

Justin Anderson

Chanhassen

2018 MVP

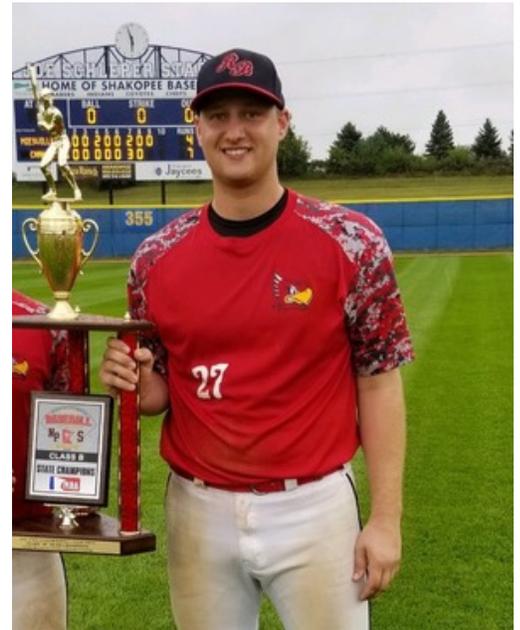
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In his own words: I remember the tournament being down in New Prague and Shakopee and I think we had some games in Jordan which happened to be one of my favorite places to play. My dad is an architect so he used to go down there. He helped design some stuff down there at the fire station so we would always stop by and look at the Mini-Met when I was little. It's always been like a cool stadium that I've admired and wanted to play at. I was really excited to play some games down there. I think the year before we had been runner up with the games against Miesville as well. We were actually the winner seed so I felt like we were trying to get revenge on Miesville. So our goal was to get to Miesville again and beat them in the championship.

I felt like we had a little better pitching. We added Kyle Fischer so we had a little more depth there as well. We had the hitting in place the year before, but we just needed that extra pitcher to get through the tournament. Once we had all the pieces it felt like we were rolling pretty well from the start. Everybody was hitting and the pitchers seemed to be locked in too. It's not an easy tournament because it spaces out three weekends and you have to travel pretty far as well so I think it was that you had to mentally prepare for it going into each weekend. We were able to bring it each week and the final weekend we lost to Miesville (Miesville 3, Chanhassen 2). We were not hitting that game clearly. But it felt like we should have won. We had a chance, like our pitching was there, defense was good, we held them and we just couldn't ever get things going on offense. It felt like if we could just get back to the championship and get the hits, that we would actually be able to beat them two times in a row.

It's a momentum thing, even if you're in the losers' bracket, as long as you win that first one, it just feels like you are going to win the second one because you have all the momentum. I very much remember in college, we had lost my sophomore year that same thing to a team that came in from the losers' side and had the momentum. We felt good as long as we won that first game we would win the second. So we did and we ended up winning both so it worked out well (Chanhassen 6, 7, Miesville 1, 4).

Moorhead was a tough team too. That was one of those cool night games. It just felt close the whole time. We were able to just chip away (Chanhassen 7, Moorhead 2). I remember I had actually gotten cleated, and as weird as it is, I played second base, I'm 6'3" and 230 pounds so I'm not your ideal second baseman. There was a ground ball to short and the guy slid into my ankle so the next day I could barely walk. The nice thing about it though, was if I ran I was fine. But if I walked around it was sore. The good thing was that I could still move around when I needed to during the games the next day.



- Justin Anderson, Chanhassen, 2018
- Played second base
- Hit 12 for 25 for a .480 batting average
- Two doubles, two home runs, and four walks
- Drove in 11 RBI
- Scored five runs



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