**Matt Busse**

**Heart of Baseball Award**

Matt played for the Black Sox from 2005 until 2009. Matt was the starting second baseman for the Black Sox in 2007 when they won their first ever state championship and went on to finish in second place at the Great Plains National Regional. After Matt’s Sox playing career was over he went on to play for four years at Carroll College in Waukesha. Matt also spent time as an assistant coach for the Black Sox and was a coach for the 2012 Junior Legion State Championship team. Matt loved baseball and always loved playing for the Black Sox. Matt played with all of his heart in every game and gave everything he had for his teammates and for the game. Matt’s memory will continue to live on with the Black Sox through the Matt Busse Heart of Baseball Award. This award is given to a player, selected by a committee that represents himself like Matt did.

2017 Mike Glodosky

2018 Derek Baumgartner

2019 Mason King

2021 Austin Beyer

2022 Jon Nafe

2023 Carl Biechler