

Peter Meredith, Salt Lake City, UT



Pete Meredith pitched in a 23 consecutive International Softball Congress World Tournaments. He set records at the time for most tournament wins (61), no hitters (8), strikeouts in a tournament (100) and strikeouts in a game (21). While a couple of those have since been eclipsed, no one could dominate a game like Peter Meredith when he was on.

“You never dream about being included in the hall of fame. I just love playing the game and the competition and competing with the very best.”

Meredith joined the Brigham Young University coaching staff in 2014 and is primarily responsible for coaching pitchers. Meredith says he uses the experience he gained from more than 20 years of playing to help his current players learn how to overcome the obstacles they face.

“I can help them with my experience and kind of guide them through some of the hiccups maybe I had; and learning the zone, learning the umpire, learning the plays

and being a pivotal part of the team,” Meredith said.

He said he also wants to help the team understand the importance of accountability when it comes to playing each position.

“You have to own it anytime you go in on the mound or play any position you have to own it; whether it’s good, bad or indifferent,” Meredith said, “and I think that’s a big part of the learning curve.”

In 1990, Meredith was thought to be the best in the world. “He is reportedly or reputedly the best fastpitch pitcher in the world,” said Charlie Bendock, tournament director for the Seattle Invitational. “You talk to all the people around the country, from Clearwater (Fla.) to Pennsylvania to the Midwest, and they all say he’s the numero uno.”

“I think he is that good,” his coach, Butch Latey, said. “The reason I say that is just from watching our main catcher struggle with him. It’s not that hard, but I’ve never seen him have problems with anybody else.”

Meredith, grew up in Wellington, New Zealand and lived in the United States every summer since 1979 and continuously since 1985. He first got the opportunity to play in the U.S. for a team in Prescott, Ariz. He returned to New Zealand and played for its national team before returning to the U.S. to play for teams in Bakersfield, Calif., and Elkhart, Ind.

He set up year-long residence in the U.S. to go to business school at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. He went to Salt Lake City last year with the expectation that his arrival would make Miller Toyota a national champion, the way Moore made the Pay 'n Pak team a national champion in '87.

“In New Zealand, we come up at younger age,” Meredith said. “We have great players in their forties. The thirties are my prime years. I’m as capable as ever, but I’ve got to throw a lot better.”

“It can be hard to live up to reputations,” Meredith said. “Eventually the hitters will catch up to you.”

In addition to the ISC records, he holds the record for most wins in ASA/USA Championship play, and he helped pitch the U.S. to a silver medal at the 1998 World Championship.