

## **THE OUTSTANDING AND MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS IN THE STATE TOURNAMENT**

The Most Valuable Player in the State Tournament was officially awarded in the 1937 tournament called the Governor's Cup. The state Governor usually was on hand to present the award. In previous state tournaments from 1924 to 1936 an outstanding player was awarded being selected by the news media and baseball scouts attending the tournament.

- 1924** – George (Lefty) Boche — St. Paul Armours — Won 3 games for his team pitching 27 innings allowing only 2 earn runs on 12 hits while striking out 29.
- 1925** – Ade Stemig — White Bear Lake — Won 2 games pitching 18 innings allowing no runs, 8 hits while striking out 26.
- 1926** – George (Lefty) Boche — -St. Paul Armours — Won 2 games allowing no runs, 5 hits while striking out 16.
- 1927** – Rube Chell — Mora — Won 2 games and saved the championship game. He pitched 14 innings allowing 1 earn run on 16 hits while striking out 16.
- 1928** – George (Lefty) Boche — Mankato — Won 2 games pitching 18 innings, allowing 1 earn run on 17 hits while striking out 13.
- 1929** – Gil Aase — Albert Lea — Won 2 games pitching 20 innings allowing 1 earn run on 12 hits while striking out 12.
- 1930** – S Weirck — St. Paul Polish National — Played second base handling 15 chances error free and made many timely fielding plays. He hit 9 for 18 for a .500 batting average.
- 1931** – Franny Hall — Maple Lake — Played shortstop handling 25 chances without an error and hit 10 for 19 for a .526 batting average.
- 1932** – Leslie Lieverman — Chaska — Played right field and catcher. He hit 10 for 21 for a .476 batting average with 3 triples and 10 RBI's.
- 1933** – Harold Solomonson — St. Peter — Was a catcher handling 21 chances without an error and hit 6 for 13 for a .462 batting average.
- 1934** – Marvin Denzer — Willmar — Won 3 games and saved 1 game pitching 28 innings allowing 4 earn runs on 16 hits while striking out 18.
- 1935** – Max Molock — Red Wing — Played shortstop and pitched. He hit 8 for 17 for a .471 batting average. He pitched and won 1 game going 9 innings allowing 12 hits, 3 earn runs while striking out 5.
- 1936** – Fred Ludke — Windom — He pitched and played the outfield. He won 2 games pitching 18 innings allowing no earn runs on 8 hits while striking out 21.
- 1937** – John Hulet — Austin — Played third base handling 12 chances without an error and hitting 7 for 15 for a .467 average.
- 1938** – William Guse — Owatonna — Played lefffield handling 8 chances without an error while

hitting 6 for 15 for a .400 batting average.

- 1939** – Howard Pennertz — Maple Lake — Played shortstop handling 18 chances without an error and made many timely fielding plays for Maple Lake along with a game winning home run. He was 3 for 11 for a .272 batting average.
- 1940** – John Menke — Albert Lea — Catcher was 8 for 20 for a .400 batting average.  
Francis Boll — Shakopee — Played third base handling 11 chances without error hitting 8 for 15 for a .533 batting average.
- 1941** – Henry Nicklasson — New Ulm — Played shortstop handling 14 chances without error, hitting 7 for 14 for a .500 batting average.
- 1942** – Sebastian (Bassie) Wagner — Fairfax — Played centerfield hit 6 for 12 for a .500 batting average.
- 1943** – Walt Mernich — Nowthen — Played second base handling 9 chances without error, hitting 13 for 22 for a .591 batting average.
- 1944** – Jimmy Delmont — Albert Lea — Played second base handling 14 chances without error, hitting 13 for 23 for a .565 batting average.
- 1945** – Al Litfin — Excelsior — Played first base handling 44 chances without error, hitting 8 for 19 for a .421 with 3 home runs.
- 1946** – Walt Menke — Albert Lea — Played outfield hitting 9 for 16 for a .563 batting average with 3 home runs and 14 RBI's.
- 1947** – Gread (Lefty) McKinnis — Rochester — Won 3 games losing 1. The championship game that he lost he struck out 16 men. He pitched 23 2/3 innings allowing 5 earn runs on 9 hits while striking out 39.
- 1948** – Maurice (Spike) Gorham — Albert Lea — Catcher handling 56 chances without error, hitting 8 for 15 for a .533 batting average.
- 1949** – Rollie Seltz — Excelsior — Played second base handling 27 chances without error, hitting 9 for 14 for a .643 batting average.
- 1950** – Ed Piacentini — Fergus Falls — Played third base handling 20 chances without error, hitting 10 for 15 for a .667 batting average.
- 1951** – Dave Spencer — Soderville — Won 2 games, both shut outs with one of them being a no-hitter against Pengilly. He pitched 16 innings allowing no runs on one hit while striking out 20.
- 1952** – Art Grangaard — Willmar — Played third base handling 12 chances without error, hitting 5 for 12 for a .417 average. Art was also team manager.
- 1953** – Rich Weigel — Delavan — Won 2 games and saved the championship game pitching 20 innings allowing 10 hits, 2 earn runs while striking out 14.

