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SAINTS TAKE FIRST NSL "W"

A victory over the rival Howard Lake Orphans starts the Saints 1-0 in the NSL



**LAST WEEK
GAME RECAPS**



**UPCOMING
SCHEDULE**



**WEEK 3 "PLAYER OF
THE WEEK" HONORS**

SAINTS TAKE FIRST NSL CONTEST

Angels take Game One of the Week

Heading in to the week, the Saints would have two more chances to smooth out some rough edges before their North Star League opener. First up would be the Minneapolis Angels, a team that would make a Class "A" State Tournament run just last season.

The Saints would throw a mixed bag of pitchers at the Angels. Starting the game was left-hander, Michael Leffler, making his first start of the season. Some control issues in the first inning lead to two runs, but he would settle in and pitch a scoreless second and third inning.

Jim Althoff would take over in relief in the fourth, making his pitching debut for the Saints (he had pitched previously during his time with Albertville). He would also go three innings, giving up just one unearned run before handing the ball over to Paul Vetsch.

"Swiss" would struggle a little in his inning of work, but he would get it out before turning it over to another Saints debut, Cy Flick.

Cy was able to notch his first strikeout and pitch a scoreless 8th inning, allowing Noah

Halonon to take over in the 9th to pitch a scoreless inning of his own.

The Angels pitchers would do a good job working out of jams all game. Although the Saints only scored one run in this 5-1 loss, they would have double digit base runners for the game.

Leading the way on offense was Collin Krick, who was 1-3 with a walk. Ben Lindquist was 1-4 with a double, and also adding hits were Steve Boger, Jim Althoff, and Gus Flick.

Second Minneapolis Team, Second Loss

Facing another tough Class "A" squad, the Minneapolis River Rats, the Saints would drop their second game of the week.

Collin Krick made his third start of the season and looked solid, pitching 5 innings and giving up just two earned runs. A few costly errors, however, would allow the River Rats to tack on two more runs.

James Howell would take over in relief, pitching four strong innings, giving up just one run on 2 hits, striking out five batters.

On offense, Jordan Flick would go 2-4 with a double, driving in a run and stealing a base. Michael Leffler would add two

hits of his own, also swiping a bag.

The effort would not be enough, and the Saints would fall 5-2.

Saints Take NSL Opener

The time had finally come for North Star League play to begin, and with the sun shining on Saints Field, the good guys were able to take the "W" over the Howard Lake Orphans.

On the bump was Jordan Flick, who would pitch seven scoreless innings, scattering five hits, walking just one batter, and striking out ten Orphans.

The offense exploded in the 4th inning for 6 runs, which is all the Saints would need. Every single Saint in the starting lineup would tally a hit off of Orphans ace, Mike Dockendorf, and Ben Lindquist, Jim Althoff, Michael Leffler, and Noah Halonon would all record RBI.

Noah Halonon would take over in relief in the 8th inning, and after struggling with command in his first inning, he would shut the door in the 9th on a 6-2 Saints win and move the team to 1-0 in league play for the season.

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



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FLICK AND LEFFLER NAMED PITCHER AND HITTER OF THE WEEK

<p>JORDAN FLICK</p>  <p>PITCHER OF THE WEEK</p> <p>WEEK 3</p>	 <p>7 INNINGS PITCHED</p> <p>1 WIN</p> <p>0.00 ERA</p> <p>10 STRIKEOUTS</p> <p>#2</p>	<p>MICHAEL LEFFLER</p>  <p>HITTER OF THE WEEK</p> <p>WEEK 3</p>	 <p>.375 BATTING AVERAGE</p> <p>.444 ON-BASE PERCENTAGE</p> <p>1 RUN BATTED IN</p> <p>1 RUN</p> <p>1 STOLEN BASE</p> <p>#13</p>
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Week #3 Player of the Week honors go to Jordan Flick and Michael Leffler. Flick toed the rubber for the first North Star League game of the season, earning his second win of the year. His final line: 7 IP, 5 H, 0 R, 10 K, 1 BB.

Leffler's glove has made some key outs so far on the young season, but his bat has been extra hot as of late. On the week he was 3-8 with a double, a run, a RBI, a HBP, and a stolen base. This brings his OBP for the year up to .385.

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ROOKIE LEAGUE HIGHLIGHTS

Week #2 of Saints Rookie League and we finally got some sun! On Saturday morning, we continued working on fundamentals and focused on barreling baseballs at the plate, getting in good fielding positions in both the infield in outfield, worked on some arm strength, and showed off the wheels on the base paths.

