

# Mason Reinhart

Minneapolis Cobras

2019 MVP

Class A

**In his own words:** The big thing about that team was that we just focused on catching the ball and I think we made maybe one error the entire tournament. Which was like so important, we made some unbelievable defensive plays and that's what kept us in it. Obviously, Cole Devries helped, he pitched great. But our bats played great. We really hit the ball. As far as the top of our lineup, with Brandon Schmall, Devin Rogers, myself and Sean Borman, we were just really spark plugs that year and made a huge difference because we were on base almost every game.

But the highlight would have been the championship game, taking down the Millers (Cobras 16, Minnetonka 8) and just how we did it. We went down 4-0 to start the game and came back in the bottom of the first inning. I hit a three-run home run and Sean hit a solo and we kind of never looked back after that. The other highlight was Nate Lutner, our closer, who hadn't really pitched that much all year and was typically a one-inning guy. He threw the last five innings of shutout baseball against the Millers to win it. He pitched amazing to end the game and he threw nothing but strikes. We were actually kind of short on pitching, I was saving my one guy that I had left—he was actually one of my really good pitchers—but I was saving him for game two in case there was a game two.

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Personally, I guess the thing for me is I've played in a lot of state tournaments and obviously the stakes go up but you know, the older you get the easier it is to focus. And the older you get the more you can anticipate what other guys are going to do. The good thing is a lot of the teams we faced and the guys that I faced, I had faced before. So you know a guy and you know what he's going to do and you get that ability to cheat a little bit where you're sitting on pitches, anticipating what they are going to throw. It helped a ton having Sean behind me too. My one goal is always just to get on base, because Sean is just such an unbelievable hitter. If you don't do whatever you can to just get on base, you're not doing what's best to make sure everyone's on base for Sean.

We had a good run, Sean and I are veterans, we had a lot of guys kind of step up, him and I hitting over .500 and I think we combined for like 17 RBI for the tournament, we were on fire. We played at a really high level. We were both kind of conditioned for that. I think we did it that year and did it the next year, but just fell a little bit short that year to the Millers.



- Mason Reinhart, Minneapolis Cobras, 2019
- Designated hitter
- Went 9 for 17 at the plate
- Batted .529 for the tournament
- Had nine RBI
- Hit two doubles and two home runs



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