

Dean Bowyer Becomes Seventh NCAA Division II Coach to Reach 1000 Career Wins Plateau



On March 10th, 2007, in a collegiate baseball game played in Ft. Pierce, Fla., Minnesota State defeated American International by a score of 10-6 to give Maverick baseball coach **Dean Bowyer** his 1000th career victory.

Unquestionably a significant milestone in itself, Bowyer became just the seventh coach in the history of NCAA Division II baseball to reach the 1000-win plateau.

Under Bowyer, MSU baseball teams have played in NCAA post-season competition 19 out of his 30 years at MSU, and have won at least 30 games in 20 out of those same 30 years.

Bowyer has always been able to find the best college talent in Minnesota and surrounding states and nurture it into championship-calibre teams.

During Bowyer's 30-year tenure as MSU's coach, the Mavericks have captured a total of 20 league championships - three when MSU was in the Northern Intercollegiate Conference (NIC) and an incredible 17 in the North Central. As mentioned, MSU has made it to the NCAA post-season party 19 times under Bowyer, and three of those teams made it all the way to the NCAA Division II College World Series. The most recent CWS trip came in 1986 when the Mavericks racked up a 35-15 won-loss mark and finished fourth at the Series. Other CWS teams for MSU and Bowyer were in 1980, when the Mavericks took third, and in 1979, when MSU went 26-22-1 and was ranked seventh in the nation.

Bowyer's success has not been limited to developing talented teams - he also develops the talent. In addition to three All-America selections, many all-region and all-conference picks, 43 Bowyer-produced players have signed professional contracts. The 2002 team had an unprecedented four players (**Adam Steen**, **Aaron Heitzman**, **Eric Lonquist** and **Jason Cierlik**) that were drafted by major league teams and another (**Chris Rupert**) signed a free agent deal. Two members of the "Bowyer Brood" have advanced all the way to the major leagues. **Todd Revenig**, who was drafted and signed with Oakland in 1990, debuted with the parent A's in 1992 and reliever **Gary Mielke** had a stint with the Texas Rangers from 1987-90.

Backgrounding Dean Bowyer

Dean Bowyer received his B.S. degree in physical education and elementary education from Mayville State in 1966 and his Master's from MSU in 1971. Prior to working on his master's, Bowyer coached basketball and football at Barnesville, Appleton, and Benson High Schools. He also played professionally in the Baltimore Orioles organization for three seasons and was an all-conference and all-district football player at Mayville State, where he also played baseball and basketball. Bowyer was inducted into the Mayville State Athletic Hall of Fame in 1984 and built a 74-51 record in four years as head coach at Minot State prior to joining MSU in 1977. Bowyer has been named *NCC Coach of the Year* ten times during his career and in addition to running his own baseball camps during the summer, has served as a consultant at several clinics.

The Ada, Minn., native and his wife, Cheri, have two children, Shane (wife Laura, son Austin, daughter Gabrielle) and Deana (husband Jerry, son Jett, daughter Jersey).

Dean Bowyer Honor List

1975 NDCAC Coach of the Year
 1976 NDCAC Coach of the Year
 1982 NCC Coach of the Year
 1983 NCC Coach of the Year
 1985 NCC Coach of the Year
 1986 NCC Coach of the Year
 1988 NCC Coach of the Year
 1989 NCC Coach of the Year
 1990 NCC Coach of the Year
 1997 NCC Coach of the Year
 1999 NCC Coach of the Year
 2006 NCC Coach of the Year

1976 NAIA Region Coach of the Year
 1979 NCAA Midwest Region Coach of the Year
 1980 NCAA Midwest Region Coach of the Year
 1986 NCAA Midwest Region Coach of the Year

Inducted into *American Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame* in January of 2006.

