

## Tim Maxwell

Tim Maxwell had a 14-year record setting career for the Westside Chapel men's fast pitch team that was highlighted by an invitation in 1987 to try out for the United States Pan American team.

Maxwell captured four team triple crown awards, more than any other player in the 35-year history of the team. He still holds the team records for highest batting average, on base percentage, most doubles and most triples.

He also was voted team most valuable player—by his teammates—nine times. “Because those awards came from my teammates,” Maxwell said, “they mean more to me than anything else I achieved during my career.”

He played shortstop most of his career, but also pitched and played every other position except catcher. “Tim made the difficult plays look routine,” said Chuck Maxwell, his dad and manager for Westside Chapel. “And he had amazing arm strength.

“We always had him No.3 in the batting order. He had unreal hand-eye coordination and hit the ball so hard. He broke his own pitcher's arm in batting practice one year. Unfortunately, he was our No. 1 pitcher and he was lost for the season.”

Maxwell was captain of the Creighton Prep baseball team when he graduated in 1985. Just over a year later, at the 1986 ASA Mid-American Regional tournament in St. Louis, the umpires recommended him as a candidate for the U.S. Pan American team tryouts for 1987.

“I realized right away I was by far the youngest player there at age 20,” Tim Maxwell recalled. “They nicknamed me ‘Junior’.

“The pitchers were unbelievably good. I only faced one other pitcher who was tougher to hit—Gregg Olson. I ended up batting .304 during the tryouts and made it to the last round of cuts. It was an amazing experience.”

