

Jake Lund

Midway

2010 MVP

Class C

In his own words: We had a great team in 2010, but we had very good teams going into the tournament many years before and always found a way to lose a heartbreaker in the first round. In the first game of the tournament it seemed like it might continue, until we were sparked in the middle of the game and the floodgates opened. We beat Kasson 13-3 and finally got the monkey off our back. After that we were playing loose and having fun. Almost like we had nothing else to prove and whatever else we did was a bonus. Pitching, defense and timely hitting were the keys to our tournament. It couldn't be more cliché, but it was true. We had to beat a great Moorhead team twice in the final two games so we definitely earned it.

That team had a bunch of really good players. Winning the MVP meant a lot to me for many reasons. To be the best on a team with that much talent, even for one tournament was a feat. I had never felt better physically than I did during that tournament. I could throw all 3 pitches at any time and my velocity was better than I ever remember.

I remember walking my Grandpa Edwin Lund off the field after he threw out the first pitch in a game a few years later and I mention it because Midway is family, literally and figuratively. Many of our dad's played and had great teams in the '80s and '90s. Countless cousins and family traditions have spanned two and three generations.

One funny story...My dad, Albert Lund, loved Midway more than anyone. I think most would agree. He had a beer cooler that he, by some miracle, held on to for several years. The joke is that he had written Midway Snurdbirds State Champs 2005, 2006, 2007 etc. Each year he would cross out the previous year and write the current. But when we won, he didn't have to cross off 2010. I was just as happy, maybe even happier for my dad and grandpa and the players before us that had great teams but didn't win it all. They were the ones that taught us the game. How to play hard and respect the game and how to love the game.



- Jake Lund, Midway (Wilmar-Bird Island), 2010
- Third baseman/Pitcher
- Hit for a .412 batting average, going 7 for 17
- Scored two runs, hit one double and one home run
- Drove in 4 RBI
- Won three games
- Pitched 23.2 innings, allowing six runs for a 1.14 ERA
- Struck out 34

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