

Brad Keenan

Glyndon

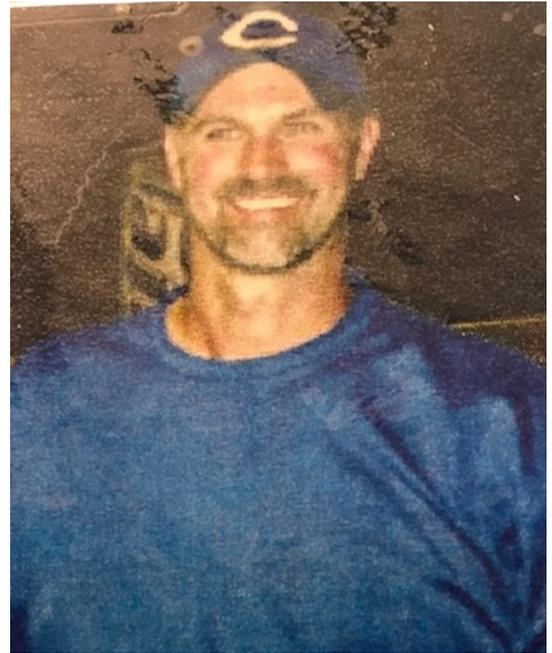
1995 MVP

Class C

In his own words: That was my first year back from pro ball. Glyndon is a little town just east of Moorhead where I grew up and went to college. So I was playing with a lot of my teammates that I grew up with. I remember that summer being fun just to go to the diamond again and play ball. It kind of gave me a new outlook on baseball, a little bit. I just remember that state tournament, like nobody knows who Glyndon is. I remember the Flensburg game because they had Jason Dobis pitching. He was a big gopher recruit and he pitched for Team USA. We played pretty well (Glyndon 13, Flensburg 3). Our lineup was good and we had Chris Coste who was on that team and then he signed with the Northern League so he didn't play the last month of the year and he didn't get to play in the state tournament.

You know I played ball for a long time and that might have been the best team I've played on. The game we played Sauk Rapids and lost in extra innings. That was the game to go to the championship game. We had a lot of chances that game. I think they had bases loaded and a close play at the plate and we lost 9-8. Then after beating Sleepy Eye 9-8 and Bluffton 5-3 we played Sauk Rapids again. That first championship game I remember I threw a lot that weekend. Warming up I didn't feel like I had a whole lot but I was able to locate and spot and we were able to get a win (Glyndon 18, Sauk Rapids 0). I thought about starting that second game too but figured I better not chance getting hurt. I ended up throwing 19 or 20 innings that last weekend. Scott Hille pitched really well and we had a hard time hitting him with his slider (Sauk Rapids 9, Glyndon 0).

It was a great weekend. That was really my first state tournament I ever played in so it was a lot of fun. I remember playing in that tournament thinking of how many good ballplayers there are that I had never even heard of before. I played amateur ball from 1995 to 2010 and that was amazing with the amount of really good ball players in the state of Minnesota. You play long enough and you think you hear about all these guys and that tournament kind of opened my eyes to how good the baseball is around here.



- Brad Keenan, Glyndon, 1995
- Pitcher
- Won five games, pitching 30 innings
- Allowed eight earned runs for a 2.40 ERA
- Gave up 15 hits while striking out 39
- Went 11 for 33 at the plate for a .333 batting average
- Had nine RBI and three home runs



You play long enough and you think you hear about all these guys and that tournament kind of opened my eyes to how good the baseball is around here."

