

DAN MacDOUGALL

Nominated as: Player

Nominator: Mic Stump (HoF 2014)

References: Ron Staples (2016) & Dave Mathews (2014)

Nominee reviewed by Trustee: Glenn Miller

Trustee comment: The nominator and references spoke glowingly of Dan MacDougall as both a player and person, a physician who bravely and generously devotes time to the less fortunate around the world.

As a player the nominator and references attest to his superb pitching skills at the highest level of Roy Hobbs, pitching and winning AAAA games. Between 2005 and 2018 reference David Mathews said MacDougall was undefeated in Roy Hobbs World Series play. He once pitched 10 innings in a World Series semifinal game to get his team to the finals.

As Hall of Fame nominator Mic Stump said, "Temperamentally, he was unflappable on the mound. Every opponent remembers Dan. Just ask them about the the guy who threw submarine style with an un-hittable curve ball that seemed to stop in mid-air. And a fastball that sunk 12 inches."

The nominator and reference had even greater praise for MacDougall the man than MacDougall the ballplayer. Dan and his wife, Lindsay, who is also a physician, have traveled the world helping people. He is involved with Medical Teams International and has devoted time in Africa and in Haiti after a hurricane and in Indonesia.

When not saving lives with their medical expertise, Dan and his wife teach children English and baseball.

As another testament to this character, one reference said he is a great teammate, one of the reasons he plays baseball.

That is in addition to his baseball talent and medical expertise and generosity with his time and expertise.

Achievements:

- Election to the Puget Sound Senior Baseball Hall of Fame, 2013.
- AAAA Championship Ring at RHWS 8 times: 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2014, 2017, pitching the semifinal or championship game in 7 of those 8 years.
- Nominated for Jefferson Award for Community Service and Volunteer Work by Seattle Times*
- Nominated for US President's Award for Medical Achievement*
- Mercer Island WA Hometown Hero Award for international service (twice) ... in recognition of Dan and Lindsay MacDougall's 15+ years of traveling overseas to provide weeks, sometimes months, of volunteer medical services to communities and countries in need on five continents.
- RHWS Teams: Seattle White Sox, Puget Sound Rainiers, Washington Titans, San Diego Padres.

Nominator & Reference comments:

Nominator and references responded to questions. What follows are their responses to the questions or their letter of reference. (Some of this material has been edited for redundancy.)

1. How has he affected the game and colleagues, on and off the field?

From nominator **Mic Stump**: Dan was one of the most dominant pitchers in the RHWS for 19 years (1999-2017). ... He pitched and won AAAA playoff games ... essentially every year, including many semifinal and championship games. ... He was practically untouchable when the stakes were high.

He was a team leader, taking the ball for the most difficult games. ... Unflappable on the mound.

From reference **David Mathews**: I have played in every RHWS since its inception in 1989. Dan is the best pitcher I have played with and against in that time period. Dan has that quiet resolve and confidence that emboldens a team when they look to their ace to win games that count.

Stump added: He was simply one of the best pitchers, if not the best pitcher, at the RHWS in his age bracket year-in and year-out.

From reference **Ron Staples**: since 2005 as a member of the Titans ... Doc has pitched 2-3 games a year at the Roy Hobbs World Series and has never lost a game, going undefeated ... 2005-2018. ... That also includes 1 year with the San Diego 70s where he pitched 3 games, including the championship. We faced several former professional players. Doc always had their number. They couldn't hit him.

2. What qualities and/or accomplishments make him special, that make him stand apart and should earn Hall of Fame recognition?

From **Mathews**: In 2012 in the RHWS he pitched a 10-inning victory to get us into the final game.

From **Stump**: Dan showed character in so many ways on and off the field. He was a team leader, taking the ball for the most difficult games. ... Temperamentally, he was unflappable on the mound. Every opponent remembers Dan. Just ask them about the guy who threw submarine style with an un-hittable curve ball that seemed to stop in mid-air. And a fastball that sunk 12 inches.

From **Staples**: Doc is cool, calm and very confident in all aspects of the game and never lets a poor play ever affect him. Just a great teammate to be around both on and off the field.

3. What makes this candidate exceptional?

From **Mathews**: Quiet resolve, unselfish nature, and confidence have been demonstrated throughout his career. ... Doc and his wife Lindsay are both MD's. They have travelled the world helping others throughout their careers. In some parts of the world, this is very risky arduous work.

This unselfish nature, taking time away from a busy practice is laudable. In addition, they have helped other family members who have fallen on tough times by allowing their families to live with them for years while they got back on their feet. They have exhibited a fine balance between private practices, caring for family, and helping disadvantaged cultures world-.

From **Stump**: "Doc would be in Indonesia one year. Africa the next, and then responding to a hurricane in Haiti the following year, making more than 15 separate trips ranging from one week to nine months in length. Dan and Lindsay worked with refugees on several continents."

"Guys like Dan are the reason we play senior baseball. ... Here is a guy who achieved so much in the field of medicine but wants to hang out with anyone from any walk of life who can talk baseball long into the night."

From **Staples**: Doc and his wife, Lindsay have volunteered their medical services in areas around the world, which also included teaching English and Doc also taught baseball to the local kids.