

## DCBA Releases Tentative Plan to Start in June

The Dassel Cokato Baseball Association has released a tentative plan that would allow for youth baseball in D-C to start in June. Practices would begin June 1<sup>st</sup> and games will begin around the 15<sup>th</sup> of June. All grades and age groups will be required to follow MN's safety guidelines. If you still need to sign up, or no longer wish to play, please contact Brett Johnson at [Brett.Johnson@agritradingcorp.com](mailto:Brett.Johnson@agritradingcorp.com) or Nick Corbin at [corbin.nick@yahoo.com](mailto:corbin.nick@yahoo.com). Find out more at <https://www.dcsaints.com/youth>

## Saints Rookie League Update

Good news! We are able to still host Saints Rookie League this summer by following MN state government guidelines. More info at [www.dcsaints.com/youth](http://www.dcsaints.com/youth). You can read the guidelines here as well: <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5e4adaf41ea5462a7aa61ddt/5ecd234002f4af1d18ccea40>



## Did You Know?

Joe Harmala was the first Saint to be inducted in to the North Star League HOF during its inaugural year (1993). Joe is the all-time winningest pitcher in team history with a 116-31 record.

## 3 Players Primed for Big Seasons

Let's get the bad news out of the way. Yes, by June 1<sup>st</sup> we will have missed 12 games. Obviously we would love to be out on the field, enjoying the nice weather and going to battle against our NSL foes. Since we can't play quite yet, let's talk about three Saints that have the potential to breakout for big seasons:

**Collin Krick (P/IF)** – Collin had a slight sophomore slump at the plate in his second season with the club, slashing .224/.286/.327 in 55 PAs, after posting a .357/.500/.414 line in 30 PAs in 2018. However, there's reason to believe that he could have a major breakout in his 3<sup>rd</sup> season. Typically, the first couple seasons for a young player prove to be a feeling out process, and Collin is in a position now to take what he has learned and put together a solid season. He will also play a bigger role on the mound now having some collegiate experience under his belt.

**Ben Lindquist (P/IF)** – Things looked bleak for Ben after going 0 for his first 20 ABs in 2019, but after catching fire in the second half, he managed to post a .377 AVG. over the remainder of the season. He also proved to be a force on the mound, striking out 10.4 batters per 9 innings. If he can recreate that second half magic at the plate and cut down walks on the mound, he could have a HUGE season in 2020.

**James Howell (P)** – "Big Game James" is now entering his 6<sup>th</sup> season with the Saints, but has only been classified as a pitcher for the past season and a half. Last season in his first full season as a "PO", he put up some respectable numbers, logging a career high 19.1 innings and striking out 21 batters, while logging 3 saves in the process. James has spent the off-season building his arsenal and improving on his game. Like the rest of the staff, keeping free passes to a minimum will be key. If he can do that, expect him to be a go-to late inning option to lockdown games.

## On This Date in Saints History

On this day in 2005, the Saints completed a dramatic come from behind win to defeat St. Francis. Heading in to the 9<sup>th</sup> inning with a 2-1 lead, the powerful bats of the St. Francis squad rattled off 3 runs to pull ahead 4-2. Down, but never out, D-C battled back to score 3 runs of their own in the bottom of the 9<sup>th</sup>, capping off a 5-4 victory with a John Riewer walk off double. Other notable players include Eric Pokomowski (8 IP, 3 ER, 6 Ks, 1 BB), Shawn Larson (2-5, 2 R) and Pete Burkstrand (2-5, 1 R).

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