



## **MARK HAMANN**

Mark played baseball in college and had to learn a whole new sport when he was appointed Perrysburg High School Varsity Coach in 1983. Fastpitch had been introduced to Ohio Schools in 1979 and was in its infancy in NW Ohio.

While the Varsity Softball Coach at Perrysburg from 1983-1996 Mark coached his teams to 8 NLL Champ/co champs titles, 8 Sectional titles, 3 District Runner Ups, 4 District titles, 1 Regional semi finalist, 3 Regional Championships, 1 State Runner-up and 1 State Title.

Mark joined Carolyn Vogtsberger at Anthony Wayne High School as the Assistant Varsity and then the Varsity Coach for another 13 years and helped lead his teams to 6 more Championships/Co-Champs as well as a State Championship in 2003.

Mark coached various travel softball teams as well, including the Churchill's Tournament Team 1990-1991, the 1996 Fast Pitch Fanatics 10 and Under team, SGS Magic and AWABSA teams.

Coaching for 26 years and taking 3 teams to play for the State Championship seems to sum up Marks remarkable career. Many coaches have been blessed with many talented athletes and lots of school and community support. However Mark has the ability to use those team talents to develop winning strategies and keep his team focused. One can't deny his positive effect on his players and his ability to coach the game.

So many times I have watched him inspire his team to believe in themselves and excel on and off the field. Mark is an exceptional coach and helped put NW Ohio Softball on the map.