

Ray Santelli

Bovey

1990 MVP

Class C



In his own words: Greg Tulla lost his one-hitter in the fourth inning against Hampton in the championship game. He had a no-no going. It was a little knuckle shot up the middle. I remember Dick Jonckowski announcing our names and the way he said my name—he was the best man. That was the highlight of the whole tournament, having Dick there and announcing because he was special with the Gophers and with his voice. But I remember just the way that he said my name. He even talked to me after a couple of games. He told me that it just rolls off the tongue so well. He brought up the fact that he liked watching me hit. It was one of those moments.

I mean I remember the three home runs. They were long shots. The first three games were in Sleepy Eye and we played Albert Lea (Bovey 3, Albert Lea 2) and Hampton (Bovey 7, Hampton 0) in New Ulm. That was many years ago and I got better, I was even better than that I thought, after the years. You know how it is with the camaraderie and everything—it was just a lot of fun. They ran a good tournament and I guess the big highlight was just Dick up there in the press box. It was amazing. The way he is so passionate with his love for the game. The next year I played for Grand Rapids. We had a good year in Class B that year, too.

I can tell you this—I don't think anyone was beating us in Class C. There was no way in hell! We always wanted to make an impression and I guess we did.



- Ray Santelli, Bovey, 1990
- Pitcher/Outfielder
- Hit 12 for 21 for a .571 batting average
- Smacked three home runs with seven RBI
- Pitched 13 innings, allowing only two earned runs
- Had a 1.38 ERA for the tournament
- Struck out 16



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