

Andy Bulson

Cold Spring

2000/2021 MVP

Class B

In his own words: In 2000, that was my first year with Cold Spring. Played with Beaudreaus and O'Haras before that. And Austin, where I'm from, in the early 90s. It was my first time making it to the final weekend and winning it with a bunch of good guys, it was a great experience. The final weekend I pitched both games in the championship series. I came in relief against Rochester, I think Femrite may have started the game. I came in and pitched the last five or six innings of the first game (Rochester 5, Cold Spring 4). Then I started in the deciding game and went six or seven innings. We had hit some home runs, I hit two home runs in that game—I could hit a little bit back in the day—and we beat them 18-1. That was a lot of fun in Sleepy Eye and Fairfax.

2001 for me, that was fun. We played Waseca in the first round and we won (Cold Spring 10, Waseca 9), but I gave up a grand slam in the first or second and only lasted four innings or so. We came back to win that one. The second weekend I had a wedding to go to on Saturday and we lost to Red Wing 11-8. Then I pitched the next game and beat Prior Lake 12-1. That brought us to the final weekend. I think we played Apple Valley and I pitched that game and gave up eight runs (Cold Spring 11, Apple Valley 8). Then we had to beat Ultimate and Red Wing and met Austin in the final. I hit a home run against Josh Vorpahl in Miesville that year (Cold Spring 13, Ultimate 1).

On Labor Day, I started and went the complete game in the first game (Cold Spring 7, Austin 0). I started and went five or six innings the second game (Cold Spring 9, Austin 3). I think I pitched 21 innings just that weekend. I think we were a better team that year. That was the year that Steve Huls came back from triple A so with him at shortstop that shored up a lot of things. Josh Loesch was on fire too. Beating Austin twice was kind of special. My Austin High School AD, Al Eckman, was in the stands and a lot of parents that I had played with their sons were there to see Austin win it. It was a little bit bittersweet to beat my hometown twice, but I would certainly rather do that than lose to them.

We had great fan support that year. There was a fan bus parked out past left field on the street. I still have a picture of it. After we won it we all got on top of the bus and took the picture.



- Andy Bolson, Cold Spring, Pitcher 2000
- Won three games in 2020 tournament
- Pitched 34 innings over three games
- Allowed only 12 runs on 36 hits
- Struck out 22 while only walking three
- Had an ERA of 2.38
- Andy Bolson, Cold Spring, Pitcher 2001
- Won four games
- Pitched 34 innings allowing 17 runs on 28 hits
- Walked six while striking out 27 batters



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