

Tom Nickles

Nominee's Personal Stats

Fastpitch player from 1967 to 2019 playing with Savoy Pizza for 22 years.

Played with 36 different teams from 1989 to 2019 from St. Paul, Minneapolis, Hastings, St. James, New Ulm, St. Cloud, Ashland (Ohio), and Memphis (Tennessee).

On base percentage more than 50% of the time. No record of batting averages.

Played in many city, state, regional and national tournaments.

Motto: 'Have Glove Will Travel' – would play for any team on any day and at any time. Carried his ball glove, bat and uniforms in his car so he was ready to play.

Nominee's Person Accomplishments

Played in 37 National tournaments – ASA and NAFA

1999 – ASA 3rd Team All American

2000 – ASA 2nd Team All American

2009 – NAFA All World Team Masters East

2011 – NAFA All World Team Masters East

1998 Nike World Masters Games Portland, Oregon/Played with Super Sound Tapes-St James

2004 – Inducted into the St. Paul Fastpitch Hall of Fame

Nominee's Team Accomplishments

Championship Teams

1989	Tri-State Regional Champions	Twin City Filter – St Paul
1993	Minnesota State 40&Over	Spanky's – St. Paul
1997	Minnesota State 40&Over	Super Sound Tapes – St. James
1997	National 45&Over	Super Sound Tapes – St. James
1999	National 50&Over	Super Sound Tapes – St. James
2000	National 50&Over	Super Sound Tapes – St. James
2008	National 55&Over	Cardinal Home --St. Cloud
2013	Minnesota State 50&Over	Anytime Fitness—Hastings

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Tom Nickles (Thomas Edward Nickles) aka Tommy Two Tone

"Have Glove Will Travel" was the motto of Tom Nickles as he played the sport that he loved. Tom would carry his glove, bat and ball uniforms in his car so he could go play any day or time with any team looking for a player. His collection of uniforms will tell you how many teams he has played with over 52 years of playing fastpitch – there are several boxes of uniforms! He cherishes the time he spent with so many wonderful ball players and teams throughout the years.

After serving in the Navy, his Uncle Jack Arland introduced Tom to the game. He played with Savoy Pizza for 22 years. Since 1989, Tom played with 36 teams representing St. Paul, Minneapolis, West St. Paul, Hastings, St. James, St. Cloud, New Ulm, Ashland (Ohio) and Memphis (Tennessee). In 1991, he played 140 games from April to September. Many family vacations were spent at the softball field – he and JoAnn even spent their honeymoon in Grand Island, Nebraska at a National tournament! My greatest joys were playing fastpitch with my Uncle Jack, two of my sons, a nephew and so many great friends.

Tom really liked to run and was 'fast'. He was on base more than 50% of the time either by an Infield/bunt for a hit, walk or by any means possible. His running and catching abilities helped him become an elite fielder in left or center field. Some pitchers did not like to see Tom come to the plate – he was a difficult out.

In 1991, Tom played in his first 40 and over National Fastpitch Tournament in Springfield, Missouri with Minneapolis Metro/ERS. He played in 37 national tournaments between 1991 and 2017 – sometimes playing in 2 or 3 during the same summer. In 1998, he had the privilege to play with SuperSound Tapes-St. James in the Nike World Masters Games in Portland, Oregon against teams from Australia, Canada and the United States. Due to health issues, he ended his career in 2019 playing Modified Fastpitch in Loretta, MN.

Tom played on teams winning 1 Tri-State Regional Championship, 2 Minnesota 40&over State Championships, 1 Minnesota 50&over State Championship, 4 National Masters 45, 50 and 55+ Championships. He was awarded to the ASA All American teams in 1999 and 2000 and to the NAFA All World Team Masters East in 2009 and 2011. In 2004, Tom was inducted into the St. Paul Fastpitch Hall of Fame.

To whom it may concern,

Tom loved the game of fastpitch softball. He played for 52 years at a high level. He was a good defensive outfielder, but excelled as a lead off hitter, mainly by bunting and drawing base on balls.

He was committed and always accountable to the game. He never missed a tournament he signed up for. We highly recommend Tom Nickles to be considered for induction into the Minnesota Sports Federation Hall of Fame.

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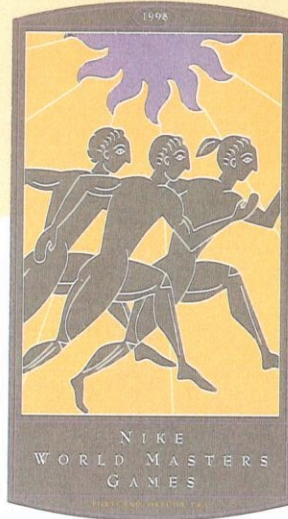
Tommy is definitely a Hall of Famer. He was a wonderful teammate and a great player. He was instrumental and helped us win 3 National Titles. Tommy always gave 110 percent and was so full of energy.

I highly recommend that Tommy Nickles be inducted into the Minnesota Sports Federation Hall of Fame.

Elmer D. Carlson

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CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION



Thomas Nickles

*in recognition of and appreciation
for your contribution and participation in*

THE 1998 NIKE WORLD MASTERS GAMES

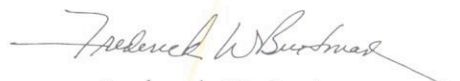
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Chairman of the Board of Directors
1998 NIKE World Masters Games




Douglas W. Single
General Manager & CEO
1998 NIKE World Masters Games





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MEN'S 40 - OVER FASTPITCH
San Antonio, Texas