Reminder: Next week is the last Saturday morning session (9:00am-10:30am). We will have Rookie League shirts available, which the kids will be able to wear for "Rookie League Night", Wednesday, May 26th when we take on Buffalo.



The Rookie Leaguers break it down on "SAINTS!" after another fun morning!

AROUND THE LEAGUE:

FRIDAY 5/14

HUTCHINSON 15 – LITCHFIELD 5

SATURDAY 5/15

COKATO 9 – MAPLE PLAIN 0 (FORFEIT)

SUNDAY 5/16

DASSEL-COKATO 6 – HOWARD LAKE 2

HUTCHINSON 9 – MAPLE LAKE 1

LORETTO 10 – MAPLE PLAIN 8

LITCHFIELD 6 – MONTROSE-WAVERLY 2

BUFFALO 14 – COKATO 7

STANDINGS

1) HUTCHINSON (2-0)

2) BUFFALO (1-0)

DASSEL-COKATO (1-0)

DELANO (1-0)

LORETTO (1-0)

LITCHFIELD (2-1)

7) MAPLE LAKE (1-1)

8) COKATO (1-2)

9) HOWARD LAKE (0-2)

MAPLE PLAN (0-2)

MONTROSE-WAVERLY (0-2)


THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE



READING CHALLENGE NIGHT!
WEDNESDAY, MAY 19TH - 7:00PM
SAINTS VS ANDOVER ACES



FIRST RESPONDER APPRECIATION NIGHT!
FRIDAY, MAY 21ST - 7:30PM
SAINTS VS MAPLE LAKE LAKERS



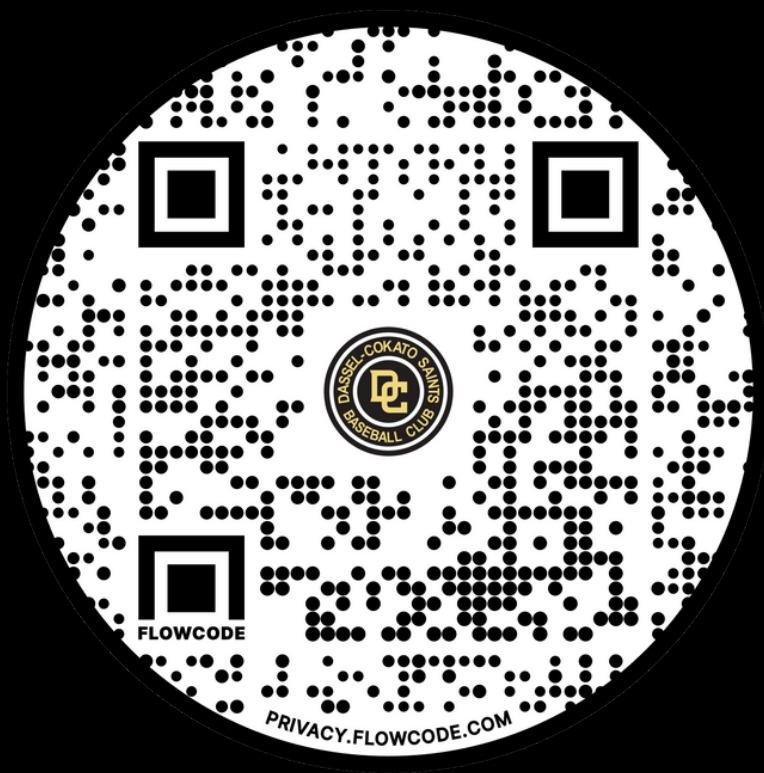
*** SAINTS AT MONTROSE-WAVERLY STINGERS**
SUNDAY, MAY 23RD - 6:00PM



One of the biggest promotions of the year! "Reading Challenge Night" rewards the kids of the Dassel-Cokato School District for all their hard work, reading over the course of the year. Expect a big crowd with plenty of games, prizes, and activities. The Dassel Ambassadors will be there providing some fun as well. We'll be taking on the Andover Aces for the first time ever; first pitch is 7:00pm, so be sure to arrive early for this one!

Friday night we'll be back in action, ending our seven game homestand with some more North Star League play. We'll be taking on the Maple Lake Lakers (1-1 NSL) at 7:30pm. It's First Responder Appreciation Night, so all first responders, fire fighters, police officers, EMTs, etc. get free admission.

We will finally hit the road once again on Sunday for a 6:00pm tilt against the Montrose-Waverly Stingers (0-2 NSL). Although we have played several "away" games against them, we have never actually played at "The House that Robb Built". Should the rain stay away, it'll be a great week to catch some baseball!



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