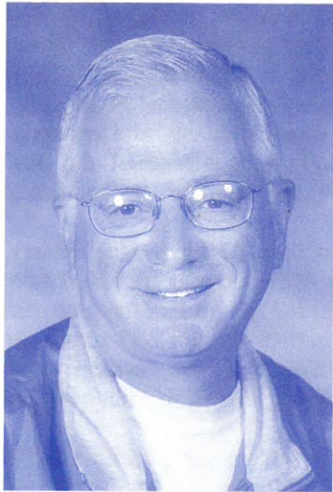


ARLINGTON SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE - MAY 31, 2006



Tom Orndorff is well known in Arlington and beyond the metropolitan area as the head varsity Girls Softball coach at Arlington's Bishop Dennis J. O'Connell High School. He is also O'Connell's Assistant Athletic Director tasked with all the responsibilities and chores associated with that position.

A West Virginia University grad and former journalist, Orndorff has been coaching girl's softball at O'Connell for the past 25 years and has compiled one of the most phenomenally successful records of any coach, anywhere, in any sport, over that period of time. Over the past quarter century, more than just a few of his DJO teams have been ranked in the top echelon of high school softball teams in the U. S. Orndorff's success is the height of consistency. Competing in the metropolitan Catholic Girls leagues (the CGAA and WCAC) and against strong public high school teams over the past 20 years, his Bishop O'Connell teams

have compiled a record of 450 wins vs. 54 losses and many regular season league, tournament and Virginia Independent School state championships.

Orndorff's reputation as a coach/teacher in developing outstanding players extends to colleges throughout the country, particularly those with strong women's softball programs. Many of his players have received full athletic scholarships and others partial scholarships based on their participation in softball at O'Connell High School.

Orndorff also coaches girls softball outside of high school when the school is out on extended vacation. The age grouping for his teams (The Shamrocks) mirror his DJO teams, usually 18 year-olds and under. He's been coaching the Shamrocks for 30+ years with much the same winning success, even though his teams have competed at a level of competition even greater than his DJO high school teams. His Shamrock teams are "Travel" teams playing 60-70 games a season. Over the past 30 years they've traveled the country, qualifying and playing in 20 ASA 18U Gold National tournaments. These National tournaments are huge, up to 64 of the best girls fast-pitch softball teams in the U.S. The travel team tournaments are usually dominated by West coast and southwestern U.S. teams. Eastern teams do very well to finish in the top ten. Orndorff's teams have finished in the top ten seven times, finishing 2nd in 2003, and winning the tournament championship outright in 2005 with his Arlington based Virginia Shamrocks, a truly outstanding achievement

Tom Orndorff has been honored with a number of prestigious awards for his success coaching Girls softball. Twice he has been named National Travel Ball Coach of the Year (in 2002 & 2005) by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA). Other coaching honors include: Arlington Coach of the Year awarded by the Better Sports Club (1991), and being named "Coach of the Year" on several occasions by the Washington Post, the Journal Newspapers, the Sun Gazette, its predecessors and other newspaper publications and periodicals.

Tom Orndorff is held in the highest regard in softball circles nationally. He is one of 31 coaches from throughout the U.S. which include a great many who are collegiate Division I coaches that were named to the USA/ASA Team Coaching Pool for the Olympic quadrant years of 2005 - 2008.