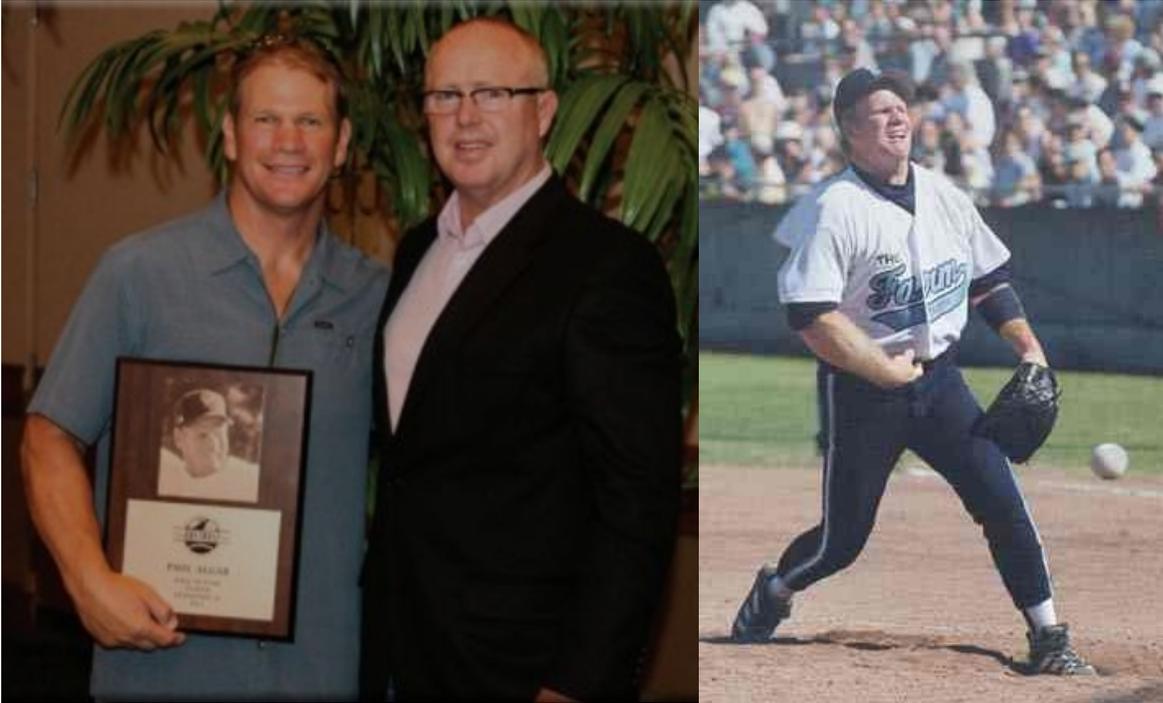


PAUL ALGAR, Lexington IL



Originally from New Zealand, Paul Algar made his ISC debut in 1982 as a 17-year-old pitcher with Hubbard Construction and carved a sterling career spanning 27 ISC World Tournaments. Paul was named ISC All-World on five occasions, four as a member of The Farm Tavern, as he led his teammates to two world championships in 1997 and 1999. Paul is among the top 10 in all-time ISC wins with 42. He has pitched five no-hitters including a pair of perfect games in 1999 and 2003. Entering the Hall of Fame together was never a goal, Algar said. “We just started every season trying to win championships,” he said. “It was never anything that entered our minds.” Paul had all the pitches: rise, drop and change-up. And he had the speed to blow the ball by most batters. Algar came to the United States a raw but talented 17-year-old pitcher, following in the footsteps of his older brother Loren. And when he finally retired, he had pitched in 27 ISC World Tournaments (1985-2012).

PAUL ALGAR **Lexington IL – Pitcher (Born October 17, 1964)**



Paul Algar was introduced to softball and influenced by his father Ray, an infielder in the Wellington and Melrose region of New Zealand, as well by older brother Loren.

Ray recalls that "Ever since Paul was a kid, he practiced hard by himself. He would gather a whole bunch of balls and throw at targets on a wall. He would spend two to three hours and then come home for a soft drink and then back to his pitching."

Paul remembers "Watching my older brother Loren pitch, I wanted to follow in his footsteps - he was so much fun to watch - he put everything he had into his pitch, plus he was a big man and was loved by everyone in the softball circles. Then, Dad played first base so it was a fun weekend for me."

Initially, Loren journeyed to North America, earning All-World status with Madison WI Farm Tavern in 1982, and inspiring Paul, who coincidentally made his ISC debut that same year as a seventeen-year-old with Hubbard Construction of Bishop CA.

Al Doran (*ISC HoF 2008*) recalls a memorable 1994 ISC World Tournament in Summerside PEI "I got to see Paul play for the first time as he led the Green Bay WI All Car to victory over the reigning World Champion Toronto ON Gators, led by Darren Zack. That was quite an introduction to "Alfie" who was clearly one of the world's leading pitchers of the day and a respected friend of all who played the game."

For several years, Ray traveled to the USA to watch his sons play on some of America's finest teams and stated "I've been to see them about 15 times and would spend five to six weeks sometimes. I love America. It's a lovely place to live."

In thirty years, Paul carved a sterling career spanning 26 ISC World Tournaments, pitching as recently as last year's tourney with the host team Quad City Sox.

During that span, Paul's most successful years were in the uniform of Madison WI Farm Tavern that included World Championships in 1997 and 1999. He was named ISC All-World on five occasions, four as a member of the Farm Tavern, and earned two MVP awards. Paul recalls that "It was a pleasure playing for Rod (Peterson) and I think I speak for all my teammates and past players that we all play to win not only for our teammates but a huge part of it for Rod, I think he was the only major sponsor that played at the top level as well as coached and we all respect him—he is a great human being."

While he enjoyed watching his sons play fastball abroad, Ray admits that he misses them since the U.S. has claimed Paul as a son, while Loren lives in Australia and is the men's national team pitching coach.

Ardent fastball fan Dave Spring summarizes "Paul Algar is simply one of the finest and most complete human beings ever to play our game. His natural, friendly disposition and gregarious deportment has endeared him to fast-pitch fans all over the planet, and his talent has earned him the respect of all of us who love the game."