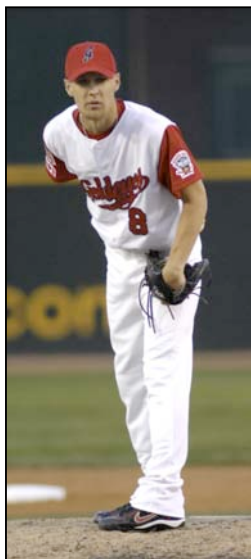


End-of-the-Year Honors Continue for Goldeyes and RedHawks Beuning Named Best Relief Pitcher and Mathis Named Top Defensive Player

The Northern League announced that Winnipeg Goldeyes pitcher Brian Beuning was named Relief Pitcher of the Year, and that RedHawks outfielder Joe Mathis was selected as the top Defensive Player of the Year as voted on by the league's managers, pitching coaches, general managers, radio announcers, and local media (2).



Beuning, who was named to the 2008 Post Season All-Star Team earlier in the week, went 6-4 with a 1.75 ERA appearing in 51 games for the Goldeyes. The right-hander led the league in ERA and was fourth in the league with nine saves. Despite spending a two-week stint on the disabled list, he still finished second in the league with 51 appearances. As the Goldeyes were making their final push for the post-season in August, he appeared in 14 games in just 22 days. In that span, he went 2-1 with five saves and a 2.08 ERA.

After playing collegiately at Bemidji State University, the 6-0, 170-pounder was signed by Kalamazoo of the Frontier League. He played a total of three seasons in the Frontier League, appearing in a league-record 54 games in 2005. Beuning joined the Goldeyes in '07 going 0-2 with a 3.95 ERA.

Year	Player	Team
2008	Brian Beuning	Winnipeg Goldeyes
2007	Nate Cotton	Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks
2006	Amad Stephens	Joliet JackHammers
2005	Matt Hammons	St. Paul Saints
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2001	Chris Weidert	Lincoln Saltdogs
2000	George Schmidt	Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks



Mathis, the 2006 Northern League Player of the Year, was voted the Top Defensive Player for the second straight season. He has also been named to the Northern League Post Season All-Star Team twice in his career (2006 and 2007).

The 5-11, 185-pounder, started 83 games in center field for the RedHawks. In 195 total chances, he committed only two errors (.990 fielding percentage) in helping lead the RedHawks team defense to the second-best fielding percentage (.975) in the league and the pitching staff to the top-ranked team ERA (4.37) in the league. It marked the fifth straight season that Mathis started over 80 games in center field for the RedHawks (83 G–2008, 87 G–2007, 96 G–2006, 90 G–2005, 96 G–2004,).

The 34-year-old veteran of 16 seasons, was originally drafted in the 27th round of the 1993 draft by the Seattle Mariners. After seven years in the Mariners organization playing as high as Triple-A, he played three years with the Newark Bears (Atlantic League) before joining the RedHawks in 2003.

The Northern League will continue naming the 2008 end-of-the-year award winners, concluding with the Organization of the Year on September 11th.

- Sept. 4th – Post Season All-Star Team
- Sept. 5th – Playing Surface of the Year
- Sept. 6th – Relief Pitcher and Defensive Player
- Sept. 7th – Rookie Pitcher & Rookie Player of the Year
- Sept. 8th – Manager & Executive of the Year
- Sept. 10th – Player & Pitcher of the Year
- Sept. 11th – Organization of the Year

Pos.	Player	Fielding Pct	Team
1B	Mike Rohde	.995	RailCats
2B	Eric McNamee	.977	RailCats
3B	Jeff Eure	.963	RedHawks
SS	Max Poulin	.983	Goldeyes
C	John Martin	.992	T-Bones
OF	Rob Marconi	.996	RailCats
P	Aaron Trolia	1.000	JackHammers

Gary SouthShore RailCats Top Fielding Team (.976)

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