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The Official Newsletter of the Dassel-Cokato Saints

# SAINTS SPLIT AGAIN VS TWO NON-LEAGUE OPPONENTS

Another 10-run win and a tough loss.

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- + SAINTS ROOKIE LEAGUE WEEK 1
- + UPCOMING SCHEDULE
- + SPRING LAKE PARK FACE LIFT



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## Saints Take Another Big "W"

After being rained out on Wednesday, the Saints were back in action against nonleague opponent, the Stone Poneys of Sartell. It was "Superhero Night", meaning the Saints would try to play the role of the "good guys" and earn a win for the costumed hometown fans

Taking the mound for the Saints would be "The Incredible" Collin Krick. Collin was able to keep the visiting Stone Poneys off-balance. using a good mix of fastballs and off-speed pitches to hold them in check. He would earn his first win of the 2021 season, pitching 6 total innings, giving up just 3 runs, striking out 5, and only allowing one free pass.

The caped Saints would jump out to an early 4-0 lead in the first inning, during which "Super" Steve Boger earned his first hit as a member of the Pinstriped Avengers.



After years of collecting hits against the Saints, Steve Boger collects his first for them.

Another 5-run inning in the 5th would make the game 9-3, before "The Mighty" James Howell would be given the task of holding the lead, taking over for Krick in the 7th. 8 pitches is all it would take for him to complete the task, pitching a clean 7th inning.

The final blow would be delivered in the bottom of the 7th when the Saints would score 3 more runs, capping the game off via 10-run rule after "The Amazing" Tyler Brandel would score on an error to walk it off, sending the heroes in the stands home happy.

### Bats Cool Off in Loss to Anoka

Following the win on Friday night, the Super Saints would return to mortal form, unable to keep up their pace on offense against the Class "B" Anoka Bucs.

Jordan Flick would toe the rubber, unable to repeat his performance from the week prior, giving up 4 runs (2 earned) to a sweet-swinging Anoka lineup. 8 Bucs hits, including a 2-run homer in the 4th inning, would be enough to hand Flick the loss.

After pacing for over 10 runs per game after the first three contests of the year, the offense would finally slow down, only mustering 2 runs on the day. One of those runs came in the first after Paul Jacobson would come around to score after his leadoff single. Jacobson would then drive in the only other run in the game for the Saints in the 4th inning following a Noah Halonen single, a Paul Vetsch HBP, and a Cy Flick walk.

James Howell would take over in relief for the second day in a row, proving to be efficient once again, pitching the 7th, 8th, and 9th innings on just 43 pitches. However, the point was moot, as the home team was unable to push any more runs across in the late innings.

Although the runs came at a premium, the Saints were still able to produce plenty of baserunners, collecting 7 hits and drawing 8 freebies on BBs and HBPs. Keeping that onbase percentage high will be important for the Saints moving forward.

The highlight of the night was the delicious \$1 butter burgers. Special thanks to our grillers, Paul and Gary, for feeding the fans!

Full box scores for all games can be found at dcsaints.com/blog.

Be sure to check out three more home games this week!

# KRICK AND VETSCH NAMED PITCHER AND HITTER OF THE WEEK



Week #2 Player of the Week honors go to Collin Krick and Paul "Swiss" Vetsch. On the mound, Krick was able to earn his first win of the season over the Sartell Stone Poneys. His final line: 6 IP, 6 H, 3 ER, 5 K, 1 BB.

Vetsch was able to reach base at a fantastic .800 clip. He went 2-3 on the week, drew a walk, and was hit by a pitch. For good measure, he played solid defense at both second base and in left field.

### PINSTRIPE TIMES

## ROOKIE LEAGUE **HIGHLIGHTS**

The Saints Rookie Leaguers were out in full force on Saturday morning, working on the fundamentals of the game and having a blast while doing it. The 1st-6th graders honed their skills in the infield, outfield, on the base paths, and with their bats. Thanks again to all the parents for bringing your children out; we'll be back at it again this Saturday!

Reminder: all age groups will attend the 9:30-10:00am timeslot each Saturday from here on out.



Rookie Leaguer Mason Corbin focuses in with some tee work. Our hitters worked on swinging hard, with a purpose, and finding the barrel on Saturday.

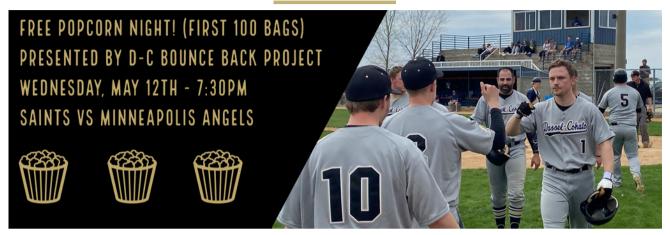


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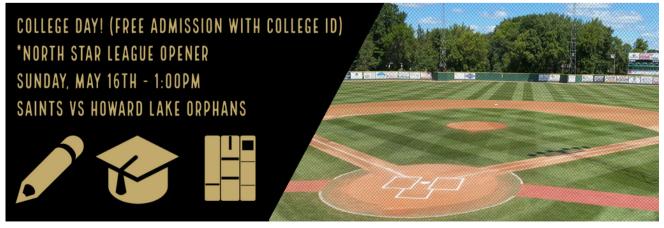
## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE



The Dassel-Cokato Bounce Back Project will be providing free popcorn on Wednesday night as we take on the Class "A" Minneapolis Angels. You can check out their page on Facebook for more information on the group!



On Friday night, we host another Class "A" team, the Minneapolis River Rats. It's "Food Drive Night" - We'll be taking donations in the form of non-perishable food items or cash. Your donation gets you free admission to the game!



We open North Star League play with Howard Lake on Sunday at home. Every Sunday home game at Saints Field is "College Day", so bring your College ID for free admission!

## AROUND THE LEAGUE:

SUNDAY 5/9

LITCHFIELD 8 - HOWARD LAKE 3

MAPLE LAKE 12 - COKATO 5

DELANO 10 - MONTROSE-WAVERLY 0 (7 INN)

## **NSL SCORES AND UPDATES**

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## SPRING LAKE PARK GETS UPGRADES FOR 2021

## **Major Upgrades for Spring Lake Park Baseball Field**

Spring Lake Park in Dassel has been home to Dassel-Cokato youth baseball for years. The D-C baseball community has seen players grow from playing at Spring Lake Park on to the Charger varsity team, collegiate levels, and the Saints. Through the use of grants and fundraising, the Dassel-Cokato Baseball Association has made the park a hot spot for ballplayers and parents alike all summer long.

Recently, the park has undergone some major renovations, including leveling and raising the playing surface, as well as the laying of over 320 rolls of







brand new sod. DCBA members, coaches, parents, and kids all took part in the project on Saturday. This was completed shortly after the finishing touches were put on the brand new, very large backstop. The new backstop will keep baseballs in the field of play and create a safer experience for fans and players. Dugout improvements have also been made recently, which will make coaches and players much more comfortable in the space.

There are future projects in the works for Spring Lake Park, both on the field surface itself, as well as cosmetic and comfort improvements. You can follow the DCBA's Twitter account (@DCBaseballAssn) and on Facebook (@DCBaseballAssn) for updates. You can also visit dcsaints.com/dcba for more information.

