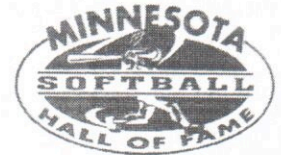




MINNESOTA SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME
NOMINATION FORM



Nominee

KASEY FRANK

Birth date

1/1958

Address

STEWART TAYLOR

City/State

SILVER BAY MN.

Zip

Softball Community where major accomplishments were achieved

DULUTH, 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

RANDY HILL

Date of Nomination

7/2005

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Seconding Nomination Name

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Nominee's Personal Stats

KASEY played 21 years at catcher. He caught many of the best pitchers in the Duluth area during his career. As mostly lead-off hitter for STEWART-TAYLOR, KASEY hit about .375 and rarely struck out. His on base percentage was .458. KASEY could hit to all the field and was one of the best hitters in the state and the country in his era!!

Nominee's Personal Accomplishments

KASEY was very good with his glove and had a great pick-off arm as a catcher. For most of his career, KASEY would only wear a mask... no chest protector or shinguards. KASEY caught 2 seasons in New Zealand for pitcher Mike White and was named MVP in the National Club Championships in 1992. KASEY was a two time ASA Softball All-American in 1988 and 1989.

Nominee's Team Accomplishments

KASEY WAS 1992 MVP at the ASA AA MAJOR STATE AND 1992 MVP at the New Zealand National Club Championship
 1988 ASA CLASS A NATIONAL CHAMPION 1ST PLACE
 1989 ASA CLASS A NATIONAL ~~CHAMPION~~ 3RD PLACE
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 ISC WORLD TOURNEY - 1989 7TH PLACE 1998 9TH PLACE

- ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEET IF NECESSARY -

In many peoples view, KASEY WAS the best catcher in MINNESOTA for years!!

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

I played with KASEY in college baseball and in fastpitch softball. In my opinion, he was overall the best catcher I have ever seen play!

Kasey Frank

Went to 5 National Fastpitch tournaments:

ASA Class A National Champion 1988

ASA Class A National Runner-up 1985

ASA Class A National 3rd Place 1989

Played in 18 Minnesota State Fastpitch Tournaments:

Won 4 State Championships

Finished runner-up 1 time

Finished in the top 5 >> 13 times out of 18

Played in 5 ISC World Tournaments

Finished 7th in 1989 in Kimberly, WI

Finished 9th in 1990 in Victoria, British Columbia

Won 5 ISC State Tournament Championships

Kasey is a Two time ASA All-American

1988 Fargo, ND

1989 Highland, IN

1992 Provisional MVP, New Zealand National Club Championship

1992 MVP - ASA AA Major State

Kasey is a career .375 hitter and had an incredible on base percent of .450 as our leadoff man on Stewart-Taylor. He would consistently get on base and score runs to help us get an early lead in games. Kasey had a great eye at the plate and rarely would strike out.

Kasey's defensive prowess featured his ability to pick off base runners at both corner bases. He had a very strong arm and was very good defensively! Kasey fielded his position with unmatched skill and could call games for his pitchers that would make them highly successful!! Kasey was arguably one of the best catchers in the country in his era!