- 1954** – Charles Bosacker — Benson — Played shortstop handling 24 chances without error, hitting 12 for 22 for a .545 batting average.
- 1955** – Jack Hoppe — Cold Spring — Won 3 games pitching 27 innings allowing one earn run on 8 hits while striking out 35.
- 1956** – Don Woerner — Little Falls — Won 2 games saved 1 pitching 17 innings allowing no runs on 7 hits while striking out 14.
- 1957** – Vern Edmunds — Waseca — Won 3 games pitching 27 innings allowing 5 earn runs on 13 hits while striking out 40.
- 1958** – Jim Lawler — Austin — Won 3 games losing 1 pitching 36 innings allowing 8 earn runs on 17 hits while striking out 29.
- 1959** – Fulton Weckman — Shakopee — Won 3 games losing 1 pitching 26 innings allowing 4 earn runs on 14 hits while striking out 34.
- 1960** – Wayne Tjaden — Bloomington — Won 3 games pitching 23 innings allowing 4 earn runs on 18 hits while striking out 20.
- 1961** – Richie Allen — Twin City Federal — Won 4 games pitching 28 innings allowing 3 earn runs on 17 hits while striking out 22.
- 1962** – Robert Fenske — Little Falls — Won 3 games pitching 25 innings allowing 5 earn runs on 14 hits while striking out 21.
- 1963** – Chuck Gageby — Pipestone — Won 3 games pitching 25 innings allowing 1 earn run on 7 hits while striking out 38.
- 1964** – Gordy Bauer — Caledonia — Won 4 games pitching 26 innings allowing 2 earn runs on 12 hits while striking out 34.
- 1965** – Dick Southard — Rogers — Played the outfield handling 7 chances without error, hitting 10 for 19 for a .526 batting average with 4 home runs and 9 RBI's.
- 1966** – Al Stigman — Perham — Won 2 games and saved 2 games, pitching 20 2/3 innings allowing 2 earn runs on 9 hits while striking out 32.
- 1967** – Jim Stoll — Arlington — Won 3 games pitching 27 innings allowing 3 earn runs on 12 hits while striking out 26. Jim was 10 for 17 for a .588 batting average with 4 home runs.
- 1968** – Joe Harmala — Dassel-Cokato — Played second base and pitched. Won 2 games pitching 17 innings allowing 2 earn runs on 10 hits while striking out 15. Joe was 10 for 23 for a .435 batting average.
- 1969** – Jim Stoll — Arlington — Outfielder and pitcher. Jim won one game pitching and hit 10 for 20 for a .500 batting average.

