

Luke Becker

Fairmont

2020 MVP

Class C

In his own words: I was supposed to be playing Independent ball in Chicago. Because of Covid that whole season got cancelled. So then I started playing with the Martins (Fairmont) amateur ball that summer. When a league came together down in the Kentucky area, that's where I went to school so I ended up there. I played about 50 games there that summer. My brother, Levi, who is the player/manager for the Martins, called me like a week before the state tournament started. If it wasn't for Levi, I wouldn't have come back. I did it for the team but my brother has invested a lot into my career so I had a big reason to come back. We had drawn Waconia and we knew that they were really good. They ended up being the best team that we played (Fairmont 2, Waconia 1).

It was alright, this might sound crazy, I was playing in Kentucky, but it would be nice if you could fly back here. I played the night before in Cincinnati, a seven o'clock game and then went to the airport flew out like seven am to Minneapolis. My dad picked me up at the airport and I changed in the car as we drove to Springfield, played that game and flew out the next morning to get back to Kentucky.

When we played Jordan, I showed up about two minutes before the National Anthem and then I lead off that game because we were the visitor. That was the craziest thing that I think I've ever done. I got a bloop hit right away that got things started (Fairmont 7, Jordan 5). That was really cool. Then I stayed that whole weekend and we ran with it.

I think I have a kind of unique story as far as playing in that tournament because I was flying in and out. My body took a toll because I got zero sleep and zero stretching which hurt my body. What was really awesome was that the guys that were on that team were from my high school. Guys from the area that my dad even coached when we were growing up. Both my brothers were on that team. It was just unbelievable because of the guys that we had.

In 2014, my senior year, we lost to St. Cloud Cathedral in the high school championship game at Target Field. So to get this state title in amateur ball was really cool. People don't know what amateur ball is up here. I played in the high school state tournament and I played in the SEC against Vanderbilt, Florida and Texas A & M. I played in the minor leagues and nothing really compares to amateur ball, especially the state tournament. Nothing compares to the people that care for Minnesota amateur ball. It's honestly crazy.



- Luke Becker, Fairmont, 2020
- Leftfielder
- Hit 11 for 20
- Batted .550 for the tournament
- Scored 10 runs



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