Kasey Frank

Year	Team	Placing	Level
1974	Zups	Participant	Class B ASA State
1975	Zups	6th Place	Class B ASA State
1976	Zups	5th Place	Class B ASA State
1977	Zups	Participant	Class A ASA State
1978	Zups	5th Place	Class A ASA State
1979	Zups	Participant	Class A ASA State
1980	Zups	3rd Place	Class A ASA State
1981	Perkin's	State Champions	Class A ASA State
1982	Midway Blue	5th Place	Major ASA State
1983	Superior Cement	4th Place	Major ASA State
1984	Rustic Bar	4th Place	Major ASA State
1985	Rustic Bar	5th Place	Major ASA State
1986	Rustic Bar	5th Place	Major ASA State
1987	Rustic Bar	4th Place	Major ASA State
1988	Stewart-Taylor	National Champions	Class A ASA National Champs
		2nd Place	Class A ASA Regional
		2nd Place	Class A ASA State
1989	Stewart-Taylor	National 3rd Place	Class A ASA National 3rd Place
		State Champions	Class A ASA State
		7th Place	ISC World Tournament
		1st Place	ISC State Tourney
1990	Stewart-Taylor	2nd Place	Major ASA State
		9th Place	ISC World Tournament
		17th Place	Major ASA National Tournament
		1st Place	ISC State Tourney
1991	Stewart-Taylor	33rd Place	ISC World Tournament Participant
		3rd Place	Major ASA State
		1st Place	ISC State Tourney
1992	Stewart-Taylor	State Champions	Major ASA State
		16th Place	Major ASA National Tournament
		1st Place	ISC State Tourney ISC World Tournament Participant
1993	Stewart-Taylor	State Champions	Major ASA State
		19th Place	Major ASA National Tourney
1994	Stewart-Taylor	1st Place	ISC State Tourney
		18th Place	ISC World Tournament Participant

Endorsement from Michael White:

ASA/USA Softball Hall of Fame Inductee

ISC Softball Hall of Fame Inductee

10 time ASA All-American and 10 time ISC All- World Selection

Head Coach, Softball University of Texas Longhorns

2025 NCAA Division 1 Softball National Champions

I had the privilege to throw to many elite catchers during my career in men's fastpitch and Kasey Frank ranks among the best.

I have yet to see a catcher pounce on short bunts like Kasey and he "stole" many hits in that manner. Kasey was an instrumental part of the Miramar team that won the New Zealand National Club Championship in 1992 not only as a catcher but as a clutch hitter in big moments throughout the season. More importantly Kasey is a class competitor who displayed sportsmanship and respect for all.

I wholeheartedly endorse Kasey Frank for inclusion into the Minnesota Softball HOF.

Mike White

Duluth team wins national softball title

By Jay Osmundson
STAFF WRITER

Stewart Taylor Printing of Duluth, Minn., rewriting some recent history to better suit its tastes, won the Amateur Softball Association Class A men's fastpitch tournament Monday at Fargo's Mickelson Park.

Stewart Taylor, after losing 4-3 in the game of unbeatens to the Columbus (Ohio) Merchants Monday morning, won three straight afternoon games to claim the title. After winning 6-3 over the Lynden (Wash.) Merchants, the survivor of the losers bracket, the Duluth club beat Columbus twice, 4-3 in 11 innings and 13-3 in the second championship game.

In 1985, Stewart Taylor was the last unbeaten team in the field before losing twice to ETV Trucking of Grand Rapids, Mich., in the title games.

Clayton Kerr homered twice in the first title game — to save, then win it, for Stewart Taylor. Then Duluth roughed up Columbus hurler Ed Cable for 10 hits and eight runs in 3½ innings en route to its decisive second-game victory.

Cable, a sling-shot artist who pitched all but a couple of innings for Columbus during the tournament, appeared to run out of gas.

Lynden had beaten the Louisville (Colo.) Lasers in the first game of the day.

Stewart Taylor 4, Columbus 3

Kerr's two homers kept Stewart Taylor alive in the tournament — a two-run shot in the bottom of the sixth and a solo blast in the bottom of the 11th.

Columbus took a 1-0 lead in the first when Tony Hamp drew a leadoff walk, moved to second on Jerry Bucilla's sacrifice bunt and scored on Bill Chaffin's single to center.

Stewart Taylor knotted it with a run in its first. After Kasey Frank singled leading off, he moved all the way to third when Mike Morrissey's sacrifice bunt toward the second baseman's position eluded everyone for a hit. Frank then scored on Tom Olson's sacrifice fly.



But Columbus took a 3-1 lead in the third on solo homers by Hamp and Mike Wood.

