

# Jim Meyer

Minneapolis Angels

1991 MVP

Class A

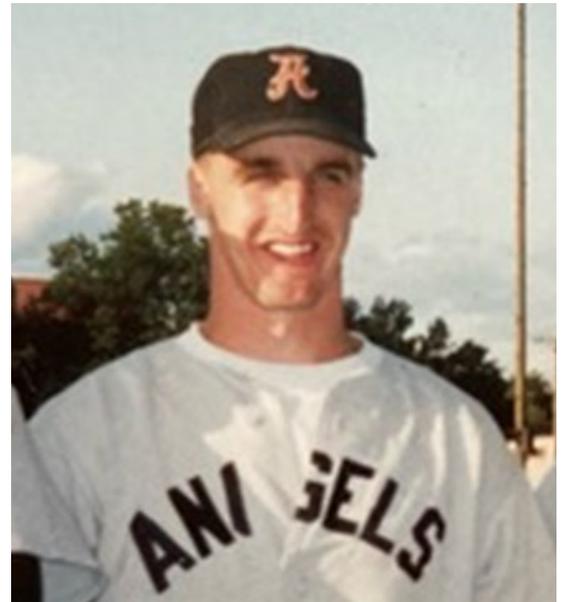
**In his own words:** My brother, Greg, thought he should have won the MVP that year. He pitched two of those games and I think he pitched all 13 innings of that first game against St. Louis Park (Angels 2, St. Louis Park 1). So he gave up like three runs in 20 innings. I think he pitched the first game on each weekend.

What I do remember about that year is that all year we carried like 11 guys on the team. We had 11 guys that always came. So we would mix it up and everybody would play. When we got to the state tournament, my brother Greg, he never batted, he just was always DHed for, so we got 10 guys in the game and the eleventh guy sat the first two games of the first weekend. So the second weekend he quit! So we showed up for the championship weekend, played two games with ten guys and one game we had everybody in the line-up. Fortunately we didn't have any Byron Buxtons that got injured and we got through it. We also had to keep our mouths shut.

I was the catcher. What I do remember is I had several hits to the right-center gap and if you remember Tim Kimmel, I remember after I hit two out there he was so pissed at their right fielder that he was yelling—"He's got a slow bat, where are you playing—you've got to shade him that way." He was a piece of work, that guy.

The Angels were always slightly better than average in our five or six years in existence before that and then we kind of had a roster turnover and picked up four or five good bats and that made all the difference in the world, because we always had the pitching. We had always come close but not enough bats.

In 1992, we won it again. We played St. Louis Park in the championship game and they beat us the first game. We had picked up my brother, Buck. He had retired from playing for Miesville for years and he was mostly a catcher but for us he played third base and pitched on rare occasions. So after the first game my brother Greg got ripped by St. Louis Park losing 20-9. My brother Buck pitched the second game and shut them out 23-0. Of course, we've heard that over the dinner table a few times. That was a different year, lots of bats.



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