

Harv Wiens – Coaching Bio



MY SOFTBALL CAREER

I grew up in Southern Ontario where I was taught the game of fast pitch. I started playing at the age of 5 and haven't missed a year over the past 38 years. I started pitching at the age of 8 and seemed to catch on fairly quickly to it. Fell in love with the position and have had a fairly established career playing the game.

In 1990, I made the move to Abbotsford BC where things seemed to take off. I joined the Abbotsford Wildcats and attended provincials every year. After 2 years with them, the team folded and the move to playing in Chilliwack was in full swing. Over the next 5 years, last year of midget and 4 years of Jr A ball, we attended 5 Nationals. The first 4 years we competed but kept falling short but, in 1997, our final year of Junior Men's ball we attended Nationals in Oshawa, ON, everything seemed to fall into place. We ended up winning 4-1 and became Jr A National Champions.

In September of 1994, I had the chance of a lifetime and made my way down to New Zealand for the next 6 months to play ball. This truly was a great experience.

In 1998, I played for the Lynden Meerinderink out of Lynden Washington. This too, was a great year as we attended the NAFA "AA" Championships in Hutchinson Kansas and took the crown in a do or die game. In 1999, I had my first chance of Sr A ball with Seattle Slade Group, we attended some of the big tournaments including the Larry Miller Toyota Tournament in Salt Lake City UT and the Seattle Invite. We also played in the North West League with teams from Portland, Victoria, Vancouver etc. In 2000, I began to play with the Vancouver Grey Sox and for the next 3 seasons, this was home. We attended the ISC tournament in Kitchner ON and placed 7th out of 40 teams.

I began coaching in 2006 when my daughter began to play and coached her up until her final year in 2011. I also coached my son for a number of years until there was no more boys program. I have remained in the game at the senior level running my own men's team out of Abbotsford and the past 2 seasons, managing my own tournament teams.

My heart is with the minor game as this is the future of the sport. I have realized over the years, this game owes me nothing, I feel that I need to give back and this is one way of doing that. I am passionate about this game and I want to be able to pass on any knowledge that I have so someone else can benefit from it. I look forward to coaching the U14 Langley Xtreme this coming year.