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Trevor Ethier Looking Forward To Even More Success At Home



Born and raised in Saskatoon's west side Trevor the 41-year-old veteran, Trevor Ethier has played in some of the biggest events of long and successful career, just a few blocks from where he grew up, at Bob Van Impe Stadium. He has won a gold medal at the Sr. Men's Canadian Championship and a bronze at the ISF World Men's Championships at the historic park. This year, Trevor would like to duplicate the feat he accomplished the last time the Sr. Men's National's were in Saskatoon. In 2008 Trevor was part of a powerful Saskatoon Aspen Interiors team that featured 8 players that like Trevor was to play for Canada in Saskatoon the next year. He was star for Aspen as he was named the MVP in the preliminary round. As part of the Delisle National Leasing Diamond Dogs pitching staff and infield this year, he will join former Aspen Interiors players: Pat MacKintosh, Brad Bibby and Mike Lawton in the hope of continuing his national's success.

It was the 2008 Canadian Championship that cemented a spot on the 2009 World Championship team. According to the teams pitching coach Don Bates, Trevor had an outstanding Canadians. His velocity was second to perhaps only to Dean Holien and he made hitters hit his pitches. Just like the 2008 nationals he didn't have to travel far for the 2009 Worlds. Imagine the thrill and pride of being able to hop from the pitching mound for Canada in your hometown, to represent the country in your old neighbourhood. "It's hard to even put it in words," Ethier, said in 2009, of the opportunity he got to play in the International

Softball Federation world men's championship at home. "I'm extremely excited. I've been looking forward to this for a long time and now it's finally come.

"Knowing all the support we'll have not just in Saskatoon, but from everybody else on our team bringing family and friends in — there'll be support from all of Canada — is just going to be outstanding." it certainly was a long-lasting memory for all who experience that 2009 Men's Worlds. In front of huge crowds of enthusiastic fans Ethier and Team Canada had a great preliminary round, only to bow out to New Zealand in the semi final and have to settle for bronze.

His softball career began in the Fairhaven Community playing ball in the park with his dad. It was in 1982 that he played on first team called the All Stars at seven years old. He later graduated to the Phantoms organization where he played Squirrels through Bantams, winning Provincial titles at Pee Wee in 1988 and Bantam in 1991. His greatest memory as a Phantom was winning the gold medal at the 1991 Western Canadian Bantam Championships in Prince Albert. From the Phantoms he moved on to the Saskatoon Midget Selects program playing for the AA team for three years. In those years, he attended national championships at: Napanee, Ontario in 1992, Victoria, B.C in 1993 and the Village of Antoine, New Brunswick in 1994. His Midget career featured league play in Saskatoon's tough Special Men's Division which

included the 1994 Senior Men's National Champion, Saskatoon Rempel Brothers as well as the three-time National Junior Champion, Saskatoon Eagles. Trevor was challenged every night, pitching against National Team great hitters like: Dale Dirks, Dean Holien, Barkley Rocheleau and Terry Wallin, and hitting against Team Canada pitchers the calibre of Holien, Rob Scheller.

Following his Midget playing days, Trevor moved on to the Junior category with the Saskatoon Diamondbacks and later to the Junior Merchants. He played in four Junior National Championships in locations as far west as Prince George, B.C to as far east as St. John, New Brunswick. Trevor has had a lot of help on his road to success. He lists the people who influenced him the most as his parents Rupert and Gail and his long-time coach Harry Matzner. At times in his Midget and Junior career Trevor was overshadowed by the guy Trevor described as his most memorable team mate, Quinton Matzner. Quinton grew up and played ball with Trevor since they were very young. Matzner was a pitcher for Canada's Youth National Team in New Zealand in 1993 when it won the gold medal.



Following his Junior career, he played two years with Prince Albert Aal cann Astros, two years with the Saskatoon Merchants and is now in his fourth year with the Saskatoon Aspen Interiors. It was in his many years as senior ball player that Trevor gained his greatest notoriety on the national front He has

attended numerous ISC tournaments and has seldom missed a Sr. National Championship since 2000 including in 2004 where he was named the tournament's outstanding pitcher and of course 2008 when he preliminary round MVP. He was part of the national team program from 2003 to 2009, retiring from the program following his bronze medal in Saskatoon.

Trevor pictured to the above after being named MVP of the 2011 Canadian Native Fastpitch Championships

It's been a long and bumpy road for Ethier, who was seriously injured in a car accident along with Prince Albert Aal cann teammates Mike Gurash and Quinton Matzner on July 7, 1999. They hit a cement culvert.

"It was one of those things that's always in the back of your mind. Some days are better than others. It's just fortunate that we're all in the situation that we are now." Ethier has a lifetime worth of metal souvenirs. "The ankle's all mangled. I've got pins and rods and screws in there. The back injury and the wrist and everything is all healed up pretty good. I came out of it the best of the three of us."

He is a gifted multi-sport athlete. Ethier played junior hockey for the Western Hockey League's Saskatoon Blades and Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League's Battlefords North Stars before becoming one of the all-time snipers for the University of Saskatchewan Huskies. Even with his years of success on the ice, Trevor considers his most memorable accomplishment to be winning the Gold medal as part of Canada's National Softball Team at the 2003 Pan American Games in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

Trevor presently resides in Saskatoon, is a teacher and has two children Devyn and Reese. He has slowed down the playing over the years and if is possible he may be even more busy with softball than in the peak of his playing days. A major part of his teaching assignment is to work as an instructor for the Tiger Softball Academy at Tommy Douglas High School in Saskatoon. The Softball Academy is intended to be a broad-based program geared toward softball enthusiasts with a range of skill levels and a passion for the game and even includes a winter training opportunity down south. This winter Trevor was selected by Softball Canada to be part of the Junior Women's National Team coaching staff, joining former Aspen Interiors player and National Team Head Coach, Keith Mackintosh. This July in Clearwater, Florida, the team finished fourth at the WBSC Junior Women's World Softball Championship. He has also been very busy over the past few years coaching his daughter's teams. He just returned from Delta BC on August 13 after coaching Devyn's Saskatoon Lasers in the U16 Canadian Championship. Following a very summer that included coaching a: provincial, national and world championship as well as scouting many events including the Canada Summer Games, Trevor will be thankful to settle back in at home. A home that has been very good for him and his softball career.