

Saints Sign 4 New Players, One Former Player Returns

With the fate of the 2020 Minnesota Baseball Association up in the air, the Saints still made some off-season moves that could prove key to the team's success. New signings to the team this year are Jacob Niemala – IF, Orrin Grangroth – IF, Dylan Weber – CP/C/OF, and Paul Jacobson - OF/C. Also returning to the team in 2020 is long-time Saints P/C, Lucas Larson.

Saints Rookie League Status

As of now, Saints Rookie League is still on track to start Saturday, May 9th. However, with the current Minnesota stay-at-home order ending May 4th, and the possibility of an extension, this may change. We will have an update no later than May 4th on the status of this year's Saints Rookie League.



Last Week's Highlights:

Thank you for checking out the first issue of the Pinstripe Times. Listed here will be the highlights and top performers of each week during the season.

A Season in Question

It's been a strange spring to say the least. With the COVID-19 pandemic effecting lives, directly or indirectly, things are far from "normal". Governor Walz has put in place a stay-at-home order, which currently is in effect until May 4th. What does that mean for the Minnesota Baseball Association and the 2020 season? Here's a note on the subject from the April 18th MBA board meeting minutes:

"CURRENTLY AMATEUR BASEBALL IN MINNESOTA IS CLOSED. THERE WILL BE NO GAMES PLAYED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. WE WILL NOT START OUR SEASON UNTIL THE GOVERNOR OPENS UP BASEBALL AND GIVES US PERMISSION TO START PLAY. ONCE THE GOVERNOR SAYS GO, OUR GAMES CAN START THE NEXT DAY, BUT UNTIL THEN, UNFORTUNATELY, BASEBALL IN MINNESOTA IS ON HOLD. IF THERE WILL BE SPECIAL RULES THAT WE WILL NEED TO ADHERE TO, WE WILL GET THEM TO YOU BEFORE THE SEASON STARTS AND WILL BE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE. THE BOARD IS OPTIMISTIC THAT WE WILL HAVE A BASEBALL SEASON. THE BOARD WILL BE SENDING A LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR REQUESTING/URGING HIM TO OPEN UP BASEBALL AS SOON AS PRACTICAL. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE!"

While we wait on a call from the state government, all we can currently do is play the waiting game. Our season and home opener is currently scheduled for Wednesday, May 6th, one week from today. The plan was to host the Glencoe Brewers for a 7:30pm, non-league tilt. It was also scheduled to be \$1 Butter Burger Night. The outlook for this game to still take place on May 6th is hazy at best, but we'll remain positive that the season will start soon.

There are several options that the MBA has when it comes to starting the season, but they are at the mercy of what Governor Walz decides is best. We as a team, while hoping to play as soon as possible, recognize that the health and safety of the players and fans are the top priority.

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