

# Kyle Johnson

Isanti

2011 MVP

Class C

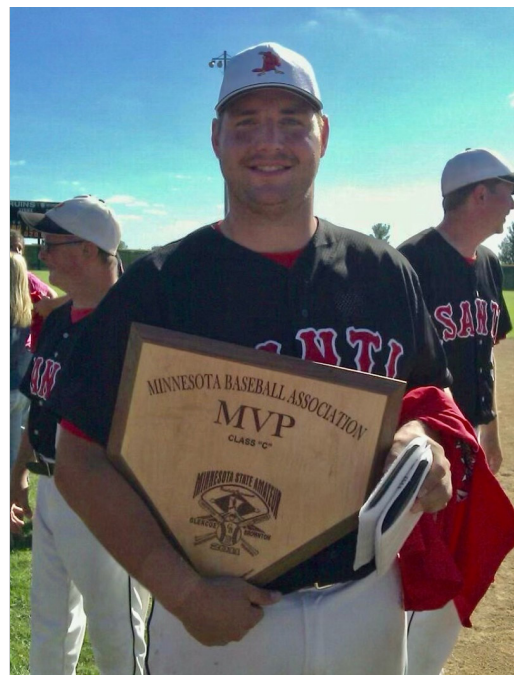
**In his own words:** We were both undefeated going into the winner's final against Waconia (Isanti 11, Waconia 5). Waconia beat the Mankato Mets 10-0 and then we played them again. I remember that we had this group of guys, playing in Isanti, I played there since I was 15, so that would have been like 2002, so I had been with these guys like nine or ten years at this point. A lot of them played college ball, but I remember we were clicking so well that we could—you know we had the right combination of starting pitchers and a couple of relievers in the draft. We were pretty confident that we could go into any game and score some runs and keep other people at bay. So that was kind of the feeling I remember more than anything. Yeah, I was behind the dish and I hit four, but one to nine we were super tough and we thought we could beat anybody.

We faced Sacred Heart and Jeremy Hendricks in our second game. I went to school with his younger brother, Jeff, so I knew of him a little bit. He graduated from Concordia the year before I got there. But I knew he was tough. So I was prepping the guys that he would come out and battle us tough. We were tied 1-1 most of the game and I can't remember if there was an error or a bloop or something like that, but we sent our guy from second when we shouldn't have and the guy in the outfield threw it to the backstop. That one ended 2-1 in ten innings.

Then Miltona had a lot of guys from Alexandria that also went to Concordia so I knew a few of those guys. I was sitting behind the dish chatting with them (Isanti 4, Miltona 2).

Then in the championship game, Waconia threw Chris Bullis, a St. Thomas guy. He was also from the MIAC. I knew that he was going to be tough. So that game was a lot tougher than the first game against them. We knew that we were close but we had to finish strong. We had been I don't know how many pitchers deep at that point. We had a draftee start for us and then one of our older veteran guys came in in the middle and another draftee closed it (Isanti 4, Waconia 3, 13 innings).

We would play, and then we would hang out in the parking lot. The state tournament was always a super time. I always told the guys, "You got to get back to the state tournament, because that's the only goal." It's a really good time.



- Kyle Johnson, Isanti, 2011
- Catcher
- Hit 9 for 24, for a .375 batting average
- Hit one home run, one double and drove in eight RBI
- Had an on-base percentage of .467 for the tournament
- Scored two runs

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