

# Kris Edwards

St. Paul Shamrocks

2013 MVP

Class A

**In his own words:** What I remember about that year is obviously being with the Shamrocks, it was a large group of old St. Thomas grads playing together and they were all from different years. I had just graduated two years before that and I had just spent one year overseas in Europe. I came back and the guys were willing to bring me on the team. These were guys I was playing against in the summer while I was playing at St. Thomas. Let's get a bunch of St. Thomas guys together and it was one of those years where I think everyone was pretty much on their last whim of just trying to get another year of playing in before they start their family, start a career and start settling down a little bit more. So what was great is that sure enough, the way baseball goes when you get the right amount of guys playing the best baseball they can. We just caught fire at the right time.

I remember starting the first game against Tai-City Sharks and obviously with that score (Shamrocks 15, Sharks 3) we handled them pretty well. But then, of course, probably still going on Minnetonka was the toughest team to beat. What we had and I'll give him some props because Lonnie Robinson threw a hell of a game. Then we brought in Sean Lindstrom which all of us, I mean he's a Shamrock legend—he came in and definitely kept the Millers off balance and some how we pulled off a huge upset and beat them (Shamrocks 2, Minnetonka 0).

I ended up coming back and pitched against St. Louis Park. The funny thing about that was the first town ball team that I played for was St. Louis Park. So I still knew a handful of guys on that team and it was kind of fun pitching against them. Again, we had a core group of guys like Mike Kimlinger, Sean Young, Alex Faulken, etc. You go around the diamond and you got a bunch of guys that played a handful of years of town ball and everyone just chipped in the best way they could. It all worked out.

We beat Park and then you have to go and play the Cobras. Their coach, Matt Germar, he was forever with the Cobras. He and I actually worked together with one of the Faulken brothers and again it was just one of those small world things where you're competing against one of your buddies. Whatever was going on we got on a roll and made the plays and sure enough ended up on top (Shamrocks 8,4, Cobras 5,3).

I remember saving the championship game. We had gotten off to a pretty good lead and I had just pitched Friday night and this was Sunday. So my arm wasn't feeling great and I had a feeling—hey this is a championship game and you're not going to pick up another baseball for another six months, so why not. So I go in in the eighth inning. It had to be a one-run game, tying run on the bases, winning run at the plate and I got him to hit a ground ball, went right over my head, I threw my glove up and deflected it. Jon Kinsel, the young buck on the team, made a nice play for the last out.



- Kris Edwards, St. Paul Shamrocks, 2013
- Pitcher
- Won two games and saved one
- Pitched 19 innings
- Posted a 1.42 ERA for the tournament
- Struck out 12

“Then big Al Faulken came charging after me like he was going to tackle me and I was like OMG, we actually pulled this off. It was fun.”

