

## Terry “T” Petersen

While “T” established a Hall of Fame athletic career at Hastings College—he earned eight varsity letters in football (where he played for Bill Parcels), basketball and tennis—his legendary status in softball grew from T’s 13, the men’s slow pitch team he founded and still sponsors.

“T” became interested in softball in the late 1960’s when he played shortstop and pitcher for teams in Wisconsin and Minnesota.

In 1981, after his Westroads Racquet Club established a six-year record of 176-68, Petersen began recruiting the area’s best players for T’s 13 (his lucky number and the number of players on the roster).

Over the next 25 years, T’s 13 competed in national-caliber tournaments and compiled a record of 2,427-668. The 2,427 wins eclipse the previous national record by almost 1,500 for a coach and sponsor (all under one name).

T’s 13 has finished in the top five in the country (in various organizations) eight times. In 1997, T’13 134 won the NSA national championship and in 2001, T’s 13 won the first ever ASA Class A World Series of Softball held in Oklahoma City.

“T” attributes most of his success to the love and support of his family, especially his wife Jill and his children, Tricia, Rock, Ron and Jackie.

He added, “I wouldn’t have won a game if it weren’t for the fabulous T’s 13 family that includes more than 100 players, wives and children.”

