

# Tim Haines

Regal

1991 MVP

Class C

**In his own words:** I went to Regal that year. I could have played with them a couple of years before, but I went there that year and one of the Regal pitchers was going to retire. They had a board meeting and I kind of said I'm coming over here to play with Regal finally now because we are going to win it. And one of the board members looked at me like, who are you? I'm like, if this other pitcher is going to retire we got to get him back out here. We ended up getting him back out to play and that board member just, I don't know if he knew who I was or nothing like that but I predicted—I came over and said that we are going to state and we are going to win it. He was kind of shocked, like, who the hell is this guy?

I needed another pitcher. I played with a couple teams and it takes usually two pitchers. Regal had another pitcher and actually that year when we won it, the Beiers are a pretty good clan out of the Regal deal and Mike Beier was 10-0 that year and he didn't even see the mound and neither did the guy that I wanted to make sure he was there.

They had this guy, Tom Stock, they had a really good pitcher in him. I'm like I'm going to go finally play with them and I felt like I needed another pitcher to get there. To get there (state tournament), you play every weekend or however it was back then. It changed every year. Double elimination and this and this. It went back and forth and like Stock was not going to play that year and we ended up talking him back out. That board member came up after and said, "goddamn you guys won it," and I said that's why I came over here. Actually in the state tournament Stock, he came back in that Brainerd game, we played three games that weekend. It was lucky because I think Carlson and I pitched before that and then Stock pitched and if I remember right it was 1-1 and I had a hit to make us win 2-1. But he came back and that was the only time he was there for the whole state tournament. Thank God he came back that game because we needed another pitcher.

I came in against Belle Plaine and we started out hot and took control right away. Carlson, a draftee, he led off and he homered and I doubled. Ended up winning 7-3 in the championship.

When we won it, we were sitting around in the dugout and I had the MVP plaque sitting on top of my batting bag. All of a sudden the sprinklers came on and we all took off running and my plaque fell and was all scratched up. It was a great bunch of guys to play with. I went over to play with Regal because they had a great group of young guys. We just had a great team. We had an old first baseman, 20 years older than me, couple of younger guys, we had great team speed, defense, power, pitching, youth and veterans. It takes breaks to win it all though.



- Tim Haines, Regal 1991
- Pitcher and outfielder
- Won three games, pitching 11 innings in relief
- Allowed only one earned run on two hits for a 0.81 ERA
- Struck out 11
- Went 10 for 22 at the plate for a .455 batting average



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