

Brian Hartmann

Hamel

1997 MVP

Class B

His Story: Brian Hartmann started his baseball career at the age of nine as a bat boy for the Arlington A's. He pitched his first Arlington A's game as a 13-year-old in 1982 against St. Peter. His first win as an Arlington A.

Brian played varsity baseball at Arlington Green Isle High School. He started as a seventh grader and was named All Conference in his ninth through twelfth grade years, hitting over .600 his senior year. In 1987, he was named to the Lion's All-Star Team.

After being recruited by numerous colleges for both football and baseball, Brian chose the University of Minnesota as a preferred walk-on catcher. After being red-shirted as a freshman, he was the back-up catcher and DH as a sophomore. As a junior, he was the starting catcher and DH hitting .322. As a senior he primarily DH'ed due to hurting his arm at the Olympic Trials. He hit .317 his senior year.

Brian played two years in Cape Cod (1990, 1991). An interesting point was that Brian was the starting catcher with Jason Varitek as his back up. He was drafted by the Houston Astros in 1990 and chose to return to play for the University his junior year.

In 1991, he was one of only 90 players invited to the Olympic Trials in Homestead, Florida. After that, the Minnesota Twins offered him a contract, but he again chose to return to the University for his senior year.

Brian played amateur baseball with Arlington from 1982-1993. He was on the 1984 and 1985 State Championship teams. Then, in 1995, he started playing with the Hamel Hawks. He continued to play for them until 2002. He was in three state tournaments with Hamel and in 1997 Hamel won the state tournament and Brian was named MVP.

Brian still holds the record for most home runs in a state tournament with eight in only five games. In the game against Grand Rapids, he and Alex Bauer (another former Gopher) hit back to back home runs three times.

He was inducted into the Hamel Baseball Hall of Fame in 2017. Brian was also inducted into the Arlington Hall of Fame in 2020.

In Memorium

Born: June 1, 1969

Died: November 5, 2020



- Brian Hartmann, Hamel, 1997
- Designated hitter
- Hit .545, going 12 for 22 in the tournament
- Hit eight home runs, driving in 15 runs
- Had an on-base average of .636
- Had a 1.636 slugging percentage for the tournament



Brian still holds the record for most home runs in a state tournament with eight in only five games.”

