



MINNESOTA SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM



Nominee JOHN SCHAUST Birth date 11-23-60

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Softball Community where major accomplishments were achieved Delano & Hollywood

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Nominee's Personal Stats • CAREER BATTING AVERAGE OF .435 (1159 HITS for 2660 AT BATS) OB % of OVER 570.

- SINGLE TOURNAMENT 1985 GREENBAY NATLS 13 for 18 .722 Average TOP HITTER OF TOURNEY, SAME TOURNEY HE HAD 10 RBI'S.

Nominee's Personal Accomplishments • 22+ yrs of Modified Softball 1975-1996

- 3X TRIANGLE TEAM MVP & 4X BATTING CHAMP AWARD
- KEY MEMBER of the 1985 Natl CHAMPION TRIANGLE ENTERPRISES TEAM that set the all time SINGLE SEASON MN. MODIFIED Record for Wins (75 wins) During this season JOHN had 100 HITS & 93 runs scored. He was #2 in the line up batting order.

Nominee's Team Accomplishments • 2X Natl CHAMPIONS • 4X STATE CHAMPIONS

- 4X STATE TOURNAMENT RUNNER-UP
- 8X PRESTIGIOUS 4th of JULY TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS
- Overall team record 862 wins - 275 Losses
- 1979 - 1993 (15 yrs) JOHN'S Team finished top 3 in state tournament 11 times.

- ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEET IF NECESSARY -

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.**

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DEADLINE FOR SENDING THIS NOMINATION IS JUNE 1

John Schaust can best be described as Consistent, Loyal and Focused.

His team had Four D's – Words that started with D that they all tried to play by and John was exemplary at them. They are Dedicated, Determined, Disciplined and Defense

Dedicated means Being Wholly Committed to a thought or action

..... John was Dedicated to the team and his role in each game

Determined, being Fully committed to achieving a goal

..... John was always determined to do whatever it took to help the team achieve a goal and that goal was to win each game. Or play in a way that worked toward that goal

Disciplined means using a System of rules governing activity

.....John strived every game to make the right decision whether batting or fielding. making the right play

Defense – Defending against a Challenger.

.....John Consistently made the play that should be made to get the outs

John was part of the same core team all 22 years of his career. He started

Playing softball at 16 years old and He has owned 2nd base for his team his entire career.

Johns numbers are Hall of Fame worthy

John was a clutch hitter. Career average of .435.

His ability to hit & run made him a perfect #2 hitter.

John's accomplishments Include:

2 National Titles where he was voted 2nd Team All American at Columbia Maryland

4X State Champions 11 of those (in 15 year span) had his teams finishing top 3 in the state

1980 was the first of seven trips to the Nationals

This was a highlight year for John, as he was playing with his 4 brothers alongside their Dad who was the pitcher that year.

In 1985 John's team won 75 games which is a MN State Modified record that still stands.

That year the team went on to Green Bay WI National Tourney.

John was the top hitter for the tournament 13 for 18 giving him a .722 average.

John played softball the way he lives his life. On Time, ready to go, following the rules, asking as much of everyone as he asked of himself. This was never at the expense of fun, just timed to be fun when work was done.

During the biggest games and biggest moments John would always be relied on to do his part.

John Schaust #9 Second Base

Birthdate 11-23-1960

Hall of Fame Accomplishments

- 22 Plus year Career started 1975 and finished early 1996.
- 2 x National Champs
 - A. 1985 Green Bay Wisc. Where he was top Hitter of the weekend 13 for 18 .722 Average and 10 RBI's.
 - B. 1987 Columbia Maryland 2nd team **All-American** 2nd Baseman.
- 4 X State Champion
1980,1986,1991,1993
- 4 X State Runner Up 1982, 1985, 1987, 1989
- 3 x Triangle Enterprises Team MVP 4x Team Batting Champ.
- 8 X Prestigious Delano 4th of July Champion
- Key member of the 1985 Natl Champs Triangle Enterprise Team that set the all time single season Minnesota Modified Record for wins with 75 wins , During this season John had 100 Hits and 93 Runs scored Batting 2nd in the lineup.
- Career Average 1159 for 2660 for a .435 with OB % over .570
- In 1980 John's Team Sherm's Inn won his first State Tournament along side 4 brothers and his Dad as a pitcher, and then went on to his first of 8 National Trips in Waterville Maine and finished 15th.
- From 1979 till 1993, during the 15-year span John's team finished in the top 3 in state - 11 times. With him as the primary number 2 hitter

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Sherm's Schausts (Six Strong)

Lead Minnesota

By CLAYTON LaVERDIERE
Sentinel Staff

Let no one say that the Matt Schaust family of Delano, Minn., doesn't take its softball seriously.

