



Dennis Smith

2015 Inductee



Dennis started playing organized baseball in 1957 when he was selected in the third round by the Padres of the Eastern Little League in Carmichael, California. He played in the minor leagues for two years as a pitcher/outfielder, and then was traded for two players to be named later to the Tigers in the major league division. He played two years with the Tigers and was selected to the all-star team both years and was named outstanding defensive player of the 1961 all-star game. His next assignment was playing Babe Ruth for the Colt 45's and also moonlighting for his grammar school team at Our Lady of Assumption. Having finished out his A ball he was moved up to double A playing for the Jesuit High School Marauders till 1969. His baseball career went stagnant for almost 20 years. He played in city and night leagues and even softball leagues in the twilight of his career. Then, in 1989, his persistence and love for the game paid off. His dream finally came true. The call had come to play with the Tigers of the MSBL. He paid is league fees and his career took off from there. His 26 years in the league saw him in many different uniforms. He played for the Tigers, Mets, Yankees, Patriots, Reds and is currently playing for the A's. He has also played in Phoenix 23 time with various teams and has 6 championship rings from the Phoenix World Series and one from the Florida Fall Classic.

Through my affiliation with SMSBL I have had the opportunity to meet many guys that I probably never would have met otherwise, forged many friendships and created lifetime memories. Without baseball and this organization none of the above mentioned would have been possible. I feel very fortunate and blessed to have been able to play this great game this late in my life. I never would have dreamed back in 1957 I'd still be playing organized baseball almost 60 years later.