

Joe Lucas

Jordan

2019 MVP

Class C

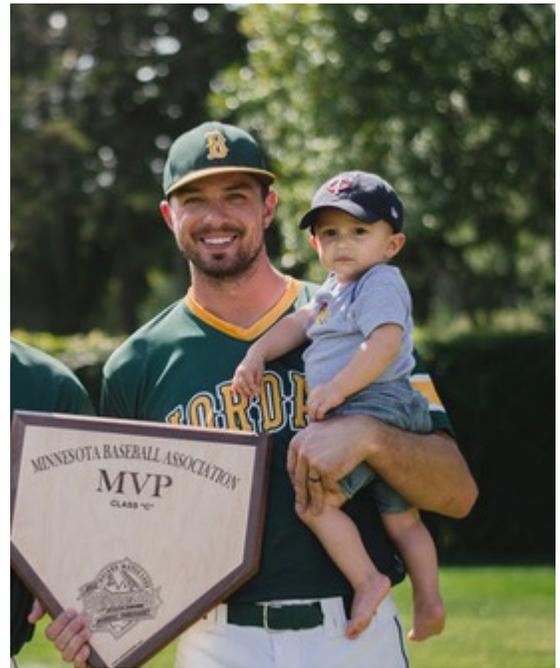


In his own words: From a personal standpoint, I remember that I didn't hit the ball very well. As a team, I think it is what we have always done as Jordan Brewers. We don't necessarily out-hit anybody, we just have a good group of guys that understand the game really well. They know what it takes to get the job done. If you look back at the scores, most of them were really close games. The first game against Bird Island, it was 10-4, but their starting pitcher had a problem throwing strikes. He was very talented just had some jitters. The score doesn't indicate what the score could have been.

I really remember the Buckman game. That was a grinder. That was one of the most fun games I've ever been part of. They are an upcoming team, they are very young, they are very talented. I still pitch, but usually only one or two innings a game. I'm kind of a situation guy but that game I think I threw five or six innings to close that game out. We started a draftee that game from Henderson. Buckman had six or seven lefties so we thought we could get by with starting a lefty. They hit him around and he had a hard time throwing strikes, so I came in a little sooner than expected. I went the fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth innings of scoreless ball. I only gave up a few hits and struck out quite a few. That was just a high atmosphere being the semi-final game (Jordan 4, Buckman 3). I've been to the semi-finals three times in my career and finally we did it—made it to the championship game.

The championship game. Hutchinson was clearly out of pitchers and we still had a draftee. Throughout my years in Jordan we have never pitched many draftees. We've always been fortunate to have enough arms—we got there with our own arms and do our best to get through the tournament with our own arms. But we had Garrett Anderson sitting there. He is very good, from Blue Earth. He pitched a complete game for us in the state championship. A big farm kid—awesome guy—he's such a good person. We had faced him in the past, he throws really hard. He tends to have some control issues at times but he showed up when it mattered the most and we played really good defense behind him. Hutchinson scored one run in the first inning and then it went scoreless until the middle of the game when we tied it 1-1. In the fifth or sixth we tacked on three and won 4-2.

I pitched very well and I ran the bases very well in the tournament. I think I had eight stolen bases in the tournament. I took advantage of some walks and errors. I used my legs to help our team and get us where we needed to be. It was a lot of fun.



- Joe Lucas, Jordan, 2019
- Pitcher/Infielder/Outfielder
- Went 5 for 21 for a .238 batting average
- Pitched 10.1 innings with 13 strikeouts
- Won two games; saved one game
- Had a 0.87 ERA for the tournament



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