

Donny Hale, Auckland, NZ



From a young age, Donny Hale was a keen sportsperson who tried a variety of sports, including soccer, basketball and rugby league. However, it was softball that became his number one sporting passion.

Born and raised in Auckland, New Zealand, Donny's softball journey started at the age of 10, when he filled in for a friend's softball team who was short of players. With bare feet and a borrowed glove, he played right field hitting three home runs that day. And so began a Hall of Fame career.

Donny started his ISC journey in 1993 as a pitcher, where he played for the Santa Cruz Bullets. His return to the ISC circuit in 2000 saw him take the mound for the last time, where he and Heinie Shannon shared the pitching duties

for County Concrete. From that point onwards, batting became Donny's priority and he focused on honing his craft as a hitter.

He went on to play for County Classics and County Materials (2001-2002; 2005-2006); The Farm Tavern (2003-2004; 2007-2009), where his younger brother, Bernard Hale, joined him for a few seasons; Jarvis Travelers (2011-2013); and finally, Scarborough Force (2014-2016).

Donny was a part of five ISC championship-winning teams (County Materials 2005 and 2006; The Farm Tavern 2007; Jarvis Travelers 2011 and 2012) and was named to seven ISC All World Teams. In 2012, with a batting average of .579 (11-19), 6 HRs and a record 17 RBIs, Donny was named ISC MVP. In a career that saw him make 17 ISC appearances, Donny accrued a total of 87 RBIs and 33 HRs.

While the awards were a nice way to be recognized for the work that he had put into improving his game, it was the friendships that he made that have stuck with him the most. To this day, Donny remains grateful for all of the opportunities that he has had and for all of the people that have supported him along the way in both his ISC journey and his softball career in general.