Tonight's Program

5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Social with cash bar

6:00 p.m. Welcome – Shane Bowyer, Master of Ceremonies

Opening Remarks – Kevin Buisman, Director of Athletics

6:15 – 7:00 p.m. Dinner

7:00 – 7:45 p.m. Line-Up Card

Lead-off hitter

Don Bowyer, Volunteer Assistant Coach

Defensive Specialist

Cheryl Gonzalez, mother of current MSU baseball player

From the Bullpen

Matt Magers, MSU assistant coach

From the Cheap Seats

Fred Roufs, community supporter

Utility Player

Jeff Holm, alum, coached at MSU & Augustana currently assistant AD at Augustana

Hall of Famer

Gene Glynn, Former MSU basketball and baseball stand-out, Major League Baseball Coach

Cleanup Hitter

Dean Bowyer, tonight's honoree

7:45 – 8:00 p.m. Dug-out Chatter

Open remarks by audience

8:00 – 10:30 p.m. Post event social

MSU Pitchers that have gotten at least one win under Coach Bowyer

1977	1986	1994	2002
Chris Biehn 2	Wes Weber 9	Chris Hart 1	Adam Steen 2
Larry Jensen 6	Mike Kanter 9	Kory Kosek 6	Joe Kern 4
Steve Shult 5	Scott Toop 3	Craig Baumann 1	Aaron Heitzman 10
Scott Wardell 5	Scott Moebling 2	Mark Elias 4	Chris Rupert 8
Larry Woodall 3	Scott Kaul 2	Chad Kemp 4	Jason Cierlik 4
Lew Olson 1	Willy Schauman 4	Brent Goracke 4	Tim Tutko 3
	Dennis Karp 1	Ryan Weller 1	
1978	Brent Thruene 2	Jason Landa 1	2003
James Hahn 4	Kirk Loehr 3	Terry Kalina 1	Matt McDonald 3
Steve Shult 9		Brad Krull 1	Justin Dering 1
Larry Woodall 7	1987		Joe Kern 4
John Doran 3	Steve Behrends 1	1995	Joe McDevitt 4
Scott Wardell 3	Mark Young 3	Ryan Weller 2	Matt McMurtry 4
Marlin Wascko 2	Dan Haley 1	Kory Kosek 5	Chris Ziskovsky 2
Ron Hill 2	Mike Fier 1	Craig Baumann 4	Jonathan Dudycha 2
	Brent Thruene 2	Travis Helling 1	Ryan Walters 1
1979	Willy Schauman 7	Chris Hart 5	
James Hahn 7	Mike Kanter 6	Chad Kemp 4	2004
Scott Wardell 2	Kirk Loehr 3	Jason Landa 2	Jonathan Dudycha 2
Larry Woodall 7	Paul Mills 6	Wade Shelstad 1	Mark Dolenc 5
Blake Evenson 3	Mark Young 1	Brad Krull 1	Matt McDonald 4
Marlin Wascko 5	Mike Fier 7	Dave Matlock 1	Joe Kern 6
Paul Hoffer 2	Jay Ovsak 1	Mark Elias 1	Matt McMurtry 8
			Ben King 3
1980	1988	1996	Dane Secott 5
Blake Evenson 8	Paul Mills 6	Jason Landa 6	Jamie Boelter 2
Brent Wohlers 1	Mark Young 1	Jad Mayer 2	
Jon Rehwaldt 5	Mike Fier 7	Ryan Van Gilder 4	2005
Greg Odegaard 5	Jay Ovsak 5	Brad Krull 4	Kevin Dixon 1
Ty Herman 9	Dan Haley 6	Craig Baumann 9	Nick Fellman 4
Roger Bishop 1	Bryan Krull 2	Chris Hart 8	Jon Huber 1