- 1970** – Bill Huls — Cold Spring — Won 3 games pitching 26.1 innings allowing 9 earn runs on 18 hits while striking out 37.
- 1971** – Bob Mielke — Chaska — Won 2 games and saved 1 game pitching 22 innings allowing 3 earn runs on 10 hits while striking out 16.
- 1972** – Jerry Wickman — Columbia Heights — Pitched and played center field.  
Won 3 games pitching 22 innings allowing 3 earn runs on four hits while striking out 41.  
He hit 7 for 16 for a .438 batting average.
- 1973** – Don Nierengarten — Cold Spring — Won 3 games pitching 23 innings allowing 1 earn run on 7 hits while striking out 17.
- 1974** – Bob Turnball — Red Wing — won 2 games pitching 18 innings allowing 2 earn runs on 9 hits while striking out 24. Bob was 7 for 20 for a .350 average.
- 1975** – Marv Menken — Prior Lake — catcher handling 38 chances without error hitting 15 for 19 for a .789 batting average with 12 RBI's.
- 1976** – Bob Kelly — Prior Lake — Played shortstop handling 21 chances without error hitting 9 for 19 for a .470 batting average and a .520 on base average.
- 1977** – Steve Donahue — Bemidji — Played four different positions handling 24 chances without error, hitting 10 for 19 for a .526 batting average.
- 1978** – Dan Carey — Miesville — Played first base handling 43 chances without error, hitting 10 for 24 for a .418 batting average.
- 1979** – Joe Driscoll — Arlington — Pitcher and Outfield. Won 2 games pitching 16 innings allowing 4 earns on 11 hits while striking out 19. Joe went 8 for 24 for a .333 batting average.
- 1980** – Terry Steinbach — New Ulm — Played first base handling 32 chances without error, hitting 9 for 18 for a .500 batting average and 10 RBI's.
- 1981** – Tom Arnold — Cold Spring — Won 3 games pitching 30 innings allowing 7 earn runs on 18 hits while striking out 24.
- 1982** – Lew Olson — Dundas — Pitcher, Outfield. Won 2 games and saved 1 pitching 17 innings allowing 6 earn runs on 9 hits, while hitting 8 for 16 for a .500 batting average with 3 home runs and 8 RBI's.
- 1983** – Jim Eisenreich — St. Cloud — -Played centerfield handling 21 putouts without error, hitting 7 for 23 for a .304 average with 3 home runs and 11 RBI's.
- 1984** – Greg Odegaard — Arlington — Outfielder and Pitcher. Won 2 games and saved 2 games pitching 23 innings allowing no runs, 3 hits while striking out 5. Greg hit 11 for 21 for a .524 batting average with 7 RBI's.
- 1985** – Greg Odegaard — Arlington — Outfielder and Pitcher. Won 2 games pitching 16 innings allowing no runs on 6 hits while striking out 10. Greg hit 8 for 21 for a .381 batting

average.

**1986 – A—** Randy Moselle— Columbia Heights — Won 2 games and saved 1 game pitching 20 innings allowing no runs on 10 hits while striking out 15.

**B—** Matt Butala — Cold Spring — Played first base handling 60 chances without error hitting 9 for 20 for a .450 batting average.

**C—** Ron Beckman— -Jordan — Played second base handling 23 chances without error hitting 12 for 19 for a .632 batting average with 13 RBI's.

**1987 – A—** No Selection

**B—** Rod Schafer — Hamel — Catcher handled 39 chances without error hitting 10 for 22 for a .455 batting average.

**C—** Tom Schleper — Chaska — Catcher handled 41 chances without error hitting 10 for 23 for a .435 batting average.

**1988 – A—** Steve Sagedahl — J. Botten — Won 2 games pitching 18 innings allowing 2 earn runs on 8 hits while striking out 20.

**B—** Scott Nelson — Dundas — Played second base handling 12 chances without error hitting 9 for 19 for a .474 batting average with 4 home runs and 10 RBI's.

**C—** Dave Ditty — Delano — Played shortstop handling 27 chances without error hitting 9 for 23 for a .391 batting average.

