

# Deryk Marks

Miesville

2016 MVP

Class B



**In his own words:** I joined Miesville in 2015, the year before, with the mindset of being able to make a state tournament, get a team together and have a chance to win it all. We made it to the tournament and lost in the first round. Then 2016 came around and we had pretty much the same team. We were probably one of the top two favorite teams to make a decent run.

We lined up with Monticello first round, ten-runned them, had a good showing and we made good work of Chaska the next weekend, too (Miesville 11, Chaska 2). The next weekend we beat Beaudreau's 4-0. I feel like that year, our team, we hit really well. We had two pitchers, Dickmeyer and Maher, both fresh out of college and we relied on them to throw every game.

Our bats, we were solid one through nine. One through seven could hit the ball out of the park and do a little bit of everything. I'd say the biggest game for us of that tournament was our walkoff win against Shakopee in the semi-finals (Miesville 5, Shakopee 4). The wind was howling in from the outfield. VanDerBosch thought he hit a three-run bomb in the eighth, but the wind kept it in and they caught it. Then in the bottom of the ninth in that game, our leadoff hitter, Chuck Bruchu, was up with one out and they decided to pitch to him instead of intentionally walking him to get to the two hole. He made them pay, hitting a walkoff home run.

Against Moorhead, they started Tanner Dahl, who threw eight innings on Friday night and they tried to bring him back Monday. We were pretty fired up about that. We jumped on them early and ended up winning 6-3. We gave up three runs in the top of the ninth. But that championship game I remember the field was really wet too and rainy and somehow I hit a triple to right center and it was a water-logged ball. I was able to make it all the way to third.



- Deryk Marks, Miesville, 2016
- Shortstop
- Hit 12 for 22 for a .545 batting average
- Swatted two home runs, three doubles and one triple
- Drove in five RBI



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