

Tyler Steen

Raymond

2016 MVP

Class C

In his own words: The Sartell game was 15 innings. We threw Alex Lothammer who was our all-state pitcher for seven innings. Then Tyler Knott came in and threw five or six and Lothammer actually came back into that game. I hit a walkoff double in the 15th (Raymond 2, Sartell 1). Then we took a run through the Victory League (Raymond 10, Nisswa 2; Raymond 11, Lastrup 5; Raymond 5, Sobieski 4).

It's so wild thinking about the run we had. If you were to ask me what I remember about it, I just remember everyone having their best tournament. The other cool thing is that we only used a draftee pitcher the last four innings of the championship game. Otherwise we pitched our own staff every inning except for Austin Deutz (Milroy) closing out the last four innings against Sobieski. I think that is kind of special too.

Even Lastrup, we were down like four runs in the first inning. We threw John Plosky, who was a dude for us. He gave up a four or five spot in the first inning. We were kind of like—you know what, we'll just keep grinding and eventually we ended up with a decent inning too and we beat them 11-5. Chad Weiss pitched for them and that was wild, just to come back and beat them.

Against Sobieski, you know you face Tyler Jendro. I remember we scored a run early. I had a sacrifice fly. I couldn't even tell you what I did my other at bats. But I did hit a grand slam in the fifth inning or so. We went up five something after that and they came back and scored a couple runs an inning or two later. We had five hits and they had like 15. We had three errors and they had only one. We had a picture by the scoreboard and it was like nothing makes sense on that scoreboard. Especially when Raymond won. They had fewer errors, more hits, but we had a big four spot. That was huge. Jendro is so good. I don't even know what is so good about him, but you just leave a game and go like wow, I didn't even hit a ball solid and you don't know why, because he is just that good. I got a first pitch fastball and hit it to center.

It was unreal. Still to this day, some people win multiple championships but I don't know how a second one could outdo the first one, that's for sure! That was a special year.



- Tyler Steen, Raymond, 2016
- Catcher
- Hit .414 at the plate going 12 for 29
- Had two home runs, one triple and two doubles
- Drove in eight runs



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