

Gabe Eikum

St. Louis Park

2008 MVP

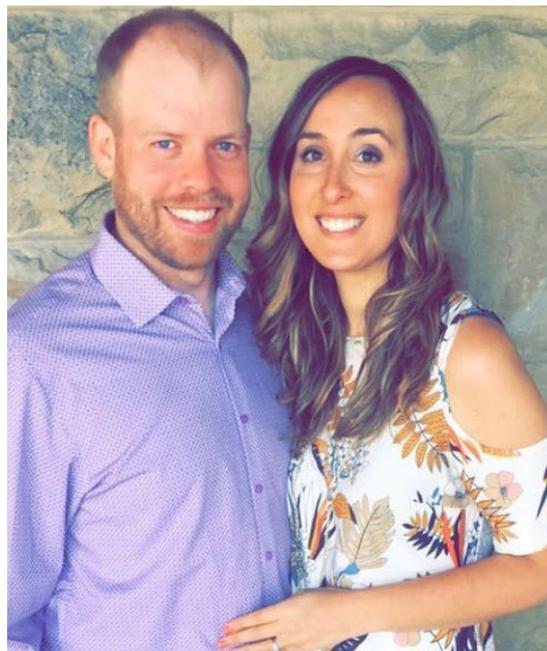
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In his own words: I remember throwing against Lyon's Pub which was our second game. I threw eight innings—Lyon's Pub was a really good team that year so it was good to get that win. The other part of our staff did really well and our offense did well (St. Louis Park 10, Lyon's Pub 0).

Then we got to Friday and the thing I remember about that is I was told that I wasn't going to throw at all no matter what. That was the first Green Mill game. It went back and forth and I was told I wasn't going to throw and it got to the point where we were behind and it got to the point where I said If we get the lead, let me throw the ninth inning. Then we got the lead and I came in and closed it out (St. Louis Park 10, Green Mill 9) and then I threw a complete game in the championship (St. Louis Park 7, Green Mill 0).

I threw eight against Lyon's Pub, one against Green Mill on Friday and all nine on Sunday against Green Mill again. I wasn't even thinking about MVP at that point. Dave Lindstrom was unbelievable. Then I was actually a little surprised that they gave a co-MVP and I got one too because normally it seems like it always goes to the best hitters in the tournament.

Our whole team just clicked once we got to the tournament. We had a rough regular season. I think our record was like 36-20. We had lost a ton of games—more games than our team usually loses, but once that tournament started we just kind of rolled through it like we were the best team and we showed it for at least a five-game stretch. It definitely helped that we got a ton of run support. It makes the game a whole lot easier when you get run support from your offense.



- Gabe Eikum, St. Louis Park, 2008
- Pitcher
- Won two games
- Pitched 18 shutout innings (0.00 ERA)
- Allowed seven hits
- Walked 8 while striking out 20



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