## Dave "Greek" Wagner Baseball Profile Minnesota Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame Nomination – 2019

Greek is a left-handed hitter and right-handed thrower known for his power, hitting ability and baseball storytelling throughout his amateur career. He has been blessed throughout his baseball years to have been mentored by many older Minnesota baseball players. As with many who have played the sport of baseball, Greek continues to give back to others that he comes into contact with – both on the baseball diamond and throughout the community.

## HIGH SCHOOL 1966 – 1969

• 4-year Belle Plaine High School varsity starter as catcher. Also played first base and pitcher, 1966-67-68-69. Two time Minnesota River Valley Conference All-Conference catcher, 1967 and 1969. Coached by Mr. Jerry Miller.

COLLEGE 1970 - 1974 (Includes period of time in U.S. Army)

- University of Minnesota 1970, freshman baseball team.
- St. Cloud University baseball teams, 1973 and 1974.

## AMATEUR BASEBALL CAREER 1967 - 2018 (51 years)

- Belle Plaine/Green Isle Started playing town-team baseball in high school in 1967 and played through 1992 (25 years. Belle Plaine Tigers 1967-72, 75-83, 88-92; Green Isle Irish 1973-74 and 1984-87). Minnesota state baseball tournament appearances in 1984, 85, 87, 91 and 92.
- In 1993, started playing over-35 baseball that included Minnesota State AA Championships in 1997 and 2018 with the Belle Plaine Gray Tigers, plus a Minnesota State AAA Championship in 2013 with the Union Hill Pit Bulls.
- Hanska Bullheads over-50 baseball 2004 2012.

## VOLUNTEER

As a small-town baseball volunteer, Greek coached community youth baseball and presently serves on the Belle Plaine Baseball Association (town team) board, from 2012 to present. The Belle Plaine baseball park first used in 1885 – now known as Tiger Park – is often times recognized today as one of the finer outdoor baseball venues in the state of Minnesota and has hosted five Minnesota State Baseball Tournaments.

Baseball is a game that will always allow us to be a kid at heart. It is that perfect combination of skill and emotion that allows us to showcase our skills but more importantly, to display our interest in being with others who share a common desire in enjoying life with teammates and opponents alike! Baseball is an American tradition like no other!