

Chris Miljavic, Easton MO



Chris Miljavic, 48, displayed athletic prowess as a teenager as a three-sport athlete (baseball, basketball, football) at Bishop LeBlond High School in St. Joseph, MO. Following graduation, Chris was introduced to fastpitch softball and, as a 20-year-old, was a member of the local VFW 1668 team. Two years later Chris and his team-mates became National U23 Champions.

Chris advanced to the ISC in 1997 and quietly made his mark. In 2000, as a member of the host St. Joseph MO

Meierhoffer team, Chris earned First-Team All-World honors as Meierhoffer finished 4th. Two years later, Chris had a memorable week in Kitchener ON as the St. Joseph MO Frontier Casino squad emerged through the losers' bracket to finish 10-1, claiming the ISC World Tournament Championship title. Chris, who accumulated 16 hits and a .432 batting average, was named the Most Valuable Player and picked up his second First-Team All-World nomination.

Chris was well known for his defensive talent and great versatility, easily assuming responsibilities at a variety of positions both infield and outfield. He was a superb base-runner, frequently stretching for the "extra base". Just as important, Chris was well acknowledged and respected by opposing teams and enjoyed by fans.

Chris received two additional All-World selections, Second Team with New York NY Patsy's in 2006 and First Team with Denmark WI Circle Tap in 2008 at Kimberly, WI where he was the leading hitter, batting .571 (8-14). Chris' final season was in 2014 with Circle Tap Dukes, retiring after a Hall of Fame-worthy 18-year ISC career.

The USA National team leadership recognized Chris' many attributes, and he represented Team USA on five occasions, notably in 2002 as a part of the Gold Medal winning PanAm Qualifier team and the subsequent silver medal squad at the Pan Am games in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic in 2003.