No less than six members of the Schaust family will be in uniform this weekend when the Sperm's Inn aggregation takes the field in the ASA National Men's Modified Pitch tournament in Waterville.

Leading the sextet will be 48-year-old Matt Schaust, a pitcher who has been in softball competition for 21 years.

Behind the plate will be one son, Ed Schaust, 21, while Matt, Jr., 27, Mike, 25, John, 19, and Dennis, 18, provide the defense that has made the Minnesota entry unique in that part of the country.

The Sperm's Inn squad has compiled a record of 58 wins and 11 losses — tournaments included — thus far this year.

The Minnesotans will field a young team. Matt Schaust is the only player on the squad who is over 30. Both Matt, Jr., and Mike Schaust are tested veterans of tournament play, having participated in four national playoffs prior to 1980.

The team relies on flashing speed and solid defense. It is not

a slugging aggregation. Ed Schaust has hit eight home runs in 69 games and he leads the squad in four-ply wallops.

There were 23 teams competing in the Minnesota state playoffs and only one of them could score more than five runs on Sperm's Inn.

Ed Schaust, who is the team's catcher and assistant manager, is accompanied by his wife, Mary Jo, who is the scorekeeper and leader of the cheering section.

Admittedly, they are nervous on the eve of a national playoff. "I guess you just can't help it," grins Ed Schaust.

Softball is high on the popularity charts in Minnesota, with league teams playing 50 or more games during the season. Slow pitch softball has more leagues than modified pitch, but the quality of play is high in both varieties.

Delano is 20 miles west of Minneapolis. The Sperm's Inn squad is staying at Thomas College.

Incidentally, while Matt Schaust and his five sons are competing for national honors in Waterville, there are two

daughters back in Delano who will provide plenty of long-distance rooting.

MODIFIED PITCHES

"Let it rain today," smiled Gil Allen of Waterville as he sat at the tourney information booth at the JFK Mall early Wednesday afternoon. He and tourney aides Tom Potter and Dave Smith had obviously been concerned about the rain that pelted the Waterville area Wednesday morning, but their spirits rose as the skies cleared and the sun appeared. They hoped that the rain was over and done with for the next four days.

The word Wednesday was that the playoff fields are in good condition for the opening the national tournament this evening. For days now, crews have been toiling to provide excellent surfaces in various parts of Waterville. The Wednesday rain was not considered a threatening factor.

As of Wednesday afternoon, there were 43 confirmed entries in the national playoffs. One team from Louisiana — the

Quachita Sports — was held up in Pennsylvania by a bus breakdown, but the team has been scheduled to play its first game Friday afternoon. Tourney officials feel the Louisiana entry will be here by that time.

Many of the early arrivals were getting a good look at the Waterville area Wednesday. Thanks to the careful planning of local softball officials, visiting players could get free maps of the city, a map of the softball field sites, bumper stickers, and other literature. The official program is selling at the minimal cost of \$1. There have been 3,000 printed.

For Tournament Director John Makowski, this tournament will be the culmination of work that began 48 weeks ago. Makowski played a key role in getting the national tourney to Waterville and has worked tirelessly for months.

Umpires from many parts of the country began to arrive Wednesday. And before the tournament started, the word was that pitching will be under close scrutiny by the arbiters.

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LSI/TRIANGLE - CLASS A MEN'S MODIFIED PITCH NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Front row (l to r): Tom Schmidt, Jack Lynch, Ed Schaust, Tim Littin, Byron Erickson and John Schaust. Back row: Dennis Wabbe, Brad Grinnell, Glen

Muckenhirn, Jim Muckenhirn, Tim Wabbe, Doug Schaust and Dave Prehn. Not pictured: Steve Henning, Mary Moonen and Dennis Schaust.

It pays to stay, champs learn

by: RICK MACEY

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When LSI/Triangle clean-up batter Doug Schaust rocked a no-out grand slam over the centerfield fence in the national modified fastpitch championship game Monday night at Cedar Lane, the more sagacious softball fans knew it was all over.

But even amid the jubilant anarchy after the game, Schaust didn't take the first-inning four-RBI home run for granted. "You just swing hard and pray and hope for the best. At the point you make contact you just hope you get a run."

The champs' catcher turned with a deep-throated "Yeah" and dished out a high-five to a teammate entering the dugout. "That was the biggest hit of my life," he grinned.

By the end of the second inning, when the psyched-up squad from Delano, Minn., raced out to a 14-0 lead over the team from Laceyville, Penn., it would have taken a near-miracle for Bluhm's Shopping Center to climb back into ASA's first Class A national championship game.

Alas, there wasn't to be any divine intervention this time around, though Bluhm's chipped away and steadily narrowed the gap. After seven complete innings, LSI/Triangle made its early offensive explosion stand up, 15-9.

"We came out smokin'," LSI/Triangle manager Dennis Wabbe said. "That made the difference."

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