

BCA Hall Of Fame



Dave Demarest



La Quinta High School, Westminster, CA

Dave Demarest grew up in Palos Verdes, California where he attended Palos Verdes High School and lettered in basketball and baseball. In 1968 he was chosen the schools “Athlete of the Year.” Dave then attended Long Beach State where he was a 4-year letterman in baseball and was selected captain, MVP, and an Academic All-American in 1972. In 1995 Dave was inducted into Long Beach States Athletic Hall of Fame.

After graduation Dave accepted a math and head baseball position at La Quinta High School in Westminster, California...at the age of 22. In his 34 years Dave became the *only* coach in the history of California High School baseball to be ranked in the top three in both wins (753) and winning percentage (.780)...his overall record... 753 - 213. Dave’s teams won 22 league championships, advanced to 7 CIF Finals and won 3 CIF Titles. Also during his tenure the school produced 33 Division I players and 20 drafted players. Current Aztecs in the major leagues are Bobby Crosby (Oakland A’s), Gerald Laird (Texas Rangers), Ian Stewart (Colorado Rockies), and Ian Kennedy (New York Yankees). In 1995 the Field at La Quinta H.S. was named “DEMAREST FIELD.”

For his accomplishments Dave has received several “Coach of the Year” honors:

- 24 – Garden Grove League
- 4 – Orange County (LA Times & OC Register)
- 4 – Southern California (CIF)
- 3 – California (Cal-Hi & CCA)
- 5 – District 8 (BCA, ABCA, NHSACA)
- 2 – National (NHSACA)

Dave also has also been involved with youth baseball outside of La Quinta H.S.:

- 8 - Connie Mack World Series...2002 World Champions
- 1989 – Sunbelt Classic (Gold Medal)
- 1991 – U.S. Olympic Festival in Los Angeles (Gold Medal)
- 1992 – USA Junior National Team in Monterey, Mexico (Silver Medal)
- 2002 – Super Series in Atlanta (Gold Medal)
- 2004 – U.S. Championships in Joplin (Gold Medal)
- 2004 – “AFLAC” High School All-Star Game

Dave was on the BCA Executive Committee from 2000 to 2003...serving as the President in 2002