Cable mowed down Stewart Taylor hitters from the second through the fifth, retiring nine in a row over one stretch.

But an error by second baseman Dave Duckworth on a ball hit by Morrissey with one out in the sixth gave Stewart Taylor a chance. After Morrissey was forced at second, Kerr made the chance pay off with a two-run homer to tie the game at 3-3.

Kerr's solo blast ended the first-game marathon in the 11th.

Brian Langeland, later voted the tournament's most valuable player, went the distance for the winners, scattering seven hits and fanning eight.

Cable also went all the way, striking out 14.

Columbus 102 000 000 00—3 7 2
S-T 100 002 000 01—4 7 1
Ed Cable and Chuck DeLong; Brian Langeland and Kasey Frank. W—Langeland, L—Cable. HR—Columbus, Tony Hamp, Mike Wood. Stewart Taylor, Clayton Kerr 2.

Stewart Taylor 13, Columbus 3

Columbus led 1-0 after the first half-inning, as in the first title game. But Stewart Taylor erupted for three in its first — on five hits and an error — and kept adding to its lead the rest of the way against an obviously laboring Cable and his fourth-inning replacement, Gregg Lanning.

Randy Hill's two-run homer

highlighted a four-run fourth and marked the end of the tournament for Cable, who gave way to Lanning after Hill's blast. Morrissey had three hits while Kerr, Hill and Jim Olson had two apiece for the champions.

Langeland pitched a three-hitter, striking out eight. He was backed by a 13-hit attack.

Columbus 200 010 0—3 3 5
Stewart Taylor 311 431 x—13 13 3
Brian Langeland and Kasey Frank; Ed Cable, Gregg Lanning (4) and Chuck DeLong. W—Langeland, L—Cable. HR—Stewart Taylor, Randy Hill.

Columbus 4, Stewart Taylor 3

Columbus needed only two hits to win the game of unbeatens because both were home runs.

Stewart Taylor grabbed a 2-0 lead in the top of the first with the

help of Frank's single and two Columbus errors.

Columbus got one back in its first on Wood's sacrifice fly, but Stewart Taylor answered with a run in the third on singles by Frank, Morrissey and Kerr.

But Wood's two-run homer in the bottom of the third tied it at 3-3 and Lanning's solo homer leading off the fourth gave Columbus its one-run margin. Cable protected it the rest of the way, hurling a six-strikeout six-hitter.

Stewart Taylor 201 000 0—3 6 0
Columbus 102 100 x—4 2 2
Paul Friesen, Brian Langeland (4) and Kasey Frank; Ed Cable and Chuck DeLong. W—Cable, L—Friesen. HRs—Columbus, Mike Wood, Gregg Lanning.

Stewart Taylor 6, Lynden 3

Tom Olson's two-run double was the key blow in a three-run fifth inning that gave Stewart Taylor what proved to be the winning margin.

Lynden, on the strength of Chuck Price's two-run homer, took a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the fourth. But the Duluth club regained the lead in the next frame and added single tallies in the sixth and seventh to make it 6-3.

Hill, Stewart Taylor's left fielder, made two diving catches in the bottom of the seventh to prevent any Lynden threats.

Bill Olson and Langeland combined on a four-hitter, each allowing two Lynden hits.

