

# Marv Menken

Prior Lake 1975 MVP



**In his own words:** I was on a roll (15 for 19 batting .789 with 12 rbi). To be honest, I don't remember a lot of the details about any of the games or anything. I couldn't tell you who we played for example. Some of the highlights that I remember is I got to shake Hubert Humphrey's hand. To me that was nice, but for my dad, he went crazy. He was a very avid Hubert Humphrey backer. He was a country guy and to have his son shake hands with his political idol was the epitome for him. He just loved it.

What I do remember, we had a play-in section thing at Parade Stadium. We played West St. Paul and we actually lost that game and we went into the tournament as the number two seed. But at that same time the whole team was starting to get on a roll. We played out of our heads the whole tournament. My hitting was just one of those things, you get in a groove, see the ball really well and just stroking it. I never replicated it, though.

I played college ball at the U for Dick Siebert in 1968 and '69. Back then it was just one level and every team was in it. We won it in 75 and 76 and after that they changed the format. Prior Lake was close enough to Bloomington and a lot of the ex-gophers lived in Bloomington so they came out and played in Prior Lake. That kind of got us in trouble. Steve Schneider was our manager and he organized every thing. He was one of those guys, he actually played pro ball for a while, but he had really banged up knees, he could hardly run. He took on the role as manager.

The guy that I spent a little time with was Joe Driscoll. He was a talker. He was a smooth talker. He was kind of the team clown and he played centerfield and pitched for us, he was quite a guy! I think he was actually a better basketball player. We used to go to the state fair and those places where you shoot the hoops, he'd win all kinds of prizes. He was uncanny.



- Marv Menken, Prior Lake, 1975
- Catcher
- Handled 38 chances without an error
- Went 15 for 19 for a .789 batting average
- Credited with 12 RBI



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