

Greg Odegaard

Arlington

1984/1985 MVP

Class AA

In his own words: Of the first three games we played in 1984 I thought that Red Wing would be the toughest but that game we shut them out and it was kind of an easy game (Arlington 4, Red Wing 0). I know we were waiting to play my buddy (Bob Bresnahan) and all of the Burnsville guys. That was just a fabulous game. It went back and forth and the crowd, I think they had to put extra fencing in Delano on the field so it took some of that playing area down the lines away because there were so many fans there that day. Burnsville had a fabulous team that year and I think a couple years before that when we lost out we had better teams, but that 1984 team was still a pretty good team and everything just kind of fell together for us in that tournament (Arlington 7, Burnsville 6).

The biggest thing that I can remember, those were the first years that I met my wife. Her parents, my mother-in-law never gave me a hug until that day when we won the championship and I was the MVP. She came out on the field, gave me a big old hug and I was thinking what's going on here? That's what I remember about that last day and it was just cool!

In 1985, I remember playing Red Wing on their field on the biggest day of the season. It started out kind of rainy that day and again a packed house and back and forth. I think Danny Hoefs started that game and went five or six and then Joe Driscoll really wanted to come in.

That year I was managing and the year before Mike Hartmann was our manager. Now Mike's playing for Red Wing. I remember in that inning that they got guys on and Jim Kelly got his third hit of the game and there were guys on base and Mike was coming up and I said I'm sorry Mike you're one of my best friends, but I'm not going to let you beat me. He had had a great tournament too, so I ended up walking him. I think on five pitches or so. There was an open base and it didn't make any difference.

Then Lew Olson came up and I don't know if it was the first pitch or the second that I threw him a slider up on the hands and he just popped it up to me on the mound and game over. Then it was just a celebration after that. They were a great team too that year and the flip side Mike being our coach the prior year and now he was playing for Red Wing. That was kind of corny but that was just the way it went. With Hoefs and Driscoll we all pitched well. Even our draftee from New Ulm Reinharts won a game.



Greg Odegaard with future MVP, son Chris Odegaard

- Greg Odegaard, Arlington, 1984
- Pitcher/Outfielder
- Won two games and saved two games.
- Pitched 23 innings allowing no runs on three hits
- Struck out five
- Hit 11 for 21 at the plate for a .524 batting average
- Plated seven RBI
- Greg Odegaard, Arlington, 1985
- Won two games while pitching 16 innings
- Allowed no runs on six hits, while striking out 10
- Went 8 for 21 at the plate for a .381 batting average



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