



Player category

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Viv started pitching in August 1977 after watching the World Tournament in Greenville, Ohio. She entered her first tournament the following month - the Joe Zichella Open in New Rochelle, New York. She was in E class, placed 3rd with an average of 15%. She has been competing ever since.

In 1980 she was presented with an A.A.U. Award for "outstanding athlete" in her sport.

So far, her highest tournament average is 73.7% and her highest game 88%.

Viv has traveled outside of New York State to play tournaments in New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maryland, Virginia, Vermont, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Iowa, Alabama, and Florida.

In April 1982 N.H.P.A. Digest she was listed #10 in the top 20 women pitchers with 72.5%.

I have listed as many of her first and second place tournaments as I could find -

Nov. 1977 Turkey Shoot at Sutton, Ma.- Class A Women

1st place 21.1%

Feb. 1978 Orlando Open, Florida- Women's A 1st place 33.3%

April 15, 1978- Heritage National at Sutton, Ma.- Women's A -

1st place 43.9%

June 1978 - John Roselett Mem. - New Jersey - Men's Class

1st place 43%

June 1978 - Essex County Anniversary at Newark, New Jersey Men's B

2nd place 50.2%

July 1978 World Tournament (her first World Tournament), Des Moines,

Iowa, Women's F Class - 1st place 48.9%

August 1978 - Middlesex Club Tournament, Middlesex, New Jersey,

Men's B Class - 2nd place 46.4%

August 1978 - New Jersey Open, Middlesex, New Jersey, Men's B Class

2nd place 56.2%

October 1978 - Tournament of Champions - Sutton, Ma. Women's group

2nd place 54.4%

- Nov. 1978 - Turkey Shoot - Sutton, Ma.- Women's A
2nd place 55.7%
- June 1979 - Carl Von der Lankin Tournament, New Rochelle, N.Y.-
Men's Class B 1st place 56.3%
- July 1979 - Sharkey Park Tourney, New Rochelle, N.Y.- Men's B Class
1st place 54.6%
- July 1979 - Brooklyn, N.Y. Tourney- Men's B Class
1st place 61.3%
- August 1979 - Sharkey Memorial- New Rochelle, N.Y. - Men's B Class
1st place 65.2%
- Sept. 1979 - Vermont State Open- Vermont- Women's A
1st place 60.8%
- Jan. 1980 - January Thaw Tourney at Heritage, Sutton, Ma. Women's A
2nd place 61%
- 1980- Bill MacLeod Open - New York - Men's A Class - 1st place
- 1980 - Carl Von der Lankin Tourney - New Rochelle, N.Y.- Men's A
2nd place 64% (tied for 1st place with Art Tyson, but lost
play-off)
- 1980 - Helen Quelette Open - New Rochelle, N.Y. - Men's A
2nd place 69.6%
- 1980 - World Tournament, Huntsville, Alabama - Women's Champion-
ship Class - placed 9th
- 1980- Frye Memorial - Winchester, Virginia - Women's A
1st place 68%
- Sharkey Park handicap, New Rochelle, N.Y. - 1st place 67.6%
- 1980 - Tournament of Champions, Sutton, Ma - Women's Class
1st place 73.7% (high game 88%)
- 1980 Brooklyn, N.Y. Tourney- Men's Class A - 1st place 70%
- 1980 - Brooklyn, N.Y. Christmas Tourney - Men's A - 2nd place 69%
- 1981 - Carl von der Lankin Open, New Rochelle, N.Y. Men's A
1st place 68.4%
- 1982 - Eastern Shore Tourney, Salisbury, Maryland, Women's A
1st place (high game 87.5%)
- 1982 - Leo Quelette Tourney, New Rochelle, N.Y.- Men's A class
2nd place 63.9%

There are two Tournaments that neither of us will ever forget. Even though Vi placed 3rd in both of them, they were so challenging, she loved every minute. Both took place at Heritage Indoor Courts, Sutton, Massachusetts.

The first one - The Budweiser National - May 1981. She was in Class 1 with Al Zadroga, Art Tyson, Debbie Michaud, Joe Schultz, Bob Domey, Ed, Domey and five other men. This was not a handicap tournament. Vi hoped to win one game the first night and hopefully, three or four the second day. She won 3 out of 5 the first night and all 6 the second day. Al Zadroga placed 1st, Bob Domey and Viv tied for second on wins and losses, but she took 3rd on percentage. She was absolutely thrilled!

The second tournament was just this month - the Tournament of Champions. More than 100 pitchers entered and were divided into groups of 8 for the preliminary round. From this, the two top winners from each group played semi-final rounds, and then the top winners from each group went to the finals. This was a handicap tournament and tough. After 14 straight games, Viv tied for 3rd - exhausted, but very happy.

She loves the game and all the wonderful friends she has made!