

Randy Moselle

Columbia Heights 1986/1989 MVP Class A

In his own words: Steichens was always tough because they had Tommy Smith. We were such a defensive team that we just kind of strangled teams. We didn't hit too well. Typically we were all defense and pitching. Wickman was there and Perry Bauer was on a couple of those teams, Cam Hedstrom. I would say my ERAs were ridiculously low in those two years.

For all of us that's a little bit of an asterisk because those were aluminum bat days. I had a ton of innings and a ton of games in those two tourneys.

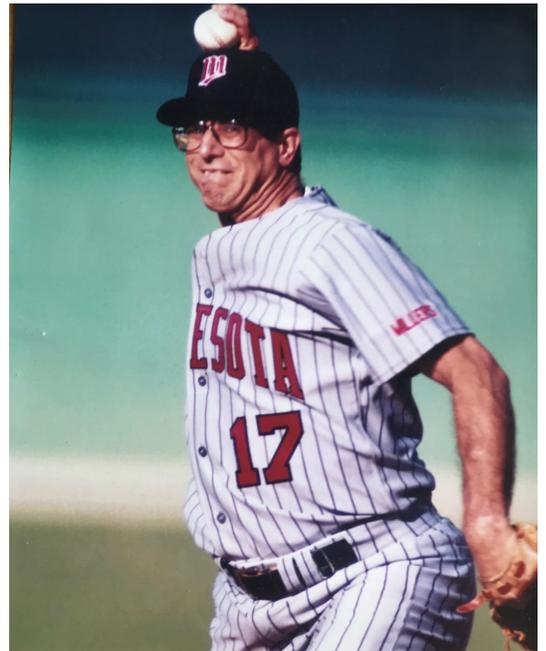
One of the years to get into the tourney we had to play another Park National team and we had to beat them two of three to get to the tournament. I threw the first game, it was a 21-inning game and I threw 17 innings. My forearm got where it couldn't grip the ball so Jack Peterson came on and finished the game.

We won and two days later they were going to have the next two games to see who would go to the tournament. Well, my son was born that day. I'm sitting in the hospital and I told Diane, I had been there a couple of hours after the birth and I told her, "There's not much I can do, do you mind if I go to the game?" Typical ballplayer so I go to the game and they are in the fifth inning of the second game—the other team had won the first one and they were tied in the fifth inning of the second. They said Mose can you throw? Conveniently, I had my uni in the trunk. I put it on, warmed up and I felt pretty good.

Now this was after that 17 innings two days before and I felt good. So I went in and threw two innings and we won!

Beating Steichens was always a highlight. They were good, great competition so it was fun to beat them. I remember that playoff game which never got recorded anywhere except in my mind.

I was with Dick's Place and we won the tourney, One year with Prior Lake, they only let me throw one inning. Then I won one state tournament with Hamel and the two with Columbia Heights. I had a string of 28 state tournaments in a row. I didn't pitch a lot when I got drafted and you shouldn't. My highlights were throwing well and the intensity—wow. When you're throwing those games you can't give up a run. We did not hit well, we had very few good hitters. We had pitching depth, with Hess at short and a lot of great defensive players.



- Randy Moselle, Columbia Heights, 1986
- Pitcher
- Won two games and saved one game
- Pitched 20 scoreless innings, striking out 15
- Gave up 10 hits while allowing no runs
- Randy Moselle, Columbia Heights, 1989
- Won two games, pitching 18 innings
- Allowed two earned runs on eight hits
- Struck out 21
- Held a 1.00 ERA



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