

# Zach Femrite

Cold Spring

2013/2014 MVP

Class B

**In his own words:** In 2013, I know we were in Delano and I know we beat Shakopee. I think we played Moorhead in Howard Lake, the third site. I remember the backdrop was essentially the lake so it was pretty wide open back there. My arm slot is pretty far to the right so I think sometimes I can get past the batters' eye which is an advantage so it kind of comes out of the sky (Cold Spring 3, Moorhead 0).

I know those Moorhead guys and respect them. I think they are kind of our mirror. If I were to find a team that's like the Springers, there just got a bunch of guys that have played for a long time and have the same passion.

Pretty much with any state tournament, I have a hard time saying no when I am asked to pitch, so you probably know that I've thrown a lot of pitches in my day and don't typically come out until pitch counts are over 150 or 160. I've gotten over 200 before. But I know that Shakopee game, they scored a bunch of runs in one inning and there were all kind of choppers to the left side and that's all it took and we couldn't come back (Cold Spring 1, Shakopee 5).

They called me in and I said I don't know where it's going so I'll do my best. My catcher, Ryan Holthaus at the time, called a perfect couple of innings there (Cold Spring 8, Shakopee 6).

In 2014, I had an arm problem, a shoulder issue that kept me out for a couple of weeks. It got to the point that I could throw 100% again in the state tournament by the time I pitched against Dundas. I walked about eight and maybe hit four or five, but the only hit was by Steve Loos in the ninth inning with one out (Cold Spring 2, Dundas 0). Effectively wild.

The Moorhead game got split into two days. It rained. That year I think I had more offensive stats than pitching stats to get the MVP. I know I hit a home run off of Moorhead and Chris Coste was playing second base. It went off the press box there and it was muddy so I was watching my feet where I turned first base and never saw the ball go out or hit the press box. I looked up when I crossed first and the guy in left field had the ball. I sprinted to second and Coste grabbed the ball and pretended to put a tag on me. I slid in there and thought I had a double and the umps are looking at me like I'm crazy and just said "Keep going." Those Moorhead guys they just know the game and it's fine. They get a lot of respect and they earn it too (Cold Spring 4, Moorhead 2).

It wasn't my prime when I finally got the MVP. I was hoping to get a couple of state championship MVPs before. I saw Andy Bulson do it twice. And I thought my time would be soon after his, but it took awhile. It goes to show how you not only have to have a great team, but you have to have the right timing. It can go anybody's way anytime.

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- Zach Femrite, Cold Spring, 2013
- Pitcher
- Posted a 2-1 record with one save and a 2.33 ERA
- Pitched 27 innings, allowing 18 hits/7 earned runs
- Struck out 24, while walking only four
- Zach Femrite, Cold Spring, 2014
- Posted a 2-0 record with a 0.00 ERA
- Pitched 13 innings and struck out 10

“I came back in and had zero feeling in my fingers, but my arm felt okay. We had a young kid that was catching me in the bullpen. It was kind of shadowy and I don't know if I even hit his mitt. The ball was bouncing off the fence.”

