

Terry Brecht

Terry Brecht was born on November 11, 1951 to Lila and Eldred Brecht of Norway, Iowa, the youngest of eight children. He attended St. Michael's Catholic Grade School in Norway, and graduated from Norway High School in 1969.

Terry got his start in Baseball playing pick-up games with the other kids in town in left field of the Norway Ballpark. He played Little League Baseball; played lots of Fast Rubber; and even played Wiffle Ball in Bruce Kimm's backyard.

Terry was in Norway High School's starting lineup as a pitcher, 3rd baseman, or outfielder for all four of his high school years. A prolific hitter, he once hit back-to-back grand slams in back-to-back innings as a 15-year old Sophomore. As the #2 Starting pitcher during his Sophomore and Junior years, he teamed with Dick McVay to be an imposing One-Two combination on the mound. Terry became the Ace of the Staff in his Senior year, compiling a record of 12-0, with a string of 108 consecutive scoreless innings. The pinnacle of the year was pitching a 3-0 Shutout over Bancroft, St. John's in the Championship Game of the 1968 Fall State Tournament.

Terry was integral in Norway reaching the Championship game eight times in his high school career, winning the State Title six times, and finishing Runner Up twice. He was also on two State Champion teams for the Cedar Rapids American Legion. He went on to accumulate two more State Titles with the Norway Bandits of the Iowa Valley League, on teams that competed in the 1973 National Tournament in Wichita, Kansas and again in Battle Creek, Michigan in 1975. Those numbers account for a total of 10 State Championships.

Terry played three years of College Baseball for Winona State (Minnesota), after a year at Keokuk Community College. At Winona State, when he wasn't pitching, he was in the lineup as the Designated Hitter. In his Junior year he helped Winona reach the Nationals, as he compiled a record of 9-1 with 3 Shutouts and 9 Complete Games. In his three years, he finished in the Top 10 in various Winona career pitching categories, with 20 Wins, 19 Complete Games, 6 Shutouts, and a 2.17 ERA over 195.1 innings. During his Sophomore year, he turned in an ERA of 1.17 over 69 innings, highlighted by a streak of 28 2/3 consecutive scoreless innings. As a Senior, he pitched a 4-0 No Hitter against Minnesota-Morris.

Terry was named to the 1969 All State Iowa High School Baseball Team, and in both his Junior and Senior years at Winona State, he garnered All American Honorable Mention. In all three years at Winona, he was named to the NAIA All District Team; NAIA All Area Midwest Region Team; and the All Conference Team.

Norway High School's State Title appearances during Terry's four years:

- 1965 Fall State Champion
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- 1967 Spring State Champion
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- 1968 Fall State Champion
- 1968 Summer State Runner Up
- 1969 Summer State Runner Up