

Paul Rosebush - HoF - 2018



Paul Rosebush, 43, was born in Wellington ON, and as youngster with his brother Michael, watching his father Rick play men's softball in Prince Edward County, Paul became attracted to the sport. From age eight to 15, Paul played minor softball for Wellington Quinte Meats, a team that won three Ontario Championships.

The next three seasons he played in the Moira River Men's Softball League in Belleville, and was in awe of the skills and caliber of senior players when he and Michael attended, as fans and spectators, the highly competitive Perth Shoot-out Tournament.

Paul's ISC debut was in 1999 as a member of the Oshawa ON Gators where he quickly established himself as a feared top-of-the order hitter. In 2000, he joined the Madison WI Farm Tavern for the first of nine seasons where he earned ISC All-World laurels at three tournaments (2001, 2003 and 2008), helped his team to seven top-four finishes, played in three championship games and was a member of the Farm Tavern championship squad in 2007.

Paul finished his ISC career in 2011 as a member of the Bakersfield CA Angels, and in 12 tournaments used speed and finesse to carve a well respected .330 batting average. Highlights for Paul include the Farm Tavern winning the ISC in Kitchener and his gold Pan Am medal with Team Canada in 1999. Memorable individuals in his career are Todd Martin who Paul watched playing at the Perth Shootout and with whom he became a teammate with the Farm Tavern, as well as Colin Abbott also a Farm Tavern and Team Canada teammate. Paul cited that he had so much respect for Farm Tavern manager/coach Rod Peterson, a person for whom you always gave your best.

Paul is grateful to the many people who influenced his softball career, including his father Rick and brother Michael, as well as Richard Dixon and Dave Long (Napanee Express), Rand Kellock and Dave Houghton (Halifax Keiths), Jack Fireman (Oshawa Gators), the Owen Sound Selects for the opportunity to compete in the Canadians, and of course the Farm Tavern's Rod Peterson.

Paul is also a highly skilled hockey player, having been an outstanding member of the Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union (CIAU) 1997 champion University of Guelph ON Gryphons.

He graduated in 1999 with an Associates Degree in Science and Agriculture. Following university, he fashioned a six-year professional hockey career with the Bakersfield CA Condors of the East Coast Hockey League.

In 2003, he began working seasonally in his chosen field, and is currently employed as a senior biologist for South Valley Biology Consulting where he provides regulatory compliance support to oil and gas producers pertaining to endangered species in California.

His hockey journey resulted in his family – wife Amy, and daughters Rylie (13), Jaelyn (10) and son Nolan (11) currently residing in Bakersfield CA.