

Tyler Jendro

Sobieski

2014 MVP

Class C

In his own words: In 2012, we lost Maple Lake who ended up winning the state championship. In 2013, we lost to Sartell who also won the state championship. So we all kind of thought, hey, it's possible to win a state championship. We barely lost to both clubs and we ended up thinking that we had the squad that could do it. We just needed to get a couple more clutch hits.

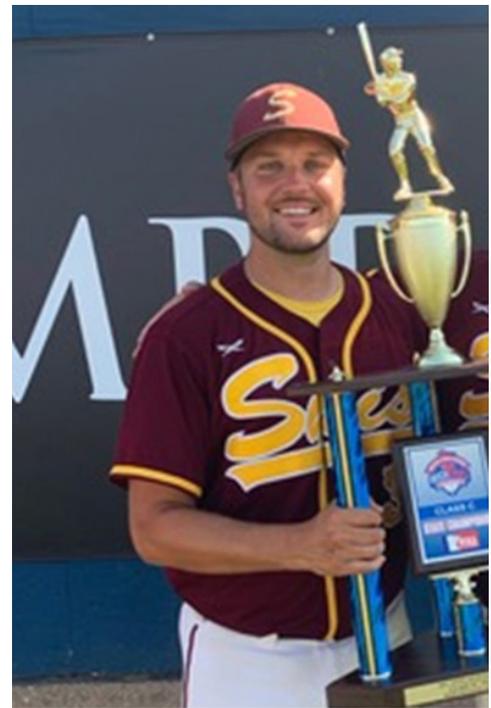
As far as the state tournament goes, Brad Czech was always good about just taking it one game at a time. Against Hanska, I believe we had a long rain delay. It was a night game so that game started late. We didn't hit very well and they didn't either so we beat them 2-0.

The Maple Lake game was a big game. That was down in Jordan and that was crowded down there. They brought three or four fan buses there and they were a great crowd. They were loud. I was warming up down the left field line and they were just chirping at me before the game. Maple Lake was unreal that year. We put down a bunch of bunts and their third baseman had three or four errors. I ended up pitching well that game and we did just enough offensively to win it (Sobieski 3, Maple Lake 1).

The New Market game sticks out because I threw a no-hitter that game. Thankfully, I threw the no-hitter so that obviously stands out because I had never done that before (Sobieski 4, New Market 0). So it was awesome to do that in the state tournament.

Fergus Falls, our draftee threw. That game ended up going 11 innings and it could have gone either way (Sobieski 4, Fergus Falls 1). Then in the championship, I pitched seven or eight innings the game before. We got rained out the night before so we had to get to the field early to finish that. I finished that game and we beat Faribault 2-1. So Brad is like well, what do you think for the championship game? I'm like, well, I don't know, my arm feels pretty good, getting a little tired but let's just take it inning by inning and see how long I can go. I just kept getting guys out and they didn't score so I just said, well I'll go another inning. Next thing you know I threw a shutout there (Sobieski 2, New Ulm 0).

I actually had I think three game winning RBIs as well. My brother, Cole, was on the team and a good friend of mine, Andrew Gurbada, was on the team and we played for Royalton for a few years before we came over to Sobieski in 2012. In the championship game, I was up to bat and I can't recall how I got on. My brother came in to run for me to give my legs a break for pitching. Somehow he got over to third base. Then Andrew came up and got the sac fly to left to score my brother. So we combined to get the winning run for that state championship game so it was pretty cool.



- Tyler Jendro, Sobieski, 2014
- Pitcher
- Pitched 41.2 innings (new tournament record)
- Won six games (new tournament record)
- Stuck out 44
- Allowed only one run for a 0.21 ERA



I heard they had a ton of home runs and they just crushed the ball so I thought it was going to be a tough game. Thankfully, I threw the no-hitter so that obviously stands out.”