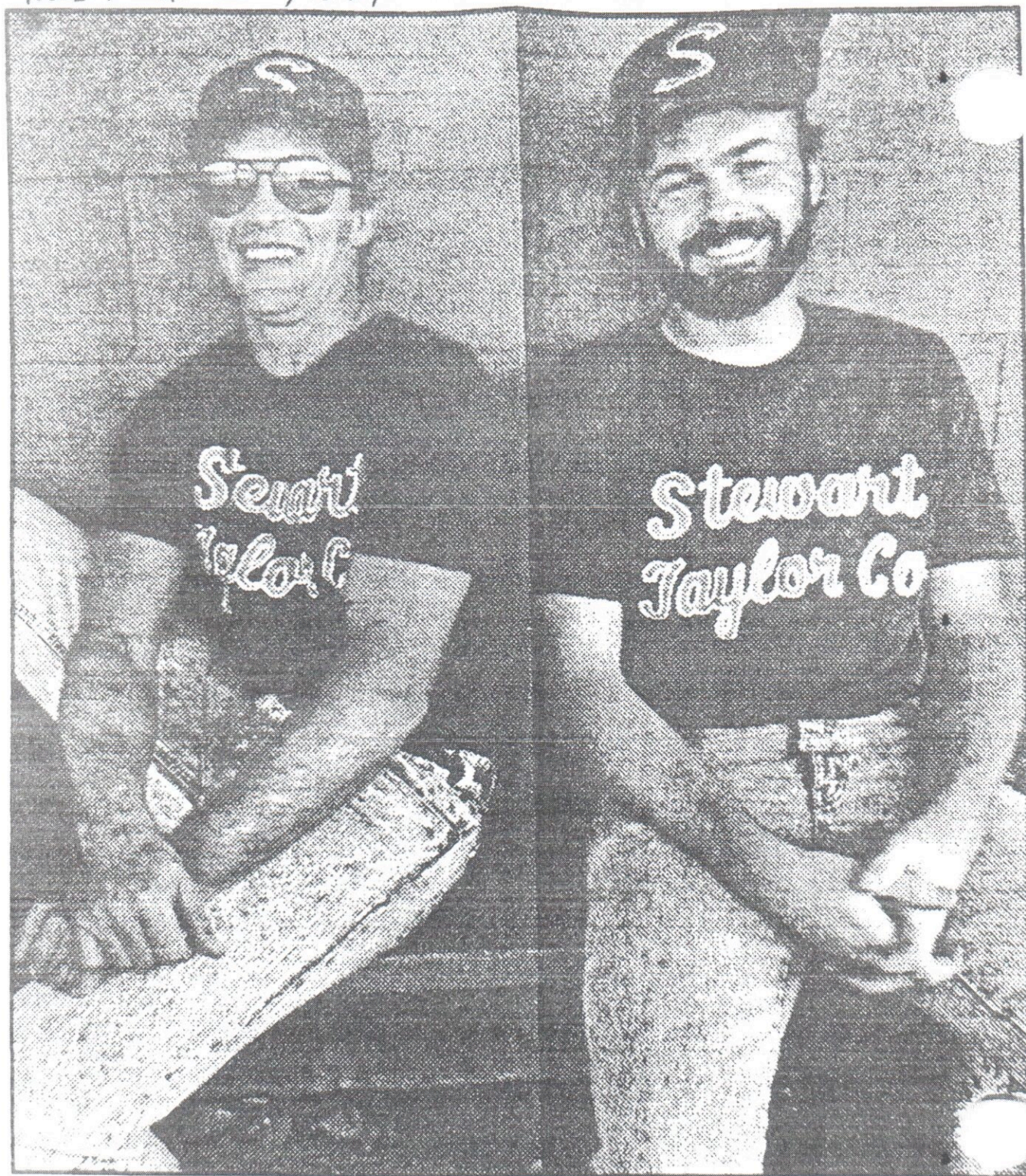
Brad Emanuel went 3 for 3 for the winners while teammates Tom Olson, Frank and Jim Olson each had two hits. One of Frank's was a double, and Jim Olson had two RBI.

Stewart Taylor 100 030 11—6 11 0
Lynden 000 201 0—3 4 0
Neil Kamphouse, Terry DeKoster (5) and Monte Mayberry; Bill Olson, Brian Langeland (6) and Kasey Frank. W—Olson, L—Kamphouse. HR—Lynden, Chuck Price.

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Kasey Frank (left) and David Meyer of Stewart-Taylor played softball over the winter in New Zealand.