

Tyler Jones

Dundas

2015 MVP

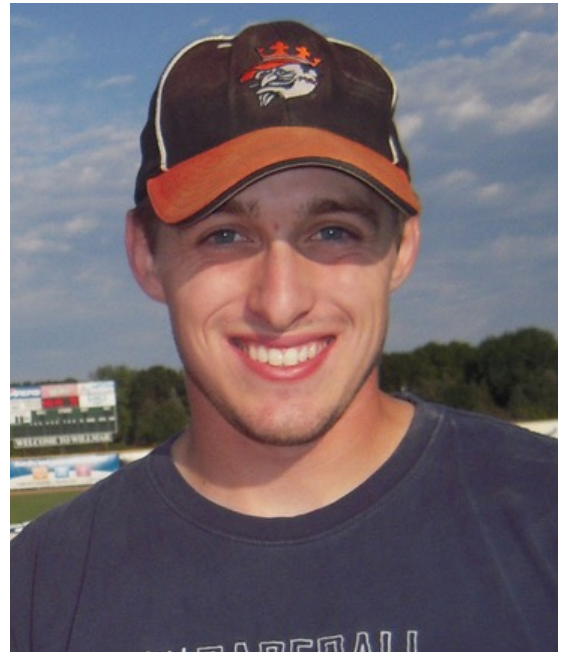
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In his own words: I remember going into the state tournament, we were rolling. I think we had just beat Elko and we beat them pretty good. We were feeling good. We put together some decent wins coming down and heading into the state tournament. Against St. Michael, they thumped us pretty good to start. The final score was 10-6, but we were down 6-3 in the top of the ninth. I remember I was hitting behind Steve Loos and that was supposed to be Steve's last year. He said, "All right, this is it, let's go" and he walked to start the inning. Then I reached on an error or something like that and then it was like single, single, error and all of a sudden tied up. Then Todd Mathison hits a three-run homer to left field and all of a sudden we're up 10-6 and they are dead in the bottom of the ninth. That was probably the biggest memory from that tournament. It was the first game and you felt like, there is no way it can end this quick with how we were playing up to that point. You just felt like something was going to happen—it just can't end this quick and thankfully it didn't.

Then we played Cold Spring. That was one we were supposed to lose because they were the hot team at the time. Femrite was probably pitching and they were the number one team all year. We had Gausman on the mound and it was just one of those things—we'll see what happens. Gausman kept us in it for five or six innings and we hung around enough and every time they got one, we got one. There were a couple of plays they didn't make and we were able to capitalize on it. Charlie Ruud came in and shut them down the last couple of innings and all of a sudden we won that game 4-3. All of a sudden this was real! We're in the driver's seat now.

Then Charlie Ruud pitched a complete game shutout (Dundas 4, Chaska 0). They didn't do anything offensively. Charlie just shoving it to them. A good pitching game. We played Moorhead on Friday night with Noah Luedtke on the mound. I think he threw 150 pitches and grinded it out. Moorhead has always been a solid team—they put together good at bats and their pitching is always decent. He grinded through it, a gutsy complete game job. It was a bit of a nail biter (Dundas 5, Moorhead 4).

On Monday, that was just—it felt like a game from 2009 with Matt Neuger pitching. Just like a normal Dukes' Sunday game. Neuger's throwing strikes, I think we had five or six by the third inning and we just put it on cruise control. Neuger threw a complete game, too (Dundas 8, Moorhead 2). He threw strikes, kept guys off balance and we got a bunch right away. Then we made a pile on the mound and it was sweet.



- Tyler Jones, Dundas, 2015
- Leftfielder
- Batted .571, going 12 for 21
- Cracked two doubles and one triple
- Had five RBI



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