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PLAYOFF PUSH

In a season full of ups and downs, it's hard to believe we're already on the verge of the postseason. With just three games left on the schedule, the Saints currently find themselves in the 9-seed, which is likely where they will remain moving in to the North Star League playoffs. Unable to secure a Region 12C bye, the most likely scenario will be a matchup with either Maple Plain, Rockford, or Montrose-Waverly, on Saturday, July 30th, depending on how the final week shakes out.

There have been a few bumps in the road so far in July. The Saints have had players battling injuries; Jim Althoff with a mixed bag of nagging injuries that he has mostly been able to play through. Ben Lindquist, who missed time with a leg injury, and is just now getting back to being able to contribute everyday. And now, most recently, pitcher/utility player Jordan Flick to a broken finger (15-day IL). It's never a good thing when players are on the shelf, but the hope is a fully healthy roster moving in to the post-season.

One thing that hasn't changed for the Saints all year has been the ability to hit the ball. As of July 13th, when the last league leaders were released, four Saints names can be found on the leaderboard, including Noah Halonen, who is currently sitting at 4th in the league with a .435 average. Steve Boger is right behind him at .424, Tyler Brandel is hitting .345, and Flick at .333. Brandel also leads the league with 5 homers, and Flick with 4 triples.

It'll take some maneuvering, but if the Saints can pitch well enough and play relatively mistake free defense, the bats should continue to give them chances to win ballgames.

UPCOMING EVENTS

It's the final week of the regular season, and we have some fun on tap for all you #DCSaints fans!

On Wednesday night, we're hosting the Montrose-Waverly Stingers for "Youth Baseball and Softball Night". All Dassel-Cokato youth baseball and softball players can wear their team's jersey for free admission for their whole family! Game time is 7:00pm, gates open at 6:00pm.

Friday night, we hit the road to take on the Delano Athletics for "Christmas in July"! It's going to be a jam-packed night of holiday fun, and you can check out all the details here:

<http://www.delanoathleticsbaseball.com/page/christmasdayinjuly?fbclid=IwAR3xfFHJ8ZDI5kEjh2A9dn2C5fCkQCqfDvSmw7TAzR78g-nnsDtROy1bqn8>

Sunday afternoon is the last game of the regular season, as we take on the Maple Plain Diamond Devils at 1:00pm, at home. It's "Fan Appreciation Day", and we'll have plenty of concessions specials and more!

Come on out and enjoy the last week of the regular season with us!



LAST WEEK'S RECAP

A tough week in for the Saints, going 0-3 in NSL play. On Wednesday night, The Litchfield Blues traveled to Saints Field and left with a shutout behind a 1-hit performance by Joey Hyde. The bats picked up for the Saints over the weekend, but 9 runs on 20 hits weren't enough to defeat the Buffalo Bulldogs (Friday) and the Hutchinson Huskies (Sunday). You can find last week's, and all of our box scores, [here!](#) The top performers this week were **Steve Boger** at the plate, batting .455 with a .500 OBP and a home run, and **Nikolai Niemela** on the mound, making his Saints debut with a scoreless inning pitched in relief against Buffalo.

