

## Travis Wilson, Tallahassee, FL, USA – “Impact Player of Renown”



Based on the intricate variances of flight paths from a baseball pitcher’s mound and a fastball pitcher’s slab, it’s rumored that it’s extremely difficult for players to make the transition between the two different genres of rounders.

Travis Wilson overcame any apparent difficulty.

Travis was a teenaged phenom who was part of the New Zealand Black Sox national team that won the 1996 ISF world championship in Midland, MI.

His North American debut attracted attention and he was signed to a professional baseball contract in the Atlanta Braves system. For the next eight years Travis honed his skills and advanced through the various minor leagues, including a three-season (2001-03) stint with Atlanta’s top minor league affiliate in AAA ranks in Richmond, VA. In his minor league baseball career, 1997-2004, Travis amassed more than 3,500 plate appearances, carving out a .273 batting average while slugging 63 home runs.

In 2005, at age 28, Travis returned to softball, and suited up for his first ISC World Tournament in Eau Claire, WI with the Massapequa, NY Patsy’s. He adjusted quickly, instantly becoming an impact player. In his inaugural ISC tourney, Travis was named a First Team All-World infielder (batting .577 with four home runs), the first of three successive distinctions with Patsy’s, including a .450 batting average in 2007.

Six seasons later, with the Gremlins of Clifton Park, NY, he was recognized again as a First Team All-World player in back-to-back seasons in 2013-14, batting .444 in his final ISC tournament.

During his softball career, Travis participated in nine ISC World Tournaments, spanning 2005-2014, missing only the 2010 season. In eight of those nine tournaments, Travis played in the final four, advancing to the championship game three times, finishing second each time.

Travis displayed his defensive versatility, equally adept across the infield at first, second or third base. Every plate appearance was intense and focused, resulting in an ISC career batting average of .363, and always a threat to “go deep” with 16 home runs.