



Nelson Randolph 2013 Inductee



After graduating from Luther Burbank High School, Nelson attended Sacramento City College, playing baseball under Head Coach Jerry Weinstein, who he credits for much of his success as a player and a coach. o After playing at SCC, Nelson played semi-pro ball with the Davis Red Sox and was scouted by the Pittsburgh Pirates organization. Though a devastating injury prevented him from achieving his dream of playing professional baseball, Nelson never lost his love and passion for the game and has played in the Davis/Woodland Roy Hobbs league, NABA

and MSBL for over 25 years. During this time, Nelson has won 7 championship rings in both Arizona and Florida. In 1998, he represented California in the Nike World Games, leading his team to win the Gold medal with a batting average above .600. Though he has enjoyed many successes playing the game, his great passion is for passing along his vast knowledge of baseball to players of the next generation. o Nelson has been coaching for over 30 years at all age levels. Most recently, he has enjoyed leading a successful program at Capital Christian High School. Capital's record when he started in 2003 was well below .500. Since then, he has led the team to two league championships and represented the GEL in three consecutive CIF championship games, winning in 2009. He is a back to back coach of the year recipient, and awarded this honor three times in all. As a Division 5 school, CCHS was ranked #13 in the area two consecutive years and #2 in the State of California for Division 4 at the end of the 2008 season. o Nelson has also been the President and Manager of the Sacramento Heat Baseball Club for 9 years, coaching almost 100 players, many of whom are currently playing college baseball from Division 1 and below. In addition, Nelson is the Head Coach of Impact Baseball International, an international baseball organization providing clinics for player development in Honduras, Guatemala, Dominican Republic and Panama. o Though Nelson is highly respected as a passionate coach, mentor and friend, his whole philosophy on coaching can be summed up in the phrase he coined many years ago, "PERFECT Practice Makes Perfect."