

# Ryan Seifert

Shakopee

2009 MVP

Class B

**In his own words:** We won straight through. Chris Rupert started the first three games and I relieved the first three games. I saved all three and I started the fourth one and I think I got a no decision. But we won that one (Shakopee 4, Prior Lake 3). Then I started the championship game too. I was a draftee by Shakopee that year. I was playing with a new team but they also drafted Justin Johnson, our catcher, so I threw to JJ all year and he caught the whole tournament too. So that helped out to have my own catcher as well.

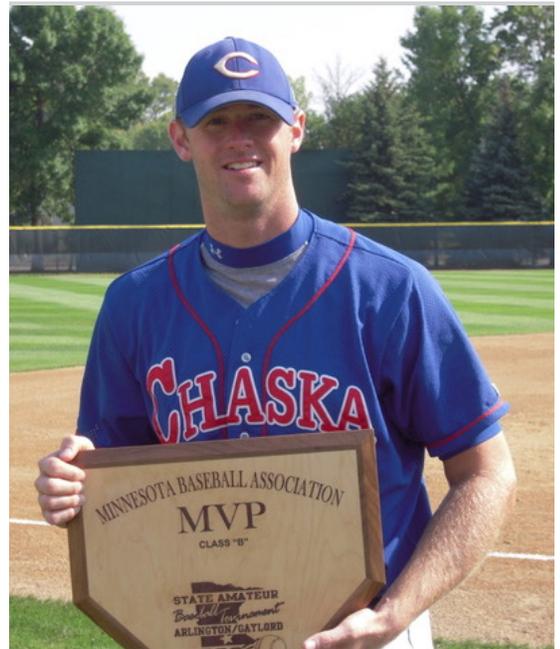
That team was fun. They hit the ball well, but they never hit the ball that well. But they had Rupert and he and I just kind of fed off each other—you know, going from a soft throwing lefty to a hard throwing right-hander. Once we got the lead, it was fun. I think all three saves were three-inning saves.

The Miesville game, I came in with the bases loaded and nobody out in the seventh inning and struck out the side to get out of it. It was one, two, three in their line-up. That was a huge inning in that tournament.

The Prior Lake game, the championship, was fun because it was Brad Keenan, our teammate from Chaska was drafted by Prior Lake and he started for them. So Brad and I pitched against each other and JJ was catching. There was a picture in the Chaska Herald after we won it—it showed me coming down the slope pitching, JJ was catching and Brad was hitting—all three Chaska Cubs in that championship game.

That whole tournament was just a blast. A great group of guys made a great run. They had an experienced team with Piechowski, Wasiloski, Olson and Branden Weigel. They were a fun group of guys. We battled with them every year in the section but to get to play with them and get to know them better, that was the highlight of the tournament. It was just fun. I still hang out with them sometimes.

That was one of my best baseball experiences and I played baseball a long time at almost every level! I was very fortunate to get the MVP because a number of players could have got it in that tournament.



- Ryan Seifert, Shakopee, 2009
- Pitcher
- Pitched 23 innings
- Credited with one win and three saves
- Allowed nine runs but held a 1.18 ERA
- Struck out 23
- Hit for a .333 batting average

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