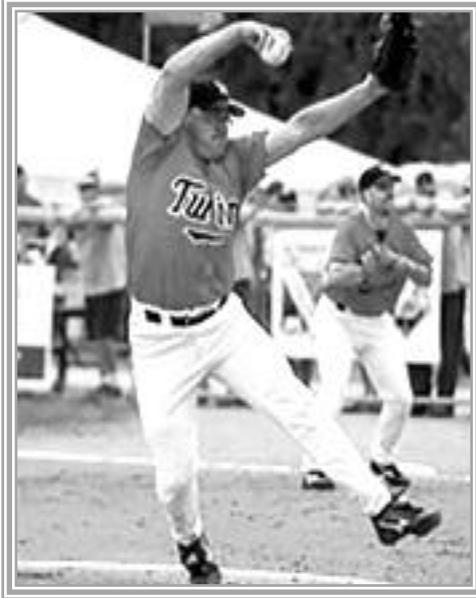


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## Todd Martin - Pitcher - Class of 2106



Destiny for Todd Martin was shaped in his birthplace of Bracebridge ON (“no better place to grow up in”), with his parents’ home backing onto the local ball field which doubled as an outdoor rink in the winter. Todd recalls that his childhood revolved around playing hockey in the winter (typical Canadian kid) and ball in the summer.

Todd attended Bracebridge and Muskoka Lakes Secondary School and advanced his academics at Georgian College in Barrie ON.

Softball genes were handed down from his father Gary who starred in the local league. Todd possesses a rare combination of extraordinary skill combined with a genuine respect from his peers as one of the best teammates ever.

Todd burst upon the ISC as a hard-throwing 24 year-old in 1994 in Summerside PEI with Napanee ON Express, surprising and eliminating Tampa Bay FL Smokers 1-0. That performance vaulted Todd to the next level as Smokers lured him to Tampa Bay in 1996 where he won four games in leading the Smokers to his and the Smokers first ISC Championship.

Todd won five more ISC titles, was named as an All-World player on nine occasions and was selected as the tournament’s top pitcher three times (Tampa Bay 1996 & 1998 and Kitchener 2008). Todd ranks tied for 6th in career ISC wins.

Todd fondly recalls two career memories - his team’s first ISC title as a highlight of his career when Jason Hansen hit the “1996 shot heard ‘round the fastball world” home run in Kimberly WI, and as well 12 years later with the dramatic comeback by the Kitchener Rivershark Twins when Todd started and re-entered the championship game to record a strike-out to close out the game... and secure Kitchener’s first championship.

As a member of four Canadian Sr. Men’s Championship teams, Todd was also a valued asset of Team Canada, competing internationally 1998-2009.

Todd and his wife Nicole, along with daughter Jenna and son Chase reside in Aurora ON where Todd has carved out a career in industrial real estate where he serves as a Vice President of Jones Lang and Lasalle. When time permits, Todd thoroughly embraces the challenges of golf.

Competing tenaciously on the mound, Todd embraced the “big picture” of fastball – that it’s a game to be enjoyed. No-one enjoyed the off-field camaraderie of the sport more than Todd Martin – his quick wit and engaging personality endeared him to his teammates.

For proof, simply ask any of the hundreds of players who shared “time with Todd” on the bench and on the road.