

Zack Goodwin

Stockmen's

2011 MVP

Class A

In his own words: It was a really fun year. I played college ball for Concordia St. Paul, a Division II school in the NSIC. The reason I played for Stockmen's was me and a childhood buddy, I literally played ball with him since I was four or five years old. His name is Ben Ludwigson and we were best buds. I played at Mahtomedi when we were in high school and he was my catcher. When we went to college, I went to Concordia and he went to Augustana so we played against each other which was fun. Then we both decided that we gotta play summer ball together. That was really the driver to play with Stockmen's.

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I know for a fact, the big one was the St. Louis Park game. They had a couple of ex-pro guys—one guy made it to the bigs—I think he made it to like triple A. I just remember that was kind of a big game and I pitched in that one. We obviously won, but that was a game that we were worried about and knew if we won that one, we had a chance. I pitched against St. Louis Park (Stockmen's 5, Park 4). I pitched against North End (Stockmen's 8, North End 3) and I might have come in for an inning or two against Lyon's Pub in the championship (Stockmen's 9, Lyon's Pub 5).

What was kind of fun too, a lot of players for Concordia St. Paul also played for Minnetonka, so we were trash talking that week going into it because they thought they were going to win it all—"watch out for us because we got a lot of good sticks and a lot of talent on the team"—so it was kind of fun to beat them. They've had a good track record of winning state championships so that was fun (The Minneapolis Lakers and Lyon's Pub eliminated Minnetonka).

After that I played in 2012 and 2013 and my arm was kind of shot, so I haven't played or pitched since, just thrown a ball pretty casual here and there. Those were the days, good time, fun time, great team. We all got along really well, a lot of good guys. Guys that just wanted to go out and have fun. Guys that just wanted to compete and loved to win.

The other neat thing is that Dan Cosgrove was my Legion coach when I was in high school. So I played Legion ball and Cosgrove was the coach and then playing on the same team as him as a player was fun playing with him on Stockmen's. It's a little different perspective!



- Zack Goodwin, Stockmen's, 2011
- Pitcher
- Pitched 12.3 innings
- Allowed four runs on ten hits
- Struck out ten
- Had a tournament ERA of 2.93



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