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# The Official Newsletter of the Dassel-Cokato Saints PinstripeTimeS

### MBA Board Interviewed by Fox 9

Three members of the Minnesota Baseball Association Board were interviewed by local Fox 9 on Sunday. Here is the link to the video story :

https://www.fox9.com/video/68

### Turn Back the Clock – 2010 Season

Ten y ears removed from the 2010 season, the Saints have quite a different look. However, four players remain on the current roster that played back in 2010:

Andrew Carlson - .360 AVG (9-25) and a 0.60 ERA over 15 IP.

John Hohenstein – Team leading 6 doubles.

Jordan Flick - 3.10 ERA over 29 IP.

Tyler Zweibohmer – 2.99 ERA over a team leading 69.1 IP.

This was the last season that the Saints play ed in Class "B", playing in Class "C" since 2011. The Saints final record in 2010 was 17-11.



## Did You Know?

Saints Field in Dassel was built in 1901, making it the second oldest ballpark in the North Star League (Delano was built in 1900). In 1946, it became the first NSL ballpark with lights.

#### 2020 Season Format Ideas

It is now May 19<sup>th</sup>, and there hasn't been a single sanctioned baseball game played in the State of Minnesota in 2020. Strange, isn't it? Yes, rainouts (and the occasional "snowout") are to be expected in this state. But by now, most high school teams are gearing up for their section playoffs, and amatuer baseball is starting to pick up steam.

While we still aren't guaranteed a season by any means, it's interesting to speculate on when it could potentially start with the blessing of state government. How many games could we play? What would the league schedule consist of? To quote former Indianapolis Colts head coach Jim Mora, "playoffs?!".

At this point, it's safe to say there will not be a season until June 1<sup>st</sup> at the very earliest. So let's have some fun and talk about what a potential 2020 schedule might look like...

\*Scenario 1\* - June 1 start: Cancel some nonleague matchups in order to make up missed NSL games. Use a traditional format; play every NSL team twice prior to NSL and Region 12C playoffs. NSL playoffs and Region 12C playoffs would start on their originally scheduled dates of 8/1 and 8/5.

\*Scenario 2\* - June 15 start: For one season, temporarily split the NSL in to an East and West Division; East consists of Buffalo, Delano, Loretto, Maple Lake, Maple Plain, and Montrose-Waverly, and the West consists of Cokato, Dassel-Cokato, Howard Lake, Hutchinson, and Litchfield. Play each team in the NSL once to determine seeding, leading to a two-sided Region 12C, single elimination bracket starting 8/9 and finishing on 8/16. The top 2 seeds in the East and the top 3 seeds in the west would get a bye in to the second round

\*Scenario 3\* - July 8 start: Here's where the fun begins. Each team playsonce for a total of 10 regular season league games, determining the seeding for a free-for-all Region 12C tournament starting 8/5. The top 5 regular season records would again get a bye in to the second round.

Of course, this is all speculation on potential formats if there is in fact a 2020 season. There are still questions on whether fans will be allowed to attend, if concessions can be sold, and so on. The Minnesota Baseball Association is working on the situation, but the final say will be determined by Governor Walz and if he deems it safe enough. All we can do now is play the waiting game.

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