

Doug Middleton – Blue Springs MO



Doug Middleton, born September 18, 1962, grew up in Springfield MO and as a natural athlete enjoyed a multitude of sports. He started playing softball at age 10, where he learned the game from his father Chuck, who coached Doug and his teammates to four national championships in youth ball.

Doug entered ISC competition in 1984 and for his entire career played with teams in the Missouri-Kansas area. At the memorable 1988 ISC World Tournament, Doug's Lexington, MO Harold's Supermarkets team was perfect in their first five games, reaching the ISC Championship. En route, Doug hurled five consecutive wins, including shutouts over Hayward CA Nava Brothers, Sioux City, IA Penn Corp., Detroit, MI Nothdurft Tool, and Owen Sound, ON Canadian Tire beating Brad Underwood, and a 2-1 win over Peter Finn and Midland MI Explorers. Doug recalls his team having only nine players remaining for the championship and fell to powerhouse Penn Corp. in the two-game Sunday format.

During his quarter-century career, Doug was named ISC All-World four times including three times on the first team with Harold's Supermarkets in 1988, with Topeka, KS Travelers in 1995, and in 2000 with St. Joseph, MO Meierhoffer. In 2002, Doug was named to the Second All World Team with St. Joseph Frontier Casino Players when he and friend Michael White combined to lead the Players to a sterling 10-1 record and the ISC championship. Doug had four wins striking out 56 in 37 innings and posting a 0.72 ERA.

Doug has 38 ISC career wins. Possessing a quiet disposition and obvious humility, Doug was a leader by example on rosters that featured many outstanding players.