Mark Johnson 1	Jon Oberle 1	Terry Kalina 1	Matt McMurtry 6
Randy Johnson 1	Tim Brunner 2	Todd Robinson 2	Mark Dolenc 4
Paul Hoffer 2			Ben King 2
Steve VanNurden 2	1989	1997	Jon Bjelland 5
Randy Sieve 1	Dan Haley 7	Travis Helling 2	Andy Kreidermacher 2
Kevin King 1	Tim Brunner 4	Jason Heimerl 3	Jon Jarchow 2
	Bryan Krull 3	Trent Bohnsack 4	Dane Secott 3
1981	Mike Fier 6	Ryan Van Gilder 8	Matt McDonald 5
Brent Wohlers 8	Jon Oberle 5	Jad Mayer 4	Lee Hodges 1
Greg Odegaard 3	Jay Ovsak 7	Terry Kalina 7	
Paul Krough 3	Todd Revenig 1	Brad Krull 4	2006
Doug Below 6			Jon Bjelland 6
Jon Rehwaldt 4	1990	1998	Nick Fellman 1
Roger Bishop 3	Bryan Krull 8	Keith Meyers 1	Ben King 6
Glenn Skillingsstad 1	Dave Sorenson 4	Trent Bohnsack 6	Dane Secott 8
Randy Johnson 2	Tim Brunner 2	Chad Naegeli 2	Matt McMurtry 10
	Mike Conzemius 4	Tony Kamps 1	Tyler Sander 3
1982	Brett Streiff 2	Terry Kalina 5	Andrew Vlasak 3
Glenn Skillingsstad 6	Jon Oberle 6	Ryan Dutton 2	Mark Dolenc 2
Bob Wick 2	Jay Ovsak 4	Andy Davis 2	Bob Wellman 2
Craig Walter 3	Eric Johnson 2	Jad Mayer 3	Jon Huber 2
Randy Johnson 5			
Doug Below 4	1991	1999	
Brent Wohlers 5	Chris Case 2	Mike Landkamer 2	
Steve VanNurden 1	Jon Oberle 3	Chad Naegeli 6	
Paul Krough 4	Rusty Gwost 1	Chad Heminover 5	
	Dave Sorenson 4	Keith Meyers 4	
1983	Kevin Wozney 2	Jared Visker 5	
Steve VanNurden 8	Mike Conzemius 5	Scott Hanson 2	
Glen Skillingsstad 5	Tim Brunner 3	Nick Dolan 2	
Brent Wohlers 4	Brett Streiff 1	Trent Bohnsack 3	
Craig Walter 6	Jason Fratzke 1	Aaron Heitzman 2	
Gary Mielke 3		Chris Rupert 1	
Tim Robson 1	1992	Jason Heimerl 1	
Randy Johnson 1	Mark Elias 1		
Wes Weber 1	Dave Sorenson 7	2000	
	Chad Kemp 1	Aaron Heitzman 6	
1984	Kory Kosek 1	Chris Rupert 10	
Steve Forstner 1	Eric Johnson 2	Dan Anderson 3	
Scott Toop 1	Rusty Gwost 5	Keith Meyers 4	
Bob Von Arx 6	Kevin Wozney 5	Ryan Dutton 4	
Glen Skillingsstad 3	Ryan Weller 2	Jeff Peterson 6	
Gary Mielke 4	Chris Case 1	Tim Tutko 3	
Wes Weber 4			
Mike Kanter 1	1993	2001	
Tim Robson 4	Kory Kosek 2	Adam Steen 4	
	Dave Matlock 2	Keith Meyers 2	
1985	Ryan Weller 4	Ryan Dutton 8	
Mike Kanter 7	Merlin Kath 6	Aaron Heitzman 6	
Scott Toop 4	Rusty Gwost 5	Chris Rupert 6	
Gary Mielke 8	Jason Landa 1	Tim Tutko 6	
Bob Von Arx 7	Brent Goracke 5		
Wes Weber 2	Mark Elias 1		
Tim Carlson 1	Chad Kemp 3		
Rick Koss 1			

A Night With Dean Bowyer & Friends

**Honoring Dean's 1000th
Career Victory**



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