

Mike Hartmann

Red Wing

1990 MVP

Class B

In his own words: The thing I remember about the season, it was the first year that the Aces and the Scarlets joined forces, in other words they went from two teams to one team. We had won twenty some games in a row in the middle of the season and had had a good year. We got in the state tournament and there is Red Wing vs Arlington. I played with Arlington through 1984. The year we beat Burnsville in the championship game. Then in 1985, I moved over this way and River Falls. I decided not to commute and continue to play with Arlington and to play with Red Wing.

It just so happened that Red Wing and Arlington met in the championship game that year in Red Wing (Arlington 6, Red Wing 5). That was my first year out of Arlington. We had played them a few times over the years, but it was never my favorite game to play, other than getting to see a lot of good friends and old teammates.

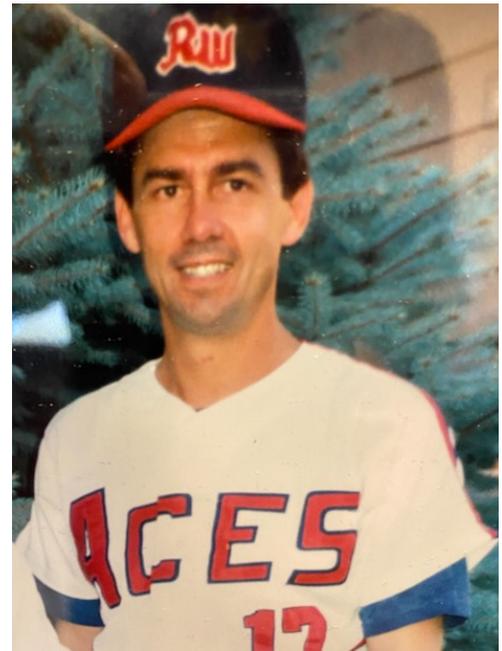
Anyway, we get to meet Arlington in the first round. Joe Driscoll started for them. We were down 5-3 going into the bottom of the ninth. They pulled Joe at some point, I can't recall if it was the eighth or ninth, but anyway we ended up scoring three runs in the bottom of the ninth and I ended up driving in the winning run in that game with two outs and the bases loaded.

So that was, you know, one of those games that you win one like that and then everything seems to open the doors to continue on. We just glided through the next two games. New Ulm was pretty good (Red Wing 9, New Ulm 1) and Hamel was very good but Doug Toivonen threw a shutout (Red Wing 8, Hamel 0). We beat Pavelka that game and I remember having four hits in that game.

Then we played Rochester in the semis in the winners' bracket and beat them in a good game 5-2. Jordan had lost their first game and went into the consolation bracket and in their first game there, they beat Arlington. They managed to come all the way back to the championship game beating Rochester the night before we played them. Their pitching was somewhat depleted and as it goes, you hit your way back through and at some point in time the bats get a little heavy or whatever, but we won a seven-inning game against Jordan 10-0 in the championship game.

I didn't have a fantastic tournament hitting wise, but it was a case where I got some key hits. We had a very talented team with the two Bohmbachs, Jim Kelly, Jay Tauer and Toivonen. We meshed very well and had a fun year. I don't remember a lot of my feelings at the time, but with my two brothers and I playing ball at that time I thought it was a moment that I cherished to be able to put the Hartmann name in the record book so to speak. Little did I know that Brian (Hartmann) would come along and join me. They were both very nice feelings for me.

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- Handled 43 chances without an error
- Hit 8 for 22
- Had a .364 batting average



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