

# Nathan Hammes

Miesville

2017 MVP

Class B

**In his own words:** The first thing I remember is playing at Green Isle. I love playing at that field. It's kind of a weird thing as a baseball player, but when you like playing somewhere, and I really like playing there, it makes you feel so comfortable. The fans were great when we were there and they were having a good time. I think as baseball players that we sometimes overthink stuff and where you're playing in an environment that you enjoy I think that you don't think as much because you're just having a good time.

The individual games, I couldn't tell you hits or anything like that, but I guess that's kind of me as a catcher. I just take pride in catching a good game and if I can contribute offensively that's just a bonus. The guys on the team joked around with me that they thought Deryk Marks should have won it. To me that was kind of a slap in the face, but at the same time I don't think that a lot of the people understand that I won it because I caught every inning of the tournament and that I ended up hitting well, like I said was a bonus, but that job behind the plate is a very important job. To catch every single inning is something I took more pride in than hitting five whatever. It was super cool because it was kind of the recognition of a position that I always say you never see a headline in the paper saying Ryan Jeffers catches a complete game. It's Joe Ryan throws a complete game. They never mention the catcher.

To me it wasn't surprising because I don't think people understand the value of having someone behind the plate who puts down good fingers and does the job back there. It was kind of an interesting moment for me because I was so happy. At the same time, you know I had some teammates that were ribbing me, so I was just happy that we won the state tournament.



- Nathan Hammes, Miesville, 2017
- Catcher
- Went 15 for 27 at the plate
- Batted .556 for the tournament
- Had seven RBI



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