

Glen Uecker

Glens favorite saying was "Give me the ball". Glen started his softball career in 1968 learning to pitch in a fastpitch church league. He was 14 years old. He continued playing in high school for the next 2 years as a pitcher and catcher in the Glencoe, Arlington and Brownton Leagues. After graduation in 1972, Glen played with several teams and in travel leagues until 1979. In 1979, Glen started his own team called Rodgers. He organized, sponsored, managed and played, in the Hutchinson league and Brownton-New Auburn league. In 1981 he formed the Gaylord team playing in bigger tournaments and the ISC league, finishing 2nd in the class "A" tournament. In 1983, the Gaylord Team changed into the Prairie House of Gaylord. That year the team finished 2nd in the Fargo classic, won the 2nd of 3 consecutive Hutchinson Water Carnival Tournaments, won the 16 team Fort Francis Tournament in Ontario, Canada and a 3rd place finish in the ISC League.

In 1984 his team again finished 3rd in the ISC League, 2nd in the ISC state tournament and runner up in the MN ASA "AA" state tournament.

In 1986 Glen joined Happy Chef and became their Wednesday night league pitcher and occasional weekend tournament pitcher. That year, Happy Chef won the MN state "AA" tournament and went on to play in the national tournament in Seattle, Washington placing 8th.

In 1987, Glen continued to pitch for Happy Chef during the week and occasionally on weekends. It was the high lite of his career when he pitched against all American Bar, in the Eau Claire Tournament, Winning 1-0 and then pitching in the Sioux City tournament against Penn Corp losing that game 0-1. That same year, He won the MN class "AA" state tournament and played in the National ASA tournament in Springfield, MO.

Glen was a good catcher with a strong arm, but his greatest asset was knowledge of the game, hitters, and his pitch selection. The other highlight of Glens career is that he caught 5 hall of fame pitchers including, Dick Hudson, George Ratzloff, Gary Holtz, Craig Brown and LeRoy Jolstad.

In 1968, Glen learned to love the game of fastpitch softball in a church league as an 8th grader. After Highschool graduation in 1972, Glen recruited many young players to the game. With a good eye for talent and character, his teams continued to improve. He loved competition, always attempting to elevate his teams to a higher level of play, entering bigger and better tournaments each year including the ISC league, State tournament, and the MSF state "AA" tournaments.

Glen was a good pitcher and won some big games which enabled him to become a great defensive catcher. With his knowledge of hitters and pitchers, he called a great game.

Because Glen organized, sponsored, managed and played at the highest levels, we highly recommend Glen to be inducted into the Minnesota Sports Federation Hall of Fame.

Alan Killian
Joe Sittler

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Nominees Personnel Stats

- Fastpitch player from 1968-1989
- No record of batting averages or pitching records
- Two highlights while pitching for Happy Chef was Beating All American Bar in the Eau Claire Tournament 1-0 and losing 0-1 to Penn Corp in the Sioux City Tournament.

Nominees Personnel Accomplishment

1. Organized, sponsored, managed & played on teams 1979-1985.
2. Played from 1968-1989 until health reasons forced Glen to retire.
3. Sponsored, managed & played in MSF state tournaments from 1981-1985 Class "A" & "AA".
4. Caught 5 Hall of Fame Pitchers: Dick Hudson, Gary Holtz, George Ratzloff, Craig Brown, LeRoy Jolstad.
5. Played in State Tournaments from 1986-1989 Class "AA" and 40&Over
6. Sponsored, managed & played in ISC League & State Tournament from 1981-1984
7. Highlights from Glen's Catching HOF pitcher Craig Brown
 - Defeated Winnipeg Colonels @ Fargo Classic 1983
 - Defeated Penn Corp @ Mankato Tournament 1983
 - Defeated Iowans @ Mankato Tournament 1983
 - Defeated Lake Lillian in the Hutch Water Carnival Championship Game 1983

Nominees Team Accomplishments

- Won 3 Consecutive Hutch Water Carnival Tournaments 1981-1983 Gaylord and Prairie House
- Won the Fargo Invitational 50th Anniversary 48 Team tournament 1981 Gaylord
- Won the Fort Francis 16 team Ontario Tournament 1981 Gaylord
- 2nd place class "A" State Tournament 1981 Gaylord
- Finished 3rd in the ISC league 1983 Prairie House
- 2nd place in the ISC State Tournament 1984 Prairie House
- 2nd place in the MN ASA "AA" State Tournament 1984 Prairie House
- 1st place in the MN "AA" State Tournament 1986 Happy Chef
- 1st place in the MN "AA" State Tournament 1987 Happy Chef
- Played in ASA National Tournaments "AA" 1986-1987 Happy Chef
- Played in NAFA national Tournaments 40 & Over 1988 -1989 Itasca Tree
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NAFA 40 & OVER NATIONAL
TOURNAMENT Bloomington, MN 1988

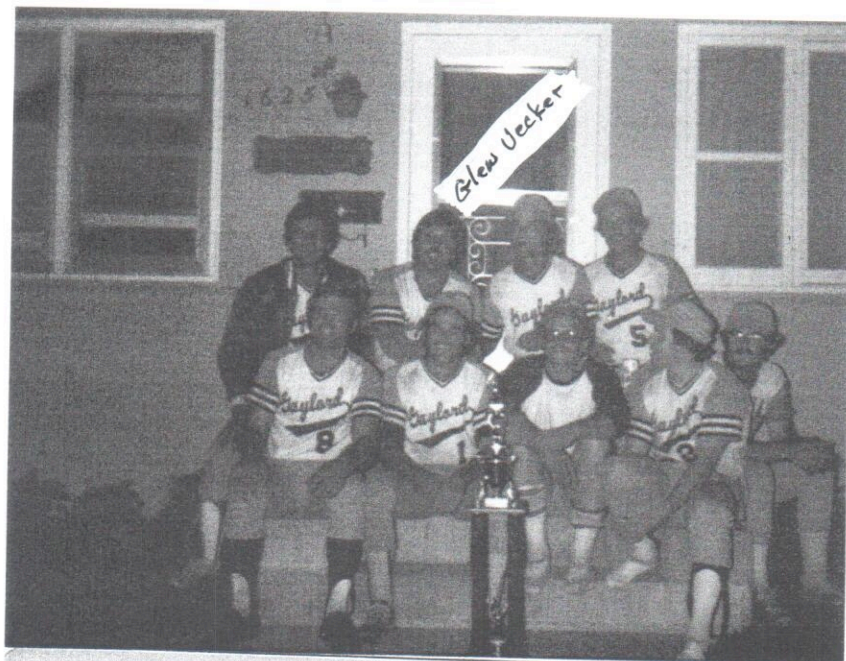


Gaylord Team AT Hutchinson
WATER CARNIVAL TOURNAMENT 1981





1987 **A.S.A. Men's Major Fast Pitch**
National Tournament **100th**
Springfield, Missouri



Fargo Red River Valley Classic
Tournament champs 1981



ISC League
STATE AA Runner-up 1984



16 Team molson Tournament
champs. 1981