

JAY MITCHELL

SPORTS



Jay Mitchell was born in 1965 and is Hard-of-Hearing. He graduated from Washington High School in 1983. His parents are Wendall Jim SDSA '54 and Janice Mitchell. He was well known due to his participation with Deaf basketball, softball and bowling teams for many years.

Mitchell started playing for Sioux Falls Association for the Deaf (SFAD) basketball team in 1983, during his senior year. Over the years with SFAD along with few years with Lincoln and Denver, he earned many All-Star awards at Midwest Athletes Association for the Deaf (MAAD) tournaments. He has played a major role in bringing Sioux Falls team into higher levels of competition. He earned MAAD Hall of Fame Award in 1994. Last year, proving age doesn't stop him... he was seen pitching for the Blue Storm, which is COED softball team. Growing up, he always enjoyed fast pitch softball prior to his years of playing with Deaf teams.

His all-time favorite memory was rallying to win the 2004 MAAD Men's Softball Championship with a huge and shocking upset over the Minneapolis team.

Mitchell currently works at Balance Systems and has since 1983. While he is slowly working towards retirement from basketball and softball, he enjoys participating in dart league and beanbag competitions.... just another example of his life-long ties and overall love of sports!

