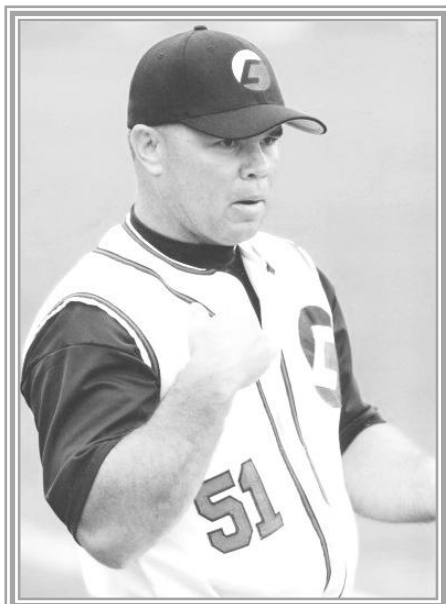


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Biography for John Becker



John started playing softball in the small town of North Bend, Wisconsin. During his Junior year of high school in 1978. A four sport athlete in high school he went on and excelled in both football and baseball at the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse. John played for class A WI powerhouse Wilber Lime.

This is where John really learned the game of fastpitch softball and started to get noticed as an accomplished young catcher. John spent 5 seasons as a catcher with Rod Peterson's Farm Tavern team from 1987 until 1991 when he left to join Green Bay All Car, ending his playing career there in 1994 with a World Championship and a 1st Team All World selection. The following year John became the Manager of All Car and from there, went on to establish himself as one of the most successful Managers in the storied history of the ISC.

John lead the powerful All Car teams to 5th, 2nd, and 3rd place finishes from 1995 until 1997. He spent the 1998 and 1999 years away from the game but returned in 2000 with the 51 Classics.

But it was the following year, when he joined forces with the Sonnentag family, that he would begin to build one the most dominant teams to ever play in the ISC. After an initial 3rd place finish in 2001 and a less that memorable 2002, John and his County Materials team would run off a string of 4 consecutive ISC finals. After finishing 2nd in 2003 and 2004, County Materials would capture back-to-back World Championships in 2005 and 2006 under John's leadership. In what might go down as one of the most dominating seasons ever, County Materials won the title of every tournament they played in 2006, winning the final game at Eau Claire, Orillia, Boys of Summer, Monkton, Allentown, Madison and then validating those accomplishments at the ISC.

Although John's accomplishments establish him as one of the most successful managers in ISC history, they don't tell the whole story. Ask any player who ever suited up for John and they would tell you that one thing they could always count on was that he had their back and would always be there when they needed him to and would have them prepared for any situation that might arise.

A consummate professional with the heart of a champion, John was respected by not only his players but by everyone he came into contact with, be it opponents, umpires, tournament officials, or fans.

As good leaders do, John always "lead from the front" and his players would have followed him anywhere. Hopefully soon, many of them will be following him into the ISC Hall of Fame. And when they get there, they won't have a better friend to talk about old times with.

John now resides in Holmen, WI with his 3 children Sam, Claudia and Drew and his lovely wife Kelly. John is active in coaching with his childrens and busy attending his children's activities. John is the Assistant General Manager with the Mutual of Omaha Companies.

SUMMARY OF MANAGERIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Year	Team	Result
1995	Green Bay All Car	5th Place
1996	Green Bay All Car	2nd Place
1997	Green Bay All Car	3rd Place
2000	51 Classics	34th Place
2001	County Classics	3rd Place
2002	County Materials	Out of Playoffs
2003	County Materials	2nd Place
2004	County Materials	2nd Place
2005	County Materials	World Champions
2006	County Materials	World Champions
7 Top 3 ISC finishes		
Overall 10 year record of 551-79		
2 time World Champion (with one more as a player)		
USA Men's National Team Assistant Coach 1998 and 1999		
• Earned silver at 1998 Pan-American Games Qualifier		

- **Earned silver at 1999 Pan-American Games**
- USA Men's National Team Head Coach 2000**
- **Earned bronze medal at 2000 ISF World Championships**