



NOMINATION FORM



2026

Nominee John Uрман Birth date 7/22/1951

Address 5338 391st Street City/State North Branch, MN Zip 55056

Softball Community where major accomplishments were achieved St. Paul, MN

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 DON OLSON.
(If a relative, must have a seconding nomination by non-relative)

Date of Nomination June 5-2025

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Seconding Nomination Name _____

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Bio for John Urman

I started playing fast pitch softball in the early 70's and continued playing until I retired in the early 2000's. I started playing in the B and A leagues for various teams in St. Paul. Those teams included Miller's Coaches and Robert's Bar, among others. Back in those days, tournaments in the city were played on an almost weekly basis so getting to know many people was very easy. In the late 70's I was recruited by Tony Vibar and his team The St. Paul Merchants and moved up to double AA. After three years with the Merchants, I was asked by Danny O'Connor to come play with Jim Rubbelke and the All American Bar. At that time, I felt like I had reached the pinnacle of fast pitch softball playing for the best team in the state, it was truly an honor. I played for the All American for three years. After my years with the All American Bar it was time for more family life, so I moved back into the city leagues with much less travel and continued to play until I retired, playing for Jerry Duffy and Sam Crea with the St. Paul Oldtimers.

Throughout my playing days, I played in about 10 regional and state tournaments, 1 ISC world tournament and 1 ASA world tournament. I started and was a key player for all the teams I played for. I was known as a solid hitter with plenty of power. As good of a hitter as I was, I was probably best known as a great center fielder. I had great speed and was a smart player. I stole a lot of bases and hit my fair share of home runs. I probably had a 300 plus average for my career. None of the teams I played for were concerned about statistics, we were concerned about winning, so as a result, any numbers stated here are only an estimate. I was inducted into the city of St. Paul fast pitch softball hall of fame in October of 2001.

I played in many games against great teams throughout the state and nationally. Some of the state teams included Happy Chef, The James Gang, Stewart Taylor, Scandia and Stillwater among many others. Nationally playing against Madison Farm and pitcher Peter Meredith was something special. I consider him to be one of the best pitchers I ever faced. Believe it or not, I got a hit against him. I also played against two great teams in Illinois, Decatur and Aurora. There are many other great teams, players and pitchers we played against.

As a proud graduate of St. Agnes High School in St. Paul, I know that many great players came from that school. They include such names as Danny and Jerry O'Connor, David "Moose" Levery, Greg Thury, Bill Malietski and my own brother, Bill Urman to name a few.

In close, I am deeply honored to be recognized and considered as a potential inductee into the State of Minnesota Fast Pitch softball hall of fame.

Thank You,