

the Hudson River Rats

It may be said that Adam Gemuenden, a spirited junior at Winona State is perhaps the most talented allaround athlete and even the most enthusiastic baseball player to come out of Franconia Township. Wrapping up a great season as a *Winona Warrior*, the team played its final game of the year for the NCAA Division II Baseball National Championship Title at Cary, North Carolina.



Adam Gemuenden, Winona Warrior first baseman; Winona Daily News

Playing first base for the *Warriors*, Gemuenden is as strong offensively as he is defensively. Many may recall watching him not only on the diamond, but also as a wrestler, linebacker, and bowler. During his senior year at Chisago Lakes High School, he played for both the Minnesota All-Star State football *and* baseball teams. During the recent NCAA championship game, he was one of only two *Warriors*' to earn an extra base hit with his double in the third inning. No doubt, Gemuenden and his fellow teammates have their sights set on the coveted title of Division Champions for next year, but until then, you can head across the border to Osceola and catch our hometown player in a game as an *Osceola Brave*. Since joining the *Braves* in this his inaugural season, Gemuenden's bat has been busy as he continues to hit in every game he has played.

The *Braves* are one of 66 teams belonging to the Wisconsin Baseball Association, St Croix Valley League, North Division. Recent Minnesota Twins draftee, Jared Dettmann – pitcher, and another local young man Kyle Collins are other *Braves* you will not want to miss.