**1989 – A—** Randy Moselle — Columbia Heights — Won 2 games pitching 18 innings allowing 2 earn runs on 8 hits while striking out 21.

**B—** Jay Johnson — Miesville — Infielder handled 35 chances without error hitting 12 for 28 for a .429 batting average.

**C—** Steve Selk — Morris — Won 3 games and saved 1 game pitching 30 innings allowing 9 earn runs on 18 hits while striking out 36.

**1990 – A—** Mark Crandall — Conquest Rooster — Infielder hitting 11 for 20 for a .550 batting average with 2 home runs and 7 RBI's.

**B—** Mike Hartmann — Red Wing — Infielder handling 43 chances without error hitting 8 for 22 for a .364 batting average.

**C—** Ray Santelli — Bovey — Pitcher and outfielder hitting 12 for 21 for a .571 batting average with 3 home runs and 7 RBI's. He pitched 13 innings allowing 2 earn runs while striking out 16.

**1991 – A—** Jim Meyer — Mpls. Angels

**B—** Bill Cutshall — Rochester — Pitcher and outfielder hitting 8 for 21 for a .381 batting average and winning 3 games pitching 25 innings allowing 6 earn runs on

18 hits while striking out 23.

**C**— Tim Haines — Regal — Pitcher and outfielder. Won 3 games pitching 11 innings in relief allowing 1 earn run on 2 hits while striking out 11. He hit 10 for 22 for a .455 batting average.

**1992 – A**— No selection

**B**— Bill Frederick — Miesville — Won 4 games pitching 36 innings allowing 5 earn runs on 12 hits while striking out 18. He hit 8 for 17 for a .471 batting average.

**C**— Scott Hille — Sartell — Won 3 games pitching 23 innings allowing 2 earn runs on 12 hits while striking out 29.

**1993 – A**— Steve Berryhill — Highland Park — Won 2 games and saved 1 game pitching 25 innings allowing 2 earn runs while striking out 17.

**B**— Wade Shelstad — Red Wing — First base handling 43 chances without error hitting 13 for 33 for a .394 batting average.

**C**— Tim Knapper — Granite Falls — Outfielder handling 17 chances without error hitting 10 for 19 for a .526 batting average with 8 RBI's.

**1994 – A**— Bill Zeller — Mpls. Angels

**B**— John Dolan — Jordan — Won 2 games pitching 18 innings allowing 1 earn run on 10 hits while striking out 7.

**C**— Barry Wohler — Belle Plaine — Won 3 games pitching 29 innings allowing 6 earn runs on 11 hits while striking out 25. He hit 6 for 18 for a .333 batting average.

**1995 – A**— Dave Lance — Rosetown

**B**— Bill Frederick — Miesville — Won 3 games lost 1 pitching 24 innings allowing 12 earn runs on 20 hits while striking out 14. He hit 8 for 23 for a .348 batting average with 2 home runs and 10 RBI's.

**C**— Brad Keenan — Glyndon — Won 5 games pitching 30 innings allowing 8 earn runs on 15 hits while striking out 39. He hit 11 for 33 for a .333 batting average with 3 home runs and 9 RBI's.

**1996 – A**— Matt Farley — Highland Park — Catcher handling 42 chances without error hitting 12 for 30 for a .400 with 3 home runs, 3 triples and 13 RBI's.

**B**— Steve Taylor — Cold Spring — Infielder handling 25 chances without error hitting 9 for 17 for a .529 batting average.

**C**— Dave Franke — Plato — Outfielder Handling 18 chances without error, hitting 14 for 34 for a .412 batting average with 8 doubles and 10 RBI's.

**1997 – A**— Bryan Krull — Minnetonka — Won 2 games, pitching 15 innings, allowing 2 runs

on 13 hits walking 0 while striking out 9.

**B—** Brian Hartmann — Hamel — DH hit 12 for 22 for a .545 batting average with 8 home runs and 15 RBI's, with an on base average of .636 and a slugging of 1.636.

