

Colin Abbott, Portugal Cove, NL



Colin Abbott is quite simply, one of the most prodigious hitters in the annals of ISC competition. From modest beginnings in his hometown Portugal Cove NL (named after the country Portugal the community of 6,000 is nestled in the eastern Avalon Peninsula bordering the capital St. John's) Colin started playing softball as an eight-year old.

He was influenced and motivated by his siblings – brothers Keith and Vern and sister Valerie, all of whom enjoyed the sport - and all advancing to compete at the senior level. Spanning 18 seasons from 1992 to 2009, Colin consistently displayed a rare combination of an astute batting eye, while swinging mightily for extra-base-hits. This was the “talk of the park” during his 1996 performance, as Colin sported a sterling .486 average with more than half his 17 hits for extra bases, including five homers. Colin's career stats are impressive, with a .337 batting average and the ISC leader in ABs (326), hits (120) RBIs (86) and a remarkable 320 total bases. Further, he ranks second in HRs (26) and doubles (24).

As the feared “go-to” guy in the batting order, he led Wisconsin-based teams three times to ISC Championships, with Madison Farm Tavern in 1999 and 2007, and Green Bay All-Car Roadrunners in '94. His team also finished 2nd three times, and Colin was a regular on closing days, his teams finishing in the top four in 13 ISC championship tournaments. Colin's favorite personal memory is winning his 1st ISC Championship by hitting a “walk-off” single for a 5-4 Green Bay come-back rally to beat the defending champion Toronto Gators.

Following his secondary education from Prince of Wales Collegiate, Colin entered Memorial University, where he graduated with double Bachelor degrees in Economics and Commerce. He immediately joined Investors Group, carving out a solid career as a financial advisor.

From his high-level fastball days, Colin has great memories of the many career highlights that he shared with friend / team-mate / room-mate Todd Martin, as well as the multitude of late night discussions on fastball's finer points with other team – mates including Rob Gray and Todd Budke. In addition to fastball, Colin enjoys hockey and golf and he and his wife Michelle have two sons – Joel and Steven – both of whom Colin enjoys coaching in hockey and baseball.