

Scott Meyer

Austin

2003 MVP

Class B

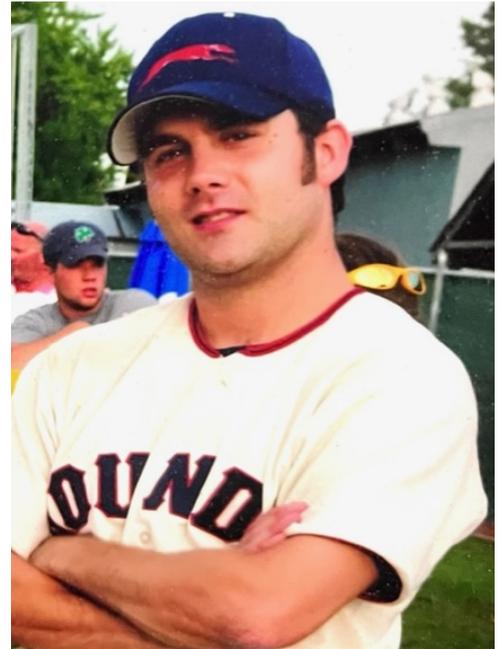
In his own words: Technically, we won that 2001 tournament too because Andy Bulson was from Austin (Cold Spring 7,9, Austin 0,3). We laugh about that because he had to beat us twice. It was insane. We are like, so he beat us once, he's got to be tired and then we lost again and it was just devastating for our team because we were in the driver's seat.

That's what made 2003 so special. Because we beat Cold Spring in Dundas (Austin 4, Cold Spring 1). They were in the driver's seat too. They were one of the undefeated teams to go through. I pitched I think a five-hitter and they couldn't get anything going. Just pop ups and ground outs. They scored one in the first inning and that was all they scored. We just rallied around that. I think by playing them so many times—I think that was the fourth time we played them that year—we just grew accustomed to how they played, where to pitch and how to play certain players. The ball bounced our direction in that tournament and we needed it.

One thing that I do remember about that season, we won in 2002, then Dave (Meyer, 2002 MVP) left to go to Texas. Chris Pack went over to Hayfield with Joe Serratore and so I feel like people felt that the band had broken up and we might not be as relevant, but we had the core of the rest of our team. We were deep with our pitching, like myself, Brian Toov, Nick Dolan and we were all just out of college so it's not like the talent level dropped off dramatically. We just never got our opportunities in the state tournament because when you get to the state you kind of ride your horses. We would rarely draft anyone from other teams because we were so deep in pitching.

We also had some up and coming arms and it was great for them to get that experience, too. I think going to state, Rochester was first from our region and we were second. We played some close games right away (Austin 4, Apple Valley 3). I pitched that game and then I got the save against Red Wing (Austin 8, Red Wing 5). Then I pitched against Cold Spring. I think Clint Ripley pitched against Dundas (Austin 13, Dundas 0). One thing that I really loved about that year is that Clint Ripley, who was a younger kid on our team, he also made the all-tournament team and I was really proud of that because so many years I was in the wings, but I remember like specifically that game having a conversation with the team and saying let's give Clint the start. Let's let someone else have some of this state experience. Plus we knew that if we won we needed all the arms that we had so I got a little rest too. Clint pitched great and we destroyed them and it was in our favor being a seven-inning game.

That helped. because in the championship series Dundas ran out of arms. (Austin 0,11, Dundas 4,5). We just out hit-them and we had enough stamina left to take the championship!



• Scott Meyer, Austin 2003

• Pitcher

• Won three games

• Pitched 29.1 innings

• Allowed nine runs on 22 hits

• Walked one while striking out 15

• Had a tournament ERA of 1.54



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