**C—** Grant Ketel — St Michael — Won 4 games, pitching 29 innings allowing 4 runs on 14 hits, walking 5 while striking out 24 for a 0.62 E.R.A.

**1998 – A—** Dave Holland — St Louis Park — Won 4 games, pitching 30 innings allowing 2 runs on 19 hits, walking 6 while striking out 25 for a 0.60 E.R.A.

**B—** Aaron Erickson — Dundas — Third base hit 10 for 19 for a .526 batting average with a .640 On Base Average.

**C—** Brian Jenneke — Glencoe — Won 4 games, pitching 33.1 innings allowing 10 runs on 24 hits, walking 4 while striking out 54 for a 2.70 E.R.A.

**1999 – A—** Bryan Krull — Minnetonka — Won 2 games, pitching 14 innings allowing no runs on 7 hits, walking 2 while striking out 20 for a 0.00 E.R.A.

**B—** Brice Pleschourt — Dundas — Leftfielder hit 14 for 25 for a .560 batting average with 13 RBIs, 1 double and 3 home runs for a .960 slugging percent.

**C—** Scott Boser — Buckman — Centerfielder hit 19 for 35 for a .543 batting average with 17 RBIs, 1 double and 6 home runs for a 1.086 slugging percent.

**2000 – A—** Glynn Building — the team was declared the MVP as they had no individual stand out as it was a total team effort.

**B—** Andy Bulson — Cold Spring — pitcher won 3 games, pitching 34 innings allowing 12 runs on 36 hits, walking 3 while striking out 22 for a E.R.A. of 2.38.

**C—** Chris Studer — Brainerd — catcher hit 13 for 26 for a .500 batting average with 11 RBIs, 2 doubles and 6 home runs.

**2001 – A—** Matt Parrington — Minnetonka — outfield hit 16 for 32 for a .500 batting average with 12 RBIs.

**B—** Andy Bulson — Cold Spring — pitcher won 4 games, pitching 34 innings allowing 17 runs on 28 hits, walking 6 while striking out 27 for a E.R.A. of 4.50

**C—** Bruce Geislinger — Watkins — pitcher won 4 games, pitching 33.1 innings allowing 13 runs on 36 hits, walking 11 while striking out 23 for a E.R.A. of 3.27

**2002 – A—** Matt Paulson — St Louis Park — third base hit 14 for 24 for a .583 batting average with 3 doubles and four RBIs.

**B—** Dave Meyer — Austin — pitcher won 3 games, pitching 16.2 innings allowing 2 runs on 12 hits, walking 5 while striking out 16 for a E.R.A. of 1.08

**C—** Tim Knapper — Granite Falls — third base and pitcher hit 14 for 38 for a .368

batting average with 3 doubles and 8 RBIs. Tim also pitched winning 2 games, pitching 20.2 innings allowing 10 runs on 23 hits, walking 5 while striking out 14.

**2003 – A—** Tony Richards — -Minnetonka — catcher hit 12 for 17 for a .706 batting average with 2 doubles and 1 home run.

**B—** Scott Meyer — Austin — pitcher won 3 games, pitching 29.1 innings allowing 9 runs on 22 hits, walking 1 while striking out 15 for a E.R.A. of 1.54.

**C—** Mac Zachow — Green Isle — pitcher won 2 games, pitching 31.1 innings allowing 12 runs on 32 hits, walking 10 while striking out 43 for a E.R.A. of 2.88

**2004 – A—** Joe Shallenberger — -Minnetonka – third base – hit 8 for 16 for a .500 batting average, scoring 6 runs while hitting two home runs with 8 RBIs

**B—** Trent Bohnsack — Jordan – pitcher – Appeared in five games winning two while saving 3, pitching 15 2/3 innings allowing 6 hits no runs, walking 3 while striking out 17.

**C—** Justin Schaible — Blue Earth – left fielder – hit 12 for 25 for a .480 batting average with 11 RBI's.

**2005 – A—** Ben Fleetham — -Wesley Homes – pitcher – won 2 games, pitching 18 innings allowing no runs while striking out 32.

