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# season outlook

## CAN THE SAINTS BUILD OFF THEIR 2021 SECOND HALF?

A bevy of close losses and letting late leads get away culminated in an underwhelming 2021, finishing 8-26 overall. However, the second half of the season was much better. The Saints were able to score a 9-8 win over the North Star League's #1 ranked Hutchinson Huskies, and from June 18th on, the Saints would actually outscore their league opponents albeit their record would not show.

Returning is the entire roster with the exception of P/OF Ethan Mayer. No additions have been announced at the time of publication, but the NSL Hot Stove is cooking and there are some potential moves in the works.

The 2022 season can be a successful one if the following happens: The Saints can build on their 2021 second half. The young contributors that grabbed starting roles can continue to improve. The pitching and defense takes another step forward.





# opening day

## THE CLASS "B" ANOKA BUCS COME TO TOWN

The old adage goes, "April showers bring May flowers". Well, the month of April has brought anything but normal weather. So what does that bring the Saints to open the month of May? An Opening Day matchup with the Anoka Bucs.

For the second season in a row, the Saints will host the Class "B" State Tournament entrant in an early season matchup. Last season, the Bucs were able to top the home team by a score of 6-2, lead by cleanup hitting catcher, Lucas Nelson, who was 3-4 on the day. Taylor Nelson also added a home run for the Bucs.

Although the Saints offense was kept in check, Steve Boger was able to tally a pair of singles, reaching base in 4 of his 5 total plate appearances. Paul Jacobson, Jordan Flick, Ben Lindquist, Noah Halonen, and Paul Vetsch each added knocks as well.

Flick took the loss on the mound, although pitching decent, giving up two earned runs over 6 innings of work before handing it off to the bullpen.

Expect a variety of pitchers and hitters to see action on Opening Day, as the Saints attempt to get revenge on the Bucs to open the 2022 season.

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# 2021 leaders

A LOOK AT THE  
PLAYERS THAT LEAD  
THE WAY LAST SEASON

With nearly the entire roster returning, it'll be interesting to see which of last season's top performers can help lead the charge, as well as which young Saints make their way on to the leaderboard.

Offensively, three Saints lead in most categories. Jim Althoff had the highest regular season batting average, posting a healthy .347 to go along with an OBP of .439. Althoff also led the team in stolen bases with 14.

Tyler Brandel was able to flex, leading the team in several "power" categories. He led the team with 4 home runs, as well as 11 doubles. 10 of those doubles came in league play, which put him at the #1 spot in the North Star League for that category. He also drove in a team leading 26 RBI and culminated a .486 slugging clip.

The Saints best all-around hitter in 2021 was Steve Boger, leading the team in OBP, OPS, hits, runs, and walks. Looking forward to this juggernaut's 2022 campaign.

On the hill, veteran Jordan Flick topped the team in most pitching categories, but Noah Halonen had the highest K/9, and James Howell had the most relief appearances.

## OFFENSIVE TEAM LEADERS

**BA: JIM ALTHOFF (.347)**  
**OBP: STEVE BOGER (.493)**  
**SLG: TYLER BRANDEL (.486)**  
**OPS: STEVE BOGER (.926)**  
**HITS: STEVE BOGER (35)**  
**RUNS: STEVE BOGER (27)**  
**RBI: TYLER BRANDEL (26)**  
**2B: TYLER BRANDEL (11)**  
**3B: 4 TIED (1)**  
**HR: TYLER BRANDEL (4)**  
**BB: STEVE BOGER (28)**  
**SB: JIM ALTHOFF (14)**



## PITCHING TEAM LEADERS

**IP: JORDAN FLICK (79)**  
**GS: JORDAN FLICK (11)**  
**WINS: JORDAN FLICK (4)**  
**SO: JORDAN FLICK (74)**  
**ERA: JORDAN FLICK (2.85)**  
**WHIP: JORDAN FLICK (1.29)**  
**FIP: JORDAN FLICK (2.42)**  
**K/9: NOAH HALONEN (10.44)**  
**BB/9: JORDAN FLICK (2.51)**  
**REL: JAMES HOWELL (13)**



# SAINTS ROOKIE LEAGUE 2022



SESSION 1: SATURDAY, MAY 7TH - 10:00AM-11:30AM  
SESSION 2: SATURDAY, MAY 14TH - 10:00AM-11:30AM  
SESSION 3: SATURDAY, MAY 21ST - 10:00AM-11:30AM  
GAME DAY: FRIDAY, MAY 27TH

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## SAINTS ROOKIE LEAGUE SIGN UP DEADLINE IS THIS SATURDAY!

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# upcoming events

## A LOOK AT THE WEEK AHEAD

Following the Opening Day matchup with the Anoka Bucs, the Saints will play host to the 2021 Class "C" State Tournament runner-up Watertown Red Devils for **Butter Burger Night**. We'll be serving up delicious, juicy butter burgers on Wednesday, May 4th, for just a buck until they're gone. Pair the burgers with a cold one served up by the Cokato-Dassel Lions or a soda from the concession stand. Last season, the Saints lost a close one to the Devils, 8-7. First pitch is scheduled for 7pm.

On Friday, May 6th, the Sartell Stone Poneys come to town. Last season, the Saints downed the Poneys in a 13-3 rout. We'll be giving away **Saints Keychains** at the gates for the first 100 fans.





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