

Nomination for ESF Hall of Fame

Jesper “Jazz” Panduro



Address: Ågade 9, Næsby, 5270 Odense

Country: Denmark

Club team: Odense Giants

Position: Pitcher

Born: January 22, 1970

Career:

174 National team games (against official opponents) 1987 -2012

3 times World Championships, 11 European Championships

1 x European Champion, 6 x silver, 1 x bronze

5 x Danish Club Champion

European Cups, Cup Winners Cups, ISC

Numerous Slot Tournaments in Zeist, NL

Club softball in Netherlands, New Zealand, Venezuela, USA, Canada

Pitching clinics all over Europe

Letter of recommendation:

I have known Jesper since the mid-80'ies. His talents for pitching quickly made him a dominant player in the Danish league at a very young age. Before the 1988 World Championship in Saskatoon, Canada, Jesper was selected to represent Denmark at the age of 18, but a moped accident just before takeoff forced him to stay home. In '91 he pitched his Giants team to the clubs first Danish Championship, thus quick starting a fantastic international career with European Cups, European Championships and countless invitations for club tournaments all over the world.

Jesper is mostly known for his great pitching, but he also swung a heavy bat, with quite a few home runs under his belt. Jesper as won many games through the years supporting his own pitching by knocking in a few runs. Not known to many, he actually loves to catch! At this years Masters tournament, you could spot Jesper on both sides of home plate + he of course hit a long home run. Another less known fact: Jesper has been umpiring at the Danish finals the last couple of years, so maybe we will see him on the European diamonds as an umpire.

The last 30 years or so, Jesper has been a true ambassador - not only for Danish Softball, but for all sports in Denmark. On the field he was a fierce competitor, but off the field his friendly manners and social skills has helped open doors for many other Danish softballers.

On the more personal level, I have been unfortunate to face Jesper as a batter – not fun! But I have also had the privilege to play with Jesper in most of his 174 games for Denmark, in fact catching a couple of games as well. A true sportsman – a winner. I was also lucky to be coaching him, when he pitched Denmark to our only senior gold medal in 2010. Well deserved!

I can't find a more worthy Danish ballplayer than Jesper to get selected to our Hall of Fame. I would be honored to have him by my side!

Jens Terkelsen
Denmark