

# KORREY GAREAU - HoF 2019



Korrey Gareau, 46, born in Campbell River, BC on Vancouver Island, was encouraged by both his parents and older brother, participated initially in tee-ball and then advanced to softball. His parents provided Korrey with an abundance of opportunities to attend pitching clinics, and his father coached him throughout most of his minor age seasons.

The result – Korrey Gareau accumulated the stats and resulting hardware typical of many pitchers who are current members of the ISC Hall of Fame.

While participating for six different ISC teams spanning 21 seasons, Korrey's durability is obvious. He played in 16 ISC World Tournaments, from Summerside PEI in 1994 to Kitchener ON in 2014, and was voted All-World honors seven times, six of them on the first team.

Korrey's finest era was as a member of the 2005-08 Madison WI Farm Tavern (AW all four years) highlighted in 2007 as he led Rod Peterson's "farmers" to the ISC Crown, defeating So Cal Bombers in the championship tilt.

Korrey was "pitcher perfect" with an unblemished 5-0 record, amassing 41 strike-outs in 32' innings while posting a highly respectable 1.08 ERA. In recognition Korrey was awarded, for the second time, the Leroy Zimmerman Outstanding Pitcher Award.

Two years earlier, Korrey was the undefeated (6-0) Top Pitcher as The Farm Tavern, in the championship tilt, relinquished a 7th inning three-run lead to lose to Marathon WI County Materials 4-3 in an extra frame. In 38 innings, Korrey set down 69 batters via strike-outs, and had an ERA of 1.46.

Other teams for whom he toed the rubber, and was named to the All-World Teams, include 1994-98 Victoria BC Legends (AW 1997), 1999 Portage WI 51 Classics, 2000-2003 Tampa Bay Smokers (AW 2001), 2004 Kitchener ON Hallman Twins, and 2014 Invermere BC Randy's A's (AW 2014).

Korrey is among the top ten pitchers in ISC history, amassing 40 wins from 1995-2014. He attributes Rod Peterson (HoF 1994) with providing him with the "world-stage" upon which to compete, and cites Rob Gray (HoF 2018) and Colin Abbott (HoF 2015) as true ambassadors of the game who inspired and mentored Korrey during his illustrious career.

As well, Korrey was an impact pitcher with Team Canada (1999-2008) and also a member of three Canadian National Championship Teams with Victoria BC Money Mart (1994), Victoria BC Legends (1997) and Vancouver Grey Sox (2007).

Following graduation from high school, Korrey enrolled at Camosun College to become an electrician, a trade in which he has flourished for 26 years, having also completed his Master "A" electrician certification. He has worked for Bridge Systems for his entire career and now assumes a superintendent's role. Korrey and his wife Brigitte have two sons, Colton, age 16 and Brody, age 11 and the family enjoys camping, fishing and snow-skiing.