

Chris Studer

Brainerd

2000 MVP

Class C

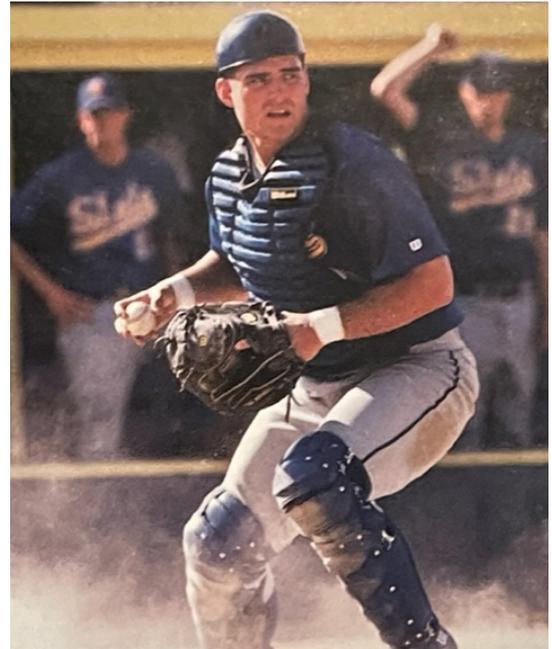
In his own words: I don't have a lot of specific memories of the early games, but I do remember the last few games. We we played Luverne. I knew several of their players because of my time at South Dakota State. There were some fellow SDSU alums on that team so that was a fun game to play. I remember playing really well as a team (Brainerd 15, Luverne 5).

The semi-final game against New Ulm, we just hit really well as a team. I remember hitting a couple of home runs in that game (Brainerd 15, New Ulm 4) and that carried into the championship game. I had three home runs in that game (Brainerd 9, Princeton 5). That definitely sticks out in my mind but our whole team was made up of a lot of really good college players at the time.

We had guys that I played with in high school at Brainerd and many of us went on to play either DII or DI baseball. Also some in DIII and Juco. We had a lot of really great athletes in that era. We all came together that summer. We kept playing well and had really good pitching. I remember Tony Whitlock was one of our best and Jeff Barrett, who played at NDSU. Luke Weiland UND and Brad Strie also was around. Then Jade O'Brien played at Iowa State and he was our shortstop. A lot of great athletes and a great summer.

I was seeing the ball very well and I was in my third year of college so had a lot of college ball under my belt. I was very confident at the plate that whole tournament. I had really good guys hitting around me too. It helps when your teammates are getting hits and being on base. I saw a lot of good pitches.

We played in the state tournament the year before, too, and didn't do as well. Then both Jade and I played in collegiate wood bat leagues over the summer. We both ended up coming back and playing amateur ball and all the stars aligned for that team. It was a lot of fun.



- Chris Studer, Brainerd, 2000
- Catcher
- Hit 13 for 26 for a .500 batting average
- Had two doubles and six home runs
- Amassed 11 RBI



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