

Thomas Makea – Christchurch, New Zealand



Thomas Makea, born on Feb. 20, 1975, competed in ISC tournaments for 14 summers, making his inaugural appearance with Decatur Pride in 1994 and completing his successful career in 2009 with Midwest Stampede. He helped lead his teams to four ISC Championships – twice with Broken Bow Travelers/Spirit (2001 & 2003) and twice with County Materials (2005 & 2006). Thomas earned ISC All-World distinction on six occasions between 1999-2009, including a superlative tournament in 2000 when he batted .611, plated 10 RBIs and was named the tournament’s Most Valuable Player. As gifted as he was offensively, Thomas was equally competent patrolling the outfield, with great anticipation and speed and a dependable and accurate throwing arm. Many regard Thomas as New Zealand’s greatest outfielder, consistently performing in international competition for 18 years, and helping his Black Sox national squad to four ISF World Championships. Thomas was voted as New Zealand’s “player of the decade” for the 2000s and continues in the game as Head Coach of the Junior Black Sox team.