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SAINTS SPLIT TWO NSL GAMES

After dropping a lopsided loss to Maple Lake, the Saints bounce back with a win.



**LAST WEEK
GAME RECAPS**



**UPCOMING
SCHEDULE**



**WEEK 4
"PLAYER OF THE
WEEK" HONORS**



**ROOKIE LEAGUE
RECAP**



**SAINTSFEST 2021
COMING SOON**



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Maple Lake's Offense Too Much for Saints

After having to cancel Wednesday night's game with Andover due to rain, the Saints were back in action on Friday night against league foe, Maple Lake. The Lakers brought their "good wood", scoring double digit runs against the pinstriped pitchers.

Starting on the mound for the Saints was Collin Krick. In his 4th start of the year, he would have a hard time keeping the Laker offense off balance. They would score 7 runs in the top of the first and 2 in the second off of Krick for a total of 9 (4 earned). The defense was sloppy at best, as the Saints would make 6 errors in the game.

Michael Leffler would relieve Krick, throwing 3.2 innings of his own, but would also have a hard time getting out the Laker hitters, giving up 6 runs (5 earned).

Cy Flick would enter the game as the third arm for the Saints, but wouldn't be able to stop the bleeding, giving up 2 runs in his 1.1 innings of work.

Very few bright spots on offense overall for the Saints. Jim Althoff would lead the way, going 2-3 on the day. Jordan

Flick and Noah Halonen would each add another hit, and Ben Lindquist and Steve Boger would draw walks. Aside from that, not a whole lot doing at the plate.

A combo of silent bats, shaky defense, and too many Laker barrels would lead to a 17-0 loss in 7 innings.

Bounce-Back Win Over Montrose-Waverly

After taking one on the chin against Maple Lake, The Saints were able to bounce back for a win over the Montrose-Waverly Stingers.

It was the team's first time traveling to "The Hornet's Nest" in Waverly; in past seasons, the Stingers would typically travel to Saints Field twice, playing once as the "away" team and once as the "home" team.

Taking the mound for the Saints was James Howell. After the Saints scored a run in the first, James would have a rough first inning, giving up 4 runs (2 earned). He would settle in however, and pitch the next four innings giving up just one more run.

Heading in to the 6th inning, the Saints found themselves down 5-2, but continued to chip away at the lead.

In the top of the 6th, the Saints would plate 3 runs, tying the game at 5, after singles from Steve Boger, Jim Althoff, Jordan Flick, and Dylan Weber.

After walking the first batter in the bottom of the 6th inning, Howell would be relieved by Noah Halonen, who would go on to pitch a scoreless remainder of the game, striking out 4 batters in the process.

in the top of the 7th, the bats would stay hot for the visitors, scoring 3 more after a leadoff walk by Collin Krick, a Halonen sacrifice, a Ben Lindquist single, and another Althoff single.

The score would hold at 8-5, and the Saints would end the week with a league split, moving their record to 4-5 overall and 2-1 in North Star League play on the young season.

Cleaning up the defensive lapses will be key for the Saints moving forward. The extra outs have led to extra runs for the opposition, so it will be important to limit errors moving forward. Luckily, the team finds itself a game above .500 in league play despite the "D".

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



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HALONEN AND ALTHOFF NAMED PITCHER AND HITTER OF THE WEEK

NOAH HALONEN		JIM ALTHOFF	
PITCHER OF THE WEEK			
	WEEK 4	WEEK 4	
	#8	#34	
	4 INNINGS PITCHED	.714 BATTING AVERAGE	
	1 WIN	1 DOUBLE	
0.00 ERA	3 RUNS BATTED IN		
4 STRIKEOUTS	2 RUNS SCORED		
	3 STOLEN BASES		

Week #4 Player of the Week honors go to Noah Halonen and Jim Althoff. Noah took the mound in relief of during Sunday's game in Waverly, slamming the door in an important North Star League win. His relief line: 4 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 4 K, 1 BB.

Jim kept rolling on offense, going 5-7 on the week for a .714 average. He scored 2 runs, drove in 3 runs, hit a double, and stole 3 bases for good measure. That ups his season average to .379 (.545 in NSL play).

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ROOKIE LEAGUE HIGHLIGHTS

We hosted the final Saturday of Saints Rookie League over the weekend and we ended with a bang! We put our skills to the test in an exciting baseball game. There were great plays, hard hits, and plenty of laughs.

