

Tom Main



Main played his first fast pitch game in the Council Bluffs church league as a 16-year-old in 1959. When he retired 33 years later after the 1991 season,

Main's record as a pitcher was 661-279. Overall, Main pitched in over 1,000 games in five decades and in five states.

For 14 years, he was the player-manager for teams that won 14 league titles and numerous tournaments throughout the Midwest. He was the most valuable pitcher in four tournaments in his career.

His most productive years were 1979-1980 when he went 68-15. In 1979, he tossed 260 innings and gave up only nine walks.

"I guess I wasn't the most overpowering pitcher," Main said, "but I had good control. I was also fortunate to play with some fantastic ball players. That's what made softball so much fun. Sure we wanted to win, but being part of a team, the camaraderie and the friendships are what I will always cherish. "

But his most cherished memory, he said, came in 1973 when he was the winning pitcher in a game against the legendary King and His Court. Main's Council Bluffs All Star team pounded the late Eddie Feigner 14-4 in a game watched by 1,200 fans at the Bluffs' Roberts Park.