

Jason Regan was an all-state pitcher/shortstop on the 1994 Belton High School baseball team that won the state 4A championship and gave perhaps the greatest clutch performance in a single game in Tiger sports history when he hit two dramatic home runs in a come-from-behind victory in the state semi-finals. He was also all-state as a junior and later played pro baseball in the Seattle Mariners' organization.

Jason Robert Regan was born on June 30, 1976, in Killeen TX to Mike and Rose Regan and was the youngest of two children, Chris and Jason. Jason was an all-state pitcher for the Tigers in 1992 and Jason and Chris are the third "brother combo" to make all state at Belton after Bernard and David Bartek and Toby and Brock Rumfield. Jason was raised in Belton and attended Miller Heights Elementary, Belton Jr. H.S. and Belton H.S., graduating in 1994. He starred in both football and baseball at Belton H.S. and was a soph on the 1991 Tiger football team that was 9-2, won District, and lost to Chapel Hill in Bi-District. He was a starting DB at 5'9" & 160 lbs. He was also a starting DB as a junior on the 1992 Tiger team that was 6-3-1 on the year and was named 2nd team all-district on defense. He was named 1st team all-district as a DB as a 5'10" & 170 lb. senior on the Tiger team that was 9-3, District Champs, beat Anderson 48-14 in Bi-District, and lost to Westlake 21-17 in the Regional.

In baseball as a soph in 1992 Jason hit .230 with 16 RBIs & 1 HR for the 25-5 Tigers and was named honorable mention all-state. As a junior in 1993 he was named 1st team all-state by the Texas H.S. Baseball Coaches Association as a third baseman/pitcher after he hit .471 with 45 RBIs, 8 doubles, 5 triples, 7 home runs, and 12 SB's and was 10-3 as a pitcher with an ERA of 2.30 He was also named the MVP of District 25-4A and All-Centex by the Waco Tribune-Herald.

In Regan's senior season of 1994 the Tigers were trailing Carthage 5-4 in the state semi-final game with two outs left in the seventh (last) inning when he hit a 405-ft. solo home run---"the shot heard round Texas"---on the first pitch to tie the game. In the bottom of the seventh he hit a grand slam home run to win the game 9-5 in one of the most dramatic endings in state tournament history. Jason was "mobbed" in a tumultuous celebration at home plate as the game ended with a state title. His two homers in the two state tourney games had been matched only one time in the 46-year history of the state tournament. He was the winning pitcher in Belton's last seven playoff wins in the four rounds before the state tournament. He was the starting pitcher in the semi-final game but gave way to Brock Rumfield in the sixth who became the winning pitcher after throwing three shutout innings to close the game.

On the year (1994) Regan was 15-2 with a ERA of 1.94 as a pitcher and hit .430 with 8 homers and 52 RBIs. He was named 1st team all-district and co-MVP of the District; 1st team All-Centex; 1st team all-state tournament; and 1st team all-state by the Baseball Coaches Association. He was selected to play in the Texas High School Coaches All-Star game on June 25, 1994, in the Astrodome and played third base for the South team. In 2001 Jason still holds

Belton school records for his 53 runs scored in 1994; 5 triples in 1993 & 1994; 42 walks in 1994; and 15 wins as a pitcher in 1994. He held the school records for most doubles (12 in 1994) until Thomas Melvin hit 17 doubles in 1999; the most SO's as a pitcher (with 121 in 1994) until Ian Pecoraro struck out 143 in 2000; and for the most innings pitched in a season (100 & 2 /3) until Caleb Irwin pitched 105 innings in 2000.

Jason was recruited by the University of Texas, LSU, Miami, Texas A&M, and Texas Tech but signed with Blinn College where he played for two years. (1995 & 1996). He was drafted by the Seattle Mariners in 1996 and played five years (1996-2000) in the minor leagues at the A and AA level with Everett WA, Appleton WI, Lancaster CA, and New Haven CT. He hit 31 HRs for Appleton/Lancaster in 1997.

In 2009 Jason Regan, 33, lived in Temple and worked at the Wal-Mart warehouse. He worked part-time giving baseball lessons at the Strike Zone in Belton.