

# Scott Nelson

Dundas

1988 MVP

Class B

**In his own words:** I think first and foremost just winning the tournament again (previously, Dundas had won the 1982 tournament). Just making all-tournament, the other tournaments that I had played in I hadn't even made the all-tournament team and being named MVP was obviously pretty special. That entire year for me was my best hitting year, it wasn't just a good state tournament.

Batting second in the lineup the whole year was beneficial. Batting behind Tom Graupmann, who was always on base and in front of Pete Maus, Lew Olson and Jay Olson, I saw a lot of fastballs. That definitely helped build the confidence. That was a pretty incredible lineup.

But looking at those games, the first game against West Duluth (Dundas 12, West Duluth 5) I remember hitting one incredibly hard right past the pitcher's ear and I knew at that time I was kind of locked in and was seeing the ball extremely well.

Against Miesville, we got down 6-0 and Dick Grass hit a three-run home run to bring it to 6-3 and I hit a late home run to tie it. In the 10th inning, we came up with the score tied and I remember Tom Graupmann led off. I was next and the thought that went through my mind is there is no way I'm bunting if Grauppy gets on first. So in the back of my mind I'm thinking get a double and what did he do? He got a double. We had a little pow-wow and I looked the coaches in the eye and said, "I'm not bunting." Lew looked at me and said, "Of course not, you're swinging the bat well." Barney Bartholomew was pitching for Miesville. He was throwing slow sliders and I timed one and hit it out to win the game. That was a huge thing, not only to win the game but to knock Miesville out of the tournament.

I had a few hits against Jordan in the semi-finals, but the thing I really remember in that game was the brawl. There was a play at the plate and then Hentges grabbed Grauppy (Tim) and the melee was on. I remember trying to pull people off of the pile that developed at the pitcher's mound. Somebody tackled Pete Maus and Pete didn't want to fight anyone and told the guy to take it easy. Then the guy looked at Pete and said, "Sorry, it's my first brawl".

It was good to beat them and to have them come back and face us in the final again, I think all the Dukes wanted to see that again. The big thing in the finals was that Jim Fuchs, Lew Olson, Bill Nelson and I were the only ones still left from the 1982 Championship. Jim managed the team to a win and the other three of us hit a home run in the championship. That was pretty cool. What I'll always remember.



- Scott Nelson, Dundas, 1988
- Second baseman
- Handled 12 chances without an error
- Hit 9 for 19, for a .474 batting average
- Knocked out 4 home runs
- Had 10 RBI

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