Reminder: Tomorrow is "Rookie League Night" at our game against the Buffalo Bulldogs. An email was sent out yesterday morning to parents of Rookie Leaguers. If you did not receive it, or need more information, please email us at info@dcsaints.com.



Thank you Rookie Leaguers and parents for participating in Saints Rookie League for 2021!

AROUND THE LEAGUE:

WEDNESDAY 5/19

DELANO 1 – LORETTO 0 (5 INNINGS, RAIN)

FRIDAY 5/21

MAPLE LAKE 17 – DASSEL-COKATO 0

SUNDAY 5/23

MAPLE LAKE 11 – COKATO 7

BUFFALO 12 – MAPLE PLAIN 5

LORETTO 5 – HUTCHINSON 0

DASSEL-COKATO 8 – MONTROSE-WAVERLY 5

STANDINGS

1) BUFFALO: 2-0

DELANO: 2-0

MAPLE LAKE: 3-1

4) DASSEL-COKATO: 2-1 (.5 GB)

HUTCHINSON: 2-1 (.5 GB)

LITCHFIELD: 2-1 (.5 GB)

LORETTO: 1-1 (.5 GB)

7) COKATO: 1-3 (2 GB)

HOWARD LAKE: 0-2 (2 GB)

9) MAPLE PLAN: 0-3 (2.5 GB)

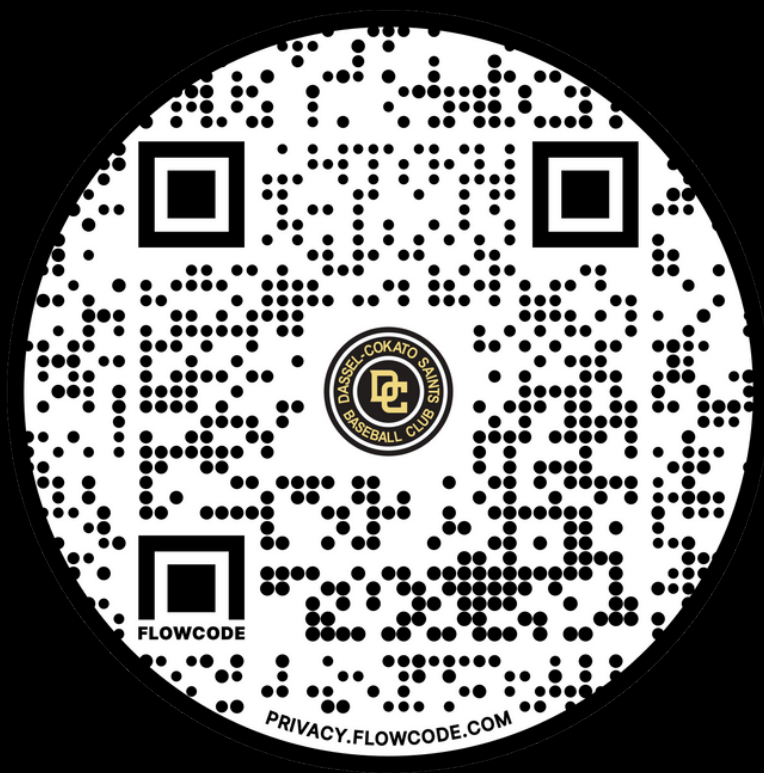
MONTROSE-WAVERLY: 0-3 (2.5 GB)

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Wednesday night we're back in North Star League action as we take on the Buffalo Bulldogs. It's "Rookie League Night", meaning all of the Saints Rookie League participants and their families are invited out to the game for free. Rookie Leaguers can join the Saints on the field and in the dugout during warmups prior to the game. If you are a Rookie Leaguer's parent and did not receive the email with information on the event, please email us at info@dcsaints.com.

Friday night we host the Clearwater River Cats in non-league play. It's #DeckTax Night! The lovable, sometimes rowdy crowd that occupies the deck overlooking the field on the 3rd base line have a rule... If you're coming up to the deck, bring your #DeckTax (food, drinks, etc.). On Friday, the Saints will flip the tables and tax the deck. For every Saints hit, the deck occupants will donate a dollar amount to the team (helping to cover team gear, umpire costs, etc.).

Looking a couple weeks in to the future, mark your calendars for "SaintsFest 2021" on June 9th, during our game with the Maple Plain Diamond Devils. There will be a silent auction, prizes, games, and more! It'll be a great time, so come on out and enjoy SaintsFest 2021!



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