

**Players of the
Week 7/27-8/2**

Hitter of the Week:

Jim Althoff

- .333 AVG
- .500 OBP
- 2B
- 2 RBI
- 2 R
- 2 SB

Pitcher of the Week:

Tyler Zweibohmer

- 1-0
- 9 IP (CG)
- 1.00 ERA
- 11 Ks

**Region 12C
Playoffs**

After clawing through the play-in games, we'll have the tough task of taking on the #1 seeded, undefeated Buffalo Bulldogs in the Region 12C opening game tomorrow night. Here's how this week's schedule shakes out:

Saturday, August 5th – at #1 Buffalo Bulldogs (10-0 NSL) – 7:30pm (Maple Lake)

Saturday/Sunday, August 8th/9th – at TBD – 2:00pm or 4:00pm (Maple Lake)

Should the Saints win one of their two first games, they will be playing for a shot at one of the four Region 12C State Tournament slots.

**“Z” Dazzles in Dazzel, defeats
the Kernels in Bike Path Series**

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After earning the 8 seed in the North Star League regular season standings, the Saints would need to earn their way in to the Region 12C tournament the hard way... through the play-ins. Standing in their way would be Bike Path rivals, the Kernels of Cokato. The Saints elected to hand the ball over to veteran left-hander, Tyler Zweibohmer, who finished among the regular season league leaders in several pitching categories.

Following a few first inning Kernal hits and an early run, “Z” would prove to be dominant for the remainder of the contest, giving up just one run in a complete game effort while scattering 6 hits and fanning 11 batters. The defense showed up to back up the pitching performance, making just one error in the game.

The Saints wouldn't score until the 6th inning, where they would tally two runs and never look back. Four more 8th inning runs sealed the deal, and locked up a 6-1 win to advance to the final play-in game.

At the plate for the Saints, Paul Jacobson and Jim Althoff would lead the charge, each recording 2 hits and total 3 RBI between the two. Jacob Niemala would add an RBI as well. Here's the box score:

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Region 12C #8 Seeds by the numbers...

Since the current format was established in 2012:

62.5% of 8 seeds went 0-2 in Region 12C

37.5% of 8 seeds pulled off a 8 over 1 upset

12.5% (just once in 2015) of 8 seeds went on to the State Tournament

We're underdogs... But we're #BoldInGold

**Saints defeat Litchfield, Advance
to Region 12C Playoffs**

After a strong performance on Saturday night, the home town team would have to bounce back to face the Litchfield Blues on Sunday afternoon. Just a little over a week removed from their last matchup, Saints starter Jordan Flick and Litchfield starter Owen Boerema would battle once again in this do-or-die game.

As expected, it was a pitcher duel, with both starters surviving the first two innings unscathed. However, an errant throw would give the Saints the go-ahead run in the third. A small rally in the third for two more runs would be all the Saints would need to hang on. Flick was able to control the Blues offense, producing weak contact and keeping hitters off balance. He would give up just one run on 6 hits in another complete game effort.

Leading hitters for the Saints were John Hohenstein, who collected two hits, as well as Flick and Jeff Janckila, who both drove in runs. Full box score can be found here:

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