



MINNESOTA SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM



2024

Nominee Kevin Rogers Birth date 9/28/51
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Softball Community where major accomplishments were achieved Southwest Minnesota
Is that softball community's program currently affiliated with the MSF, the MN Softball Hall of Fame
Administrator/Custodian? ☒ Yes ☐ No
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Check the Nomination Category:

- ☐ Superior Performance
☒ Meritorious Service
☐ Pioneers of Yesterday

Check all that apply:

- ☒ Player ☒ Manager/Coach
☒ Promoter ☐ Administrator
☒ Umpire ☒ Sponsor

Check all that apply:

- ☒ Fastpitch
☐ Modified Pitch
☐ Slowpitch

Nominated by Andrew (Son) and Richard Quigley Date of Nomination 7/8/24
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The love for the game of fastpitch softball all started back in the mid-60s when Kevin Rogers was 16 years old and he started playing fastpitch with his dad (Don) in Worthington, Minnesota. Kevin has been involved in fastpitch softball ever since. He played for numerous teams and at one point in the 80's played for an all-Rogers family fastpitch team. Growing up he also played amateur baseball and slow-pitch softball, but the sport he enjoyed the most was fastpitch softball. He played a lot of fastpitch games and was known for his coaching, management, and sponsorships of teams, mainly PJ's and PJ's II, which he did for twenty plus years. He coached and managed many 16, 18, and 23 and under teams starting in the early 90's, one including a team called J.R. Sather, where his son Andrew was introduced to Fastpitch. He coached and mentored many great 23 and under players including Lucas Goring, Derek Nau and Justin Davis. In the early 2000s he started managing PJ's, Odin and eventually PJ's II. He managed as well as played alongside many great players over the years including Leigh Hohenstein, Dave Frodermann, Lou and Jerry Heller, Billy Menke, and Charlie Engler, just to name a few.

He was always trying to recruit baseball players, slow-pitch players, or anyone who wanted to try to play the game of fastpitch. Over the years he has introduced or encouraged over 250+ boys/young men to the game of fastpitch. He bought full uniforms for the players and even provided PJ's shirts and hats for a hand full of fans. During league play if a team was short of players, they would call Kevin and he would round up two-three players to fill the team for the night or sometimes for the season. In the mid-2000s he also coached and won a 23-and under National Championship as well taking 2nd place a few other times. He also coached a girls' high school fastpitch team during that time. When he was coaching, his unique but obvious signs were versatile and added humor to the game. Whether it was a delayed steal, bunt, or straight steal his players will definitely remember his signs. 😊 He is well known in the fastpitch community and is not afraid to walk up to someone at a fastpitch tournament and strike up a conversation. He has countless fastpitch stories (just ask him) and many memories from his years of coaching and playing. As a fastpitch coach and spectator he always has some type of advice (always good of course) for his family or players that he watches play.

When he's not coaching, nowadays Kevin spends his time watching his grandchildren play the game that he has a passion for, a passion which he has passed down among the family onto his own children, grandchildren, cousins, nephews, nieces and so many others. You can always find him at a local ball game camped out under the nearest shade tree in his lawn-chair taking in the game or breaking in or relacing a glove for someone.

Over the past 55+ years Kevin has been a big part of fastpitch softball in Southwest Minnesota from coaching, managing, sponsoring and even umpiring. Thanks Dad and Grandpa Kevin for introducing us as well as so many others to this great sport of Fastpitch Softball!

This biography was written by his son Andrew and grandchildren Anika, Alexa and Kaden on their drive home from a Club fastpitch softball tournament in Tennessee. With input from daughter Heidi who takes him to a lot of his grand-daughters softball games.

Teams he played for:

Dundee Fastpitch

Roos Construction - all Rogers' team

Lakefield

Valleybrook

Pump-In-Pantry

Jackson

Curry Sanitation (40 and over)

PJ's

Odin

PJ'sII

Teams he coached/managed:

J.R. Sather

PJ's

Odin

PJ's II