

Mac Zachow

Green Isle

2003 MVP

Class C



In his own words: In 2003, the Green Isle Irish went 46-5 and won the Minnesota Class C State Amateur Baseball Tournament. Class C was double elimination. Green Isle came out of the losers bracket and won 5 games in a row in the last 3 days, to win the title. The Irish defeated Austin-Hayfield, the team that put us in the losers bracket, twice on Monday. I can't remember or think of a team in Class C or B that had done both of these things in a season. If there is, find me at a ballpark and I'll buy you a beverage.

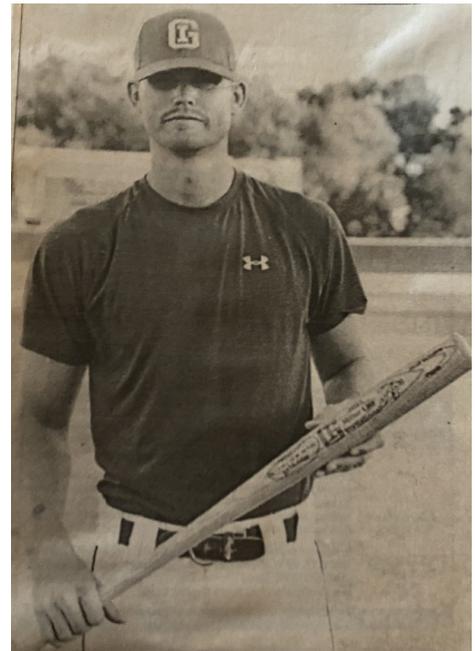
I'm not going to lie. We weren't very liked and we didn't care. We went wire to wire being anointed number one in the pre-season. We did that with challenging circumstances. We also played a very aggressive C and B schedule.

My family and I had an opportunity to enjoy the game again, reuniting with former high-school teammates, renewing old friendships, and being around those families. 17 of 19 of those Irish players were graduates from Arlington-Green Isle HS or Gaylord HS. These two schools consolidated to make Sibley East HS. Sibley East was established in 1991. The Irish have always been a well-supported team by the community. It was great to be a part of that and get a great baseball community a championship. There were so many moments and contributions from many players, family and supporters.

So, being asked what do I remember most about this season? It's all of the above and this...Players played games but the support, sacrifice and belief from family, community and players is what I will remember most. This wouldn't have happened without everyone supporting and believing in us.

I would like to thank Bill Nelson for allowing us to tell our stories and putting all of this together. Often, players don't have a platform. As years pass, many great stories and team/individual/community accomplishments become forgotten, not recognized, or untold.

Best wishes to Dundas/Faribault on a great and successful 2022 Minnesota State Amateur Baseball tournament.



- Mac Zachow, Green Isle, 2003
- Pitcher
- Won two games, pitching 31.1 innings
- Allowed 12 runs on 32 hits
- Walked 10 while striking out 43
- Achieved a tournament ERA of 2.88



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