

# Steve Sagedahl

J. Botten

1988 MVP

Class A



**In his own words:** I was fortunate enough to play with the J. Botten Team in 1988, what a classic year. Seeing Botten come to games on his motorcycle with bats sticking out of the side bags was a sight to see.

Botten himself was an old timer who would complain with passion about rainouts that were not going to be rescheduled. Players lose at least 4 at bats a game x say 8 lost games per year = 32 lost at bats per season x say 10 seasons = 320 at bats, on and on.

About that tournament, it was double elimination and I just remember pitching a lot of innings. After pitching a complete game Saturday to get us into the championship game undefeated, we lost the first game Sunday. So out I went again. I approached it like I was trying to throw bad batting practice mostly side arm. Then we were at the old Midway stadium with locker rooms, so I could stay warm and rested by lying on the locker room floor.

I started playing with Minneapolis Lakonis in the 70s and 80s whose schedule took us to many towns around the state. It wasn't just about the games, but the players who would stay in the parking lots after the games telling stories before going home.



- Steve Sagedahl, J. Botten, 1988
- Pitcher
- Won two games
- Pitched 18 innings
- Allowed two earned runs on eight hits
- Struck out 20
- Achieved a 1.00 ERA for the tournament



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