

Darren Box, Spruce Grove, AB, Canada – “Tower of Power”



Following two seasons (1997-98) as an All-Canadian junior catcher with Bronco's Athletic Club, Darren Box, now age 46, arrived on the senior men's softball scene at the 1999 Canadians hosted in St. Thomas, ON. He and his Edmonton Express teammates, envisioned as long-shots for the title, battled their way to the Canadian National championship.

His imposing presence in the batter's box, from which he launched many memorable moon shot home runs, was complemented by his dexterity

and proficiency behind the plate, calling the game in tandem with and for many of the era's top pitchers.

In 2000, Darren made his ISC debut at the World Tournament in St. Joseph, MO. The following year, in Eau Claire WI, Darren's exemplary play resulted in his selection as the event's Most Valuable Player and his first of three consecutive First Team All-World designations as catcher for the Broken Bow, NE Travelers. The following year, in Kitchener, ON, he amassed 11 RBIs to lead the World Tournament.

During his ISC career, Darren competed on Championship Day six times, including three consecutive seasons, 2001-02 with the Travelers (champions in 2001) and the Broken Bow Spirit, Amsterdam NY (champions in 2003). In total, Darren's teams won the ISC World Tournament three times, including a repeat title with the Spirit in 2004 at Fargo, ND.

Darren was also named Second Team All-World in 2009 in Quad Cities, IL/IA as a member of the third place Saskatoon, SK Aspen Interiors for a final tally of four ISC All-World designations.

Internationally, Darren also competed as a member of Canada's National team at the Pan-Am Qualifier in Guatemala in 2002 and at the 2004 ISF World Championship in Christchurch, NZ,