

Jeremiah Piepkorn

Sauk Rapids

2011 MVP

Class B

In his own words: We had some tight games. That Mankato game, I know we went extra innings (Sauk Rapids 8, Mankato 7, 12 innings). Mankato went up then we'd come back and tie it and then they went up and we came back and tied it. Then, Jason Hoppe hit a bases-clearing, two-out triple. I think he only pitched for Mankato State, but he was pretty good little hitter, too. He hit a bases-loaded, two-out, full-count and they had their guy dive down the left field line and he just barely missed it. Then I hit a flare over Jay Nessler's head at second base to win it. That was the difference in that tournament. If he doesn't get that hit we don't win that tournament. Mankato does.

Nick Anderson (now with the Tampa Bay Rays) was pitching for Sauk Rapids that night against Mankato. Nick, in like the seventh, says, "I'm done." I'm like bull sh*t you are! So he ended up pitching ten that night. Nick and I used to ride together to our games. We were both living in Brainerd at the time.

Burnsville threw a righty against us who wasn't horribly strong, but still good. We threw Hille that game. Hille was really tough that day (Sauk Rapids 12, Burnsville 1). That whole tournament we had great pitching. And we had some timely hits. I had an error, I threw one in our dugout our last game and it was their only run. I was coming up to bat and I told the guys that that's my bad we'll get that back right now. I hit a home run to centerfield to get rid of that error. I also hit a walk-off grand slam.

I won the MVP that year, and I did have a good tournament, but the only reason I had that good of a tournament was because of how good our team really was. We had so many good players, it made everybody else better.

We were so loaded that year—we had guys that normally pitch for us never even see an inning. We were that loaded. In 2010, I was playing for the Red Hawks. Then I retired and went to Sauk Rapids.

I had my son, Bodie, that went with me. He was a year-and-a-half or two years old. I'd bring him to the games with a cooler full of snacks and he'd sit on the bench when we were playing. John Whipler or another player would sit next to him while I would go play the field. We didn't get to a lot of games that year because I had Bodie who was just tiny. It was a fun year though. Honestly, I didn't play a ton of games but that was one of the funnest teams that I played for because we were so good.

We didn't give up a run until the tenth game of the year. Somebody hit a solo home run off of Nick Anderson that year and it was the first run we gave up. It was all Sauk Rapids and local kids, even cooler.



- Jeremiah Piepkorn, Sauk Rapids, 2011
- Shorstop
- Hit 9 for 19, for a .474 batting average
- Smashed three home runs and two doubles
- Had a slugging percentage of 1.053
- Drove in eight RBI
- Scored five runs



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