king of the hill in seven of them. Athletes know the work and sacrifice it takes to achieve stardom. This is how Jack gained his fame. "As a kid in Long Beach I played for many teams in Southern California, and I usually played four or five times a week. Before I became a teen-ager, I went to Recreation Park every night of the week to watch the softball games, which were played on four diamonds. I would go home and throw a tennis ball against the house, copying the styles of the top pitchers.

Red Meairs lived up the street and he would come over and catch me. As one of the city's finest players, he was very patient with me. He was a super guy.

"I started playing in the Long Beach summer leagues when I turned 13 or 14. I played for two years in the old 'National League' for Torrance and Redondo Beach before coming to the Nitehawks when I was 18 years old.

"With the Nitehawks, we won seven national championships. Later, I went to the World Tournament with Gardena, and we won that year."

Memorable Games? "I remember striking out 21 straight in a seven-inning no hitter. Also, while working in Santa Maria one year, I played in their city league. I had 12 no-hitters in a row and lost the 13th game on a one-hitter, a home run. You can't win them all."

But when Jack lost it was the exception. "As to my records, I was not one to collect that kind of information." However, the International Softball Congress guide speaks for Randall. In World Tournament competition, Jack threw four no-hitters for the Nitehawks (1955, 1958 (2) and 1960). He posted 24 victories during World ISC Tournaments. In addition, Randall was selected Outstanding Pitcher on three occasions (1956, 1957, 1958). Jack was chosen to the All-World Tournament team seven times. The caper to his pitching career was being inducted into the International Softball Congress' Hall of Fame.

Following his softball career, Randall has had a long association with the California Community Colleges. His career began as a mathematics instructor at Cerritos College where he was employed for 18 years. For the next 14 years he served as superintendent/president of Mt. San Antonio College.

Dr. Randall retired from Mt. San Antonio in 1991 but he has never stopped working. Currently he is a consultant at Desert Community College District and the Copper Mountain Community College District.

When asked of what award he is most proud, Jack responded: "Being selected as a fast-pitch softball pitcher in the International Softball Congress Hall of Fame."