

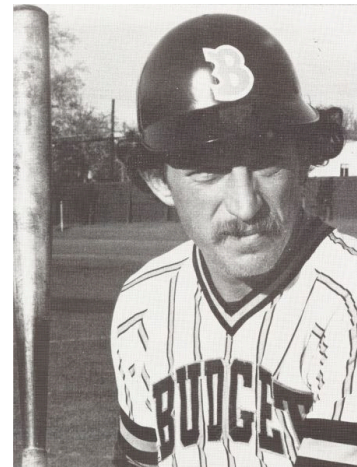
Bob Burrows

1990 Inductee - Athlete



Bob Burrows is widely recognized as one of the most influential and accomplished figures in Canadian men's fastpitch softball, combining elite athletic ability with exceptional leadership as both a player and coach.

After returning to Victoria following a brief professional baseball career, Burrows turned his focus to fastpitch softball, where he quickly established himself as a dominant force. As playing-coach of the Scorpions/Data Tech Fastball Club, he led the team to remarkable success, reaching the Canadian Senior "A" Men's Championship Final in just its fourth season. His outstanding performance earned him Most Valuable Player honours at the national level.



Burrows' legacy was firmly cemented with the Bates Softball Club, one of the most dominant dynasties in Canadian fastpitch history. From 1975 to 1978, Bates captured four consecutive Canadian Senior "A" National Championships, with Burrows playing a pivotal role in each title run. During this period, he was named Most Valuable Player once and selected to the First All-Star Team three times, reflecting both his offensive power and consistent excellence.

Renowned for his ability to perform in pressure situations, Burrows set a Guinness World Record during national championship play, recording 13 home runs and 14 runs batted in across four championship tournaments — an extraordinary achievement on the sport's biggest stage.

Returning as player-coach in 1982 and 1983, Burrows once again demonstrated his leadership and clutch ability, hitting home runs in both championship final games and guiding Bates to its fifth and sixth Canadian national titles.

Bob Burrows' contributions to fastpitch softball have been recognized through numerous honours, including his induction into the Canadian Softball Hall of Fame and the Softball BC Hall of Fame. His impact on the sport — as a champion, record-setter, and leader — has left a lasting legacy in British Columbia and across Canada.