**B—** Landon Danelson— Mankato – leftfielder – hit 11 for 20 for a .550 batting average with 5 doubles and 6 RBIs.

**C—** Jason King — Holdingford – pitcher – won 3 games, pitching 28 innings allowing 3 runs on 19 hits while striking out 18.

**2006 – A—** Tony Richards — Minnetonka – catcher – hit 8 for 22 for a .364 batting average with 3 doubles, 1 home run and 6 RBIs.

**B—** Joe Siple — Rochester – leftfielder – hit 10 for 26 for a .385 batting average with 2 doubles and 3 RBIs.

**C—** Lee Hodges — Blue Earth – pitcher – won 3 games, pitching 25 innings allowing 4 runs, walking 3 while striking out 24.

**2007 – A—** Corey Eckoff — Minnetonka – outfielder – hit 13 for 19 for a .684 batting average with 7 doubles, and 10 RBIs.

**A—** Joe Abellera — Minnetonka – thirdbase – hit 12 for 25 for a .480 batting average with 3 doubles, and 7 RBIs.

**B—** Matt Vanderbosch — Miesville – center fielder – hit 10 for 22 for a .455 batting average with 2 home runs and 4 RBIs.

**C—** Mike Mueller — Plato – pitcher – won 3 games, pitching 26 innings allowing 1 run, walking 5 while striking out 19.

**2008 – A—** Gabe Eikum — St Louis Park – pitcher – won 2 games, pitching 18 innings allowing 0 runs on 7 hits walking 8 while striking out 20.

**A—** Dave Lindstrom — St Louis Park – shortstop – hit 9 for 20 for a .450 batting average with 4 home runs, and 11 RBIs.

**B—** Travis Helling — Mankato – right fielder – hit 9 for 24 for a .375 batting average with 3 doubles, 1 home run and 10 RBIs.

**C—** Brian Muell — Elko – pitcher – won 3 games saved 1, pitching 25.2 innings allowing 2 runs on 15 hits walking 4 while striking out 30 for a 0.72 E.R.A..

**2009 – A—** Joe Shallenberger — Minnetonka – shortstop – hit 10 for 17 for a .588 batting average with five home runs and 13 RBIs.

**B—** Ryan Seifert — Shakopee, a draftee from Chaska – pitcher – hit for a .333 batting average while pitching 23 innings allowing nine runs while striking out 23 for a 1-0 winning record and 3 saves for a 1.18 E.R.A.

**C—** Scott Geiger — St Cloud Ortho – pitcher/shortstop – won 3 games pitching 24 innings allowing 1 run while striking out 28 for a 1.12 E.R.A. Scott also had 6 hits in 17 at bats for a .353 batting average and .593 on base average.

**2010 – A—** Brendan Furrow — Minnetonka – outfield – hit 9 for 18 for a .500 batting average with 5 RBIs and four runs scored.

**B—** Troy Wasiloski — Shakopee – third base – hit 9 for 23 for a .391 batting average with 6 runs scored, 2 home runs, 7 RBIs and a .698 slugging percentage

**C—** Jake Lund — Midway – third base/pitcher – hit 7 for 17 for a .412 batting average. He won 3 games, while pitching 23.2 innings allowing 6 runs while striking out 34 for a 1.14 E.R.A.

**2011 – A—** Zack Goodwin — Stockmen's – pitcher – pitched 12.3 innings allowing 4 runs on 10 hits while striking out 10 for a 2.93 E.R.A.

**B—** Jeremiah Piepkorn — Sauk Rapids –shortstop – hit 9 for 19 for a .474 batting average with 5 runs scored, 2 doubles and 3 home runs, 8 RBIs and a .1053 slugging percentage

**C—** Kyle Johnson — Isanti – catcher – hit 9 for 24 for a .375 batting average with 2 runs scored, 1 double, 1 home run, 8 RBIs with a .467 on base average.