

# Steve Selk

Morris

1989 MVP

Class C



**In his own words:** Well, what I remember about it is getting together because Lyle Rambow ran the team. He used to play for Raymond. Mark Torgerson, he came from Clinton, Jeff Arnold, came from Appleton and they were all teachers. I used to play for Cyrus. Lyle took over the team with basically that in mind, to build a good enough team with the local talent knowing we had a short window because they were all in their mid-thirties. I was just out of college and wasn't going to hang around Morris my whole life.

We brought in some other recently graduated high school kids and we kind of geared up for a two or three year run. We made the state tournament all three years and progressed a little more each time. The year before in Hamburg and Chaska we had gotten to the semi-finals. The year before that we won a game and the first year we got swept out right away. So everybody knew it was kind of a last hurrah.

I had just graduated from college where I was the North Central Conference player of the year. Came back home and basically had a phenomenal season playing a number of Class B teams to get some stiffer competition. We got into the state tournament and it was a new format that year as I remember. We played a game and had a week off. Then played another game and had another week off. Then, that last weekend, we had to put together three wins so I was able to pitch the first three games. Then we just pieced together with a couple of our other pitchers and a couple of draftees. Got to that final game and pretty much poured it on—we won 10-7 over St. James, but I think at one time we were up 10-3 or 10-4.

We didn't exactly pound the ball and they had a ton of errors, but that's how you win. We won that final game and that was it. I tried desperately to try and get the guys to come back for one more year to jump up into the Class B but they were all ready to hang it up. I just remember it was one last hurrah and we ended up doing it.

I live in Denver now. The thing I miss about Minnesota the most is the summer baseball. They don't have anything like that out here. When I try to explain to people about town team baseball—it's so foreign to them. I played one game out here and couldn't play any more. It was just terrible.



- Steve Selk, Morris, 1989
- Pitcher
- Won three games and saved one
- Pitched 30 innings
- Allowed 9 earned runs on 18 hits, for a 2.70 ERA
- Struck out 36



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