

Softball Legends Inducted into the WBSC Softball Division Hall of Fame

Three of New Zealand's softball legends were inducted into the WBSC Softball Division Hall of Fame last week. Dean Rice, Debbie Mygind and Eddie Kohlhase were all included in the 'Class of 2015', which recognises their achievements as both players and coaches on the international stage.

Dean Rice: Gold at the 1985 Junior World Championships; Silver at the 1992 Men's World Championships; Gold at the 1996 and 2000 Men's World Championships.

In 2006, Rice was awarded the Softball New Zealand Player of the Year and was inducted into the New Zealand Softball Hall of Fame.

Rice also attended two Women's World Championships and two Women's Olympic Qualifiers as both assistant coach and head coach. In the 2009/2010 season, he was awarded Softball New Zealand Coach of the Year.

Debbie Mygind: Gold at the 1982 Women's World Championships and named in the 1982 World Team; Bronze at the 1986 Women's World Championships.

In 1984-85, Mygind was a member of the Cal State Fullerton Division 1 team after receiving a softball scholarship. In 1985, she was awarded Softball New Zealand Female Player of the Year.

Mygind has also attended a Junior World Championship and two Women's World Championships as an assistant coach. She also held the position of the SNZ National Director of Pitching from 2005 - 2012.

In 2001, Mygind was inducted into the New Zealand Softball Hall of Fame for her achievements as a player and coach.

Eddie Kohlhase: Gold at the 1984 Men's World Championships; Silver at the 1988 Men's World Championships; Silver at the 1992 Men's World Championships.

Kohlhase has also won two gold medals as an assistant coach of the Black Sox in 2000 and 2004, a silver medal as head coach in 2009, and a gold medal as head coach in 2013.

In 2004, Kohlhase was inducted into the New Zealand Softball Hall of Fame for his extensive achievements. In the 2013/14 season, after the memorable 2013 hometown win for the Black Sox, he was awarded New Zealand Softballer of the Year.

In 2014, Kohlhase was made a member of the New Zealand Order of Merit.

Softball NZ congratulates all 3 recipients for their outstanding service to the sport and for their continued contributions across all levels of the game.