



# MINNESOTA SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM



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- ☒ Player ☒ Manager/Coach  
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Check all that apply:

- ☒ Fastpitch  
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Nominee's Personal Stats Started playing Redwood County Jr. League @ 15 for the Lucan Jr League team.

1975 moved to Wabasso to play for Nick's Philips 66 as a catcher. Batted .350 to .400 every year until retiring in 2005.

Took over coaching Nick's 66 when Leo Grossman passed as player/ manager.

Started coaching the Wabasso High School Girls Fast Pitch team in 1995 and continued through 2014.

Also played in the ISC league with Nick's 66,

Played Masters over 40 league with Curry's Sanitation

Nominee's Personal Accomplishments Named ASA-USA State Tournament MVP in 2001 - Masters

Drafted twice to the National Tournament with the team from Scandia Mn. Played in 3 National Tournaments

Inducted into the Wabasso High School Hall of Fame in 2023 - Sheet is attached with High school coaching stats

Won 5 Mens Masters state tournaments with Curry's Sanitation Redwood Falls MN. 1998, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004

Played in 4 ASA Class A Northern Region Tournaments.

Nominee's Team Accomplishments Qualified and played in every State Tournament from 1976 to 1990

Won the Minnesota State Tournament in 1986 with Nick's 66, Placed 7th in the National Tournament in Minot ND. Out of 36 teams

Won numerous Invitational Tournaments with Nick's 66, Won 2 District II class A Tournaments (1980 and 1982)

Won several Masters State Tournaments with Curry Sanitation, Redwood Falls Mn.

Won the State Class A Tournament in 1986. In 1984 Nick's took 2nd in the ISC State Tournament, 2nd in the Class A state Tourney and 2nd in the Class A Northern Region Tournament. Nick's won 417 games from 1980 to 1990

**- ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEET IF NECESSARY -**

Attach a one or two page narrative, ***as you would want their bio read at the nominee's potential induction ceremony.*** Provide pertinent accomplishments of nominee in city, district, state, regional or national competition. **(See reverse side for sample bio).** Also, attach newspaper clippings, letters of reference or other forms of documentation. **Include statistical information in the bio.**

Send to: Minnesota Softball Hall of Fame Committee • 118 12th Ave. N. • South St. Paul, MN 55075  
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**DEADLINE FOR SENDING THIS NOMINATION IS JUNE 1**

# **John VanLoy**

## **2023 Wabasso Public School Hall of Fame Inductee**

After crouching behind home plate as a stellar catcher for many years, John VanLoy took his experience and expertise as a fastpitch softball player and carried it into the Wabasso Rabbit softball team's dugout. For 19 seasons, the Rabbits were tutored and taught the strategies and fundamentals of the game by John resulting in lots of wins, 14 notable titles and the making of history.

John VanLoy coached in just under 500 games amassing 349 victories with a winning percentage of just shy of 75 percent. John's teams had an average season record of 18-6. John's career win total has him inside the top 50 winningest coaches in Minnesota High School softball history. Multiple Rabbits went on to play post high school softball and still more became coaches.

In John's time at the helm, the Rabbits won seven league titles in the always tough Tomahawk Conference. Six times, in 1999, 2000, 2002, 2008, 2009 and 2010 the maroon and gold made it to the state tournament harnessing four place winning trophies including a fifth and two thirds. VanLoy's 1999 squad hit the pinnacle when they went 3-0 at Mankato's Caswell Park to claim the ultimate prize- A STATE TITLE. It turned out to be the final year of Minnesota High School softball being just a two class system. To go along with a slew of conference Coach of the Year honors, the MSHSL gave John VanLoy the nod for the Class A's Coach of the Year for 1999.

**The door to the Wabasso Public School's Hall of Fame is opened for John VanLoy to enter. Congratulations John!**







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## State 40-over champions

Curry Sanitation of Redwood Falls won the masters fastpitch state championship. Team members are (front row): Al Curry, Jeff Kodet, Bill Bohn, Kurt Hansen, Bill Bloodow; back row: Leigh Hohenstein, Stan Boushek, John VanLoy, Dave Frodermann, Kevin Rogers, John Frank, Brian Hogan, Perry Hansen, Mark Soupir, Doug Wolter. The team had a 4-1 record at state.



Curry Sanitation's championship team included: (L-R) Bill Bohn, Craig Willert, Jeff Kodet, John VanLoy, Jeff Sandgren, Dan Koster; Middle: Kevin Rogers, Doug Wolter, Perry Hansen, Mark Soupir; Back: John Frank, Kurt Jenniges, Al Wilhelm, Dave Froderman, Joel Solle, Leigh Hohenstein, Mike Haugen.

## Curry defends 40-and-over softball title

Curry Sanitation of Redwood Falls made it back-to-back titles in the Minnesota Sports Federation Masters 40 Fastpitch State Championships, by capturing the event held over the weekend in Redwood Falls.

Top-seeded Curry opened up play on Saturday with a 12-2 pasting of State Theatre out of Rochester and held off Richard Wood products of Geneva 3-1 in the semifinals to earn a berth in the finals Sunday afternoon.

Richard's Wood Products fought through the loser's bracket, defeating State Theatre 7-5, to earn a spot in the finals against Curry (needing to win

two games to capture the title). The Geneva squad did what they had to do in game one, defeating Perry Hansen and Curry 3-0 to force a one-game scenario for the championship.

That's when Curry responded behind the pitching of Kurt Jenniges with a 6-1 victory and their second consecutive championship. Jeff Sandgren was named the Most Valuable Player of the tournament. The victory automatically allows Curry Sanitation the right to advance to the National Championships August 21-25 in Aurora, CO.

### 2002 Masters 40 Fastpitch State Championships

**Round One**  
Curry Sanitation received a bye

State Theatre (Rochester) def. Blair's Painting (Farmington) 2-1

Richard's Wood Products (Geneva) def. Trail's End (Scandia) 2-1

Ostrander Images def. Itasca Tree/Schell's Brewing (New Ulm) 4-3

### Round Two

Curry Sanitation def. State Theatre 12-2

Richard's Wood Products def. Ostrander Images 8-0

### Round Three

Curry Sanitation def. Richard's Wood Products 3-1

### Loser's Bracket

State Theatre def. Blair's Painting 11-2

Richard's Wood Products def. State Theatre 7-5

### Finals

Richard's Wood Products def. Curry Sanitation 3-0

Curry Sanitation def. Richard's Wood Products 6-1

The Minnesota Sports Federation 2002 Class 'D' Men's Fastpitch State Championships also took place in Redwood Falls over the

weekend.

Ellsworth Town (BL) were the eventual winners, defeating St. Paul #2 17-0 in the title game. Ellsworth defeated Charles's (9-8), Ackies (12-7), Plainview/Elgin Rochester (16-1), and St. Paul #2 on the way to winning the title.

Nearby Clement's lost by one (7-6) to Ackies in round one, but captured two straight in the loser's bracket (over Raider's of Bloomington and Waverly State Bank) before falling to Ackies (11-0) for the second time.

- Ben Stoterau