

MINNESOTA BLIZZARD

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT



2026 GRAD
DONNY JOHNSON

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I know what you are thinking, is this young man related to Don Johnson, the guy that played in Miami Vice back in the late 80's? Do we get to see rugged good looks and flashy clothes? Well let me tell you, this version is even better! The Blizzard Donny Johnson could 100% star next to Philip Michal Thomas in the modern-day version of Miami Vice, heck as a wrestler for Robbinsdale Armstrong we know he has the strength and flash to man the room. We prefer our baseball version of Donny, the hard working, hustling, coachable, no questions asked and just tell me what to do on the diamond to help the team succeed.

I have been able to watch Donny for several years and he's got a motor that doesn't stop. You will typically find him behind the plate or at the hot corner known as third base. He will come at you from the right side and if you find too much of the plate, he will send the ball deep into the gap as he packs a punch. The intangibles of what makes a good

player and teammate is so much more than what you do out on the diamond. As Coach Mason Reinhart indicated *"Donny Johnson is a coaches Dream! Although he's a very good player, he would improve his team and program if he never picked up a baseball or swung a bat. This past fall he was the heat and soul of our team, giving quality pep-talks before every game. These pregame huddles preached personal accountability, focus, execution, and resiliency. He focused on doing the little things the right way which showed he wants to be successful long term. He demands respect because he shows so much respect for the game, his teammates, and coaches. A "team guy" who will make a great addition to a college program in a few shorty years."*

Wow, high praise from his coach and if that doesn't grab your attention or jump off the page, I don't know what would. Donny epitomizes the type of teammates every team should want, the type that gravitate toward the Blizzard program and we look forward to what he has to show over the next couple years both on and off the diamond!

Q&A with Donny Johnson - 2026 Robbinsdale Armstrong

How many years with Blizzard? 4 years

What is your favorite memory from this past fall on the field? My favorite memory was throwing the football before the games in Las Vegas.

What is your favorite memory from this past fall away from the field? The van rides with the boys on the way to the fields in Vegas.

Favorite tourney of the year? Creekside in Parkville, MO

What coach at Blizzard has impacted you the most and why? Max Ploof has impacted me the most, due to the way he will pick you up or just motivate you at any given moment. He tends to bring the best out of me in big situations, but also keeping the game fun at the



same time. Coach Ploof takes the time to answer the tedious questions players have whether it be with your swing, fielding or any topic for that matter. He would help me understand what to do.

Favorite baseball movie? The Benchwarmers

Favorite MLB team? Twins and Diamondbacks

Favorite concession item? Gatorade

Fun fact about you? I used to do break dancing.

What do you do away from the diamond? I love spending time with my family and friends. I am also involved with wrestling while baseball is out of season.



**COACH BARTA REWARDING DONNY
WITH A TREAT AT FIRST BASE**



**DONNY DRIVES A BALL INTO THE GAP FOR A
DOUBLE AT CREEKSIDE IN PARKVILLE, MO**

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AGAINST THE BEST IN THE COUNTY**