

## Jeremy Manley, Tempe, AZ



Jeremy Manley was born and raised in Feilding, New Zealand. Like so many other Kiwi families, fastpitch softball was in his blood. His father, Glenn Manley, had a long career as a pitcher, and his uncle, Paul Manley, played and operated his own club team, the Feilding Astros. Jeremy spent his summers at the ball field from the time he was born and eventually was promoted to bat boy for the Astros. By the time he was 13, he was playing at the men's level in Manawatu.

When he was 17, he played for the storied Miramar softball club in Wellington, NZ and was named in the Junior Black Sox. Jeremy's first international softball experience was when he traveled to Canada in 2000 to play for Meralomas (Lomas) based out of Vancouver, BC. The following 2001 season, Glenn "Rocket" Davis reached out to Chris Santos from the Pueblo Bandits about bringing Jeremy to Pueblo to replace him on the mound and join fellow countryman, Kyle Kouka. Jeremy happily accepted and never looked back.

Jeremy played his first ISC World Tournament in Eau Claire, WI. This tournament he won his

first game in ISC play as he pitched the Pueblo Bandits to a win over the Sioux Fall Chiefs. After 24 years, and another 32 ISC wins he enters the ISC Hall of Fame. He continued to play for the Pueblo Bandits for total of nine seasons from 2001-2006, 2009, 2011, and 2013. He also competed for the Broken Bow Gremlins (2007), Midwest Stampede (2008), and Circle Tap (2012). In 2014 and 2015, Jeremy joined the Hallman Twins, finishing 2nd place in the ISC World Tournament in 2014.

Throughout his career, Jeremy was named ISC All World four times, 2nd team in 2005, and 1st team in 2009, 2010, and 2014. Along the way he also was selected seven-time USA Softball All American. In addition to his ISC career, Jeremy was a member of the New Zealand Black Sox from 2005 – 2014. Jeremy led the Black Sox on the mound to a World Series Championship on home soil in 2013 and was named the Most Valuable Player.

Jeremy's favorite memories center around the road trips all around the country. Chris Santos would make the short, 20-plus hour drives from Colorado to Vancouver, Santa Barbara, Kitchener, Ohio,

Mexico and anywhere else there was a top tournament. Always the underdogs, in the 2005 ISC World Tournament, the Bandits went 4-2 with a Top 10 finish in a stacked World Tournament.

The Pueblo Bandits will always be family to Jeremy. The Santos brothers, Chris, Mike, and Jerry, served as father figures to Jeremy from the time he was 18 years old. Jolene, Jacque, and Jenna Santos became his sisters, Sue Santos his mother, and Nick Santos his ornery little brother. Chris Santos will always be a mentor and confidant to Jeremy and is a treasured lifelong friendship through softball.

Towards the end of his career, Jeremy earned his Bachelor's degree in Exercise Science from Massey University, graduating in 2013, and immediately jumped into the coaching scene collegiately in the United States. In 2018, as an Assistant Coach for Ohio University, he led the offense to an NCAA Regional final, earning NFCA Coaching Staff of the Year recognition. He is currently the Pitching Coach for the Arizona State University women's softball program and developed and coached his first All-American pitcher, Kenzie Brown, in the 2025 season. Jeremy just completed his third season as an Assistant Coach for Arizona State University. Jeremy and his wife, Ali, have two children, Josie and Wyatt.