

Dave Lance

Rosetown

1995 MVP

Class A

In his own words: The biggest thing I remember from that was what a tight-knit group of guys we had. I still talk to a lot of them. Scotty Pfeiffer, Joe Anderson and Phil McDermott, Bryan Guse, Mark and Brian Hronski, the Roehl brothers. I had just come off pitching my first year at the University I know.

I remember starting the first game (Rosetown 14, White Sox 4). The game against Adrians was 13 innings. Our starting pitcher hadn't pitched much for us all year. Then I think Hronski pitched some. I remember a couple of plays at the plate, but I just can't remember how we won it. But I remember the day and how back and forth it was. I know we threw a guy out at the plate in extra innings and managed to win 3-2.

The next game I pitched against Lyon's Pub (Rosetown 11, Lyon's Pub 4). We pretty much got up on them early and rode it out. They were actually a pretty good team. Then the championship game against Adrians, they had a pitcher that actually ended up playing with us later. He beat us in the first game 14-10.

I pitched the second game against Adrians on two days rest after Lyon's Pub. I think I pitched the whole game (Rosetown 8, Adrians 5). I remember being in the parking lot at Midway after the game. I started practice at the U in four days. I remember how tired I was and my arm was shot. It was a very fun time.

My dad went to all my games. He passed away this March and he was always around even when I was playing professionally. He couldn't be at the championship because he was in Europe with his brother. It was killing him. He was trying to get back from Europe early to watch the game. I was like—dad you're nuts. His brother was irate with him because he was trying to get a flight back to see the game. Finally, I talked him out of it.

The next year I was playing pro ball and so did McDermott, so we didn't really make it back to the finals for a long time.



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