

## **Tony Nelson**

### **Fast-Pitch Softball Resume**

North Polk High School Graduate 1985

- 1984 Second Team All-State Football wide-receiver
- 1983 Honorable Mention All-State wide-receiver
- As of 1985 I held every receiving record at North Polk.

Iowa Lakes C.C. Graduate- 1987

- Football - 2 Yr Starter as Wide Receiver
- Baseball – 2 Yr Starter. MVP 1987 Season. Lead team in BA.

Grand View College Graduate 1989

- Baseball - 2 Yr Starter. Held school record for triples (7) in 1989

My fast-pitch career started when I was just a baby. My Father, Delmar Nelson, played for Truckers Insurance, out of Elkhart for 20+ years, so I grew up watching softball since I was born. As a toddler, I was found wondering onto the field on numerous occasions, and as years went by, I was always around the ballplayers filling in as batboy, playing catch to warm-up the outfielders and general team gopher. I guess I could not be held back from playing on the ball field. As I became old enough to play, age 18 in 1985, I was asked to play with Elkhart, seemed only fitting to play with my dad and all the other guys I admired for so long. I still remember my first at-bat, it was a line drive into center field. From this point, I was hooked to play fast pitch softball.

#### **Career Highlights:**

1985-1987 – Elkhart, Truckers Insurance. Helped lead the 1986 Elkhart Team win the Class A State title and advance to a class A Regional in Topeka, KS. However, because I was playing college football for Iowa Lakes Junior College in Estherville, I was unable to attend.

1988-1989 - DSM Amateur Baseball League with Alpine Lounge. Winning the city league and advancing to the State Tournament 2 years. Team Co-MVP in 1988. I also played with Elkhart when my schedule allowed.

1990 – Watter's Autoland, ASA Class A State finished 3rd.

1991-1992 - Henry J's/Winterstet.

- 1991 State ASA Class A Champions – Advanced to ASA Nationals in Boulder, CO. All Tournament Team Selection.
- 1992 State ASA Class A finish 2<sup>nd</sup>. All Tournament Team Selection.

1993 - DSM Metro's.

- State ASA Open Champions. Advanced to ASA Open Regional in Omaha, NE.
- Finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the ISC World Tournament held in Kimberly, WI.

1994 – Did not play due to conflict with work.

1995 – Central Iowa Express. Participant in ASA Class A State.

1996 – Did not play due to conflict with work.

1997-1999 Central Iowa Express.

- 1997 State ASA Open Champions. ISC State Champion. Finished 12<sup>th</sup> in the ISC World Tournament held in Victoria, B.C.
- 1998 State ASA Open Champions (All Tournament Team). ASA Mid-West Regional Champion. 7<sup>th</sup> place in the ASA Nationals. ISC State Champion. Finished 16<sup>th</sup> in the ISC World Tournament held in Kimberly, WI. Co-Managed the CI Express with Jary Hoskey.
- 1999 State ASA Open Champions (All Tournament Team). 7<sup>th</sup> place in the ASA Nationals. Finished 15<sup>th</sup> place in the ISC World Tournament held in Sioux City, IA.

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2000 – Albaugh Inc. – Played several tournaments in the DSM Area.

2001 – Winterset – Finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the DSM District Tournament and qualified for the ISC World Tournament in Eau Claire, WI.

2007 – Winterset – Finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Class A State Tournament. Named to the All Tournament Team.

2007 – DSM Metro's – Over 40 Team.

- Won State Tournament
- Named to the All Tournament Team.
- NAFA AAA Nationals – Finished 4<sup>th</sup> place.

**Tournament Summary:**

\*\* Played in 12 ASA State Tournaments (5 times named to All Tournament Team)

\*\* 6 ASA State Titles (Class A – 1991, Open Class: 1993, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2007 (Over 40))

\*\* ASA Regional Champion in 1998

\*\* Placed in the top 10 in the ASA Nationals 1998, 1999

\*\* ISC World Tournament - 5 appearances - Finished 5<sup>th</sup> in 1993 and finished in the top 16 in 1993, 1997-1999

**Individual Playing Traits:**

\*\* Considered a “tough out” by most teams.

\*\* Always a threat to stealing a base. (even home a couple times)

\*\* Taking an extra base on a routine base hit was common.

\*\* A career middle infielder, covering a majority of the field whenever needed.

\*\* General love for the game and a passion for winning.

In 2008 I was selected into the Des Moines Fast Pitch Hall of Fame. Currently hold the position of Secretary for the DSM Hall of Fame (Fall 2009 – Present).

I currently enjoy working as an umpire for the game I enjoyed playing for all those years.

I currently umpire for the following:

- NCAA Women (DII, DIII, NAIA, NJCAA)
- NFHS - Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union
- ASA/USSSA Girls Fast-Pitch