

## Dick Thompson, Quincy, IL



Dick Thompson has succeeded in just about everything he tried as an athlete.

He played basketball at Quincy High School and was part of the 1951 team that finished third in the state tournament and the 1952 team that lost to Hebron in the state championship game. He played on the 1955 Quincy College team that played in the NAIA national tournament. He went on to become one of the best fastpitch softball pitchers in the nation.

He is a member of the QHS Hall of Fame, the Quincy University Hall of Fame and the International Softball Congress Hall of Fame. He was a two-time ISC All World Pitcher in 1963 and 1964.

In the 1963 International Softball Congress World Tournament, while playing for Disco Foods of Rock Falls, Ill., Thompson tossed a no-hitter while going 2-0 with no earned runs allowed. He also hit .333 with two home runs and was named an All-American as a utility player.

In 1964, Disco Foods returned to the World Tournament and Thompson went 2-1 with a perfect game in the quarterfinals in which he threw two runners out in the seventh inning to preserve his perfect effort. He also scored both Disco Foods runs. He hit .400 in the tournament and was named MVP and an All-American.

In 2000, he was inducted into the International Softball Congress Hall of Fame.