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opening day reschedule

AFTER A RAINED OUT SUNDAY, THE SAINTS WILL OPEN WEDNESDAY.

The spring weather has not been favorable for baseball teams across the state thus far, and the same proved true for D-C on Sunday afternoon having to unfortunately call the opener on Sunday with the Anoka Bucs.

Instead, Opening Day will now take place at home tomorrow, Wednesday, May 4th at 7:00pm, against the 2021 Class "C" runner-up, Watertown Red Devils.

Last season, the Red Devils made it all the way to the coveted Labor Day showdown in the state tournament. When the Saints met with them in an early season matchup in 2021, Watertown was able to score three 8th inning runs to take a 9-8 win. Cale Wabee was the winning pitcher on record.

It's **\$1 Butter Burger Night**, so come on out to Saints Field for some good baseball and great burgers!



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an interview with noah halonen

WE CAUGHT UP WITH THIS SAINTS
PITCHER/INFIELDER TO FIND OUT A
LITTLE MORE ABOUT HIM





noah halonen

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW

According to his [roster bio page](#), Noah's favorite athletes are Charlie Woods and Anthony Edwards. His favorite movies are Toy Story, The Shawshank Redemption, and The Big Short. He has one favorite MBA ballpark, his home turf of Saints Field, and he enjoys "dugout conversations with The Ethans™".

So what else is there to know about Noah? We dove deep with some questions to help you get to know him a little better...

You've been spending your school year in Colledgeville with the Johnnies. What has been your focus on the SJU diamond this spring?

Since the 20-21 season, I've transitioned from a two-way guy to a full-fledged PO (pitcher only) this season. My entire focus this season for the Johnnies has been based off pitching. The biggest things I have worked on are increasing my pitch velocity by strengthening my arm, improving my mechanics, and getting stronger in the weight room. I've also been tinkering with all my pitches, and added a "mystery" off-speed pitch that the NSL will become familiar with.

Last summer you hopped positions with the Saints a little, starting the season at second base and eventually moving to shortstop. Was the transition natural for you, or was there an adjustment period?



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The transition was natural. I've been ready to play shortstop my entire life, and I've always been a solid defensive player, so the transition was relatively hiccup free.

You finished the 2021 season with a .291 batting average in a tough North Star League. What can you attribute the success to, and can we expect to see even more production at the plate this summer?

Working throughout the off-season and maintaining that workout throughout the season, along with picking the great mind of Steve Boger played factors in my success. I expect to improve on last year's numbers, so yes, you can expect more production at the plate from me this summer.

Have you set any specific goals for yourself for the 2022 season?

I always have goals. From the mound, I have only one goal, and that is to win the Tom Timpe. From the box, I want to surpass the .300 clip and see my name among the NSL hitting leaders, and improve my K% and BB% numbers. Hitting a home run would be pretty cool too.

Let's get personal here. Any superstitions like a specific pregame meal? Lucky socks? Anything the fans should know about?

I don't believe in superstitions, but I do have a

pregame routine that I follow. Before I head down to the field, I always make sure to get a hot shower in before changing in to my pregame gear. From there, it's bumping Biggie Smalls, Beastie Boys, and Outkast in the car on the way to the field. I get my hitting and throwing work in, and about 5-10 minutes prior to infield outfield I'll put my uniform on. TB and I after the throwdown always tell each other to "do something cool this inning", as well.

The final question is always the toughest. The people need to know, Noah... What is your favorite brand and flavor of sunflower seed?

Not sure if they're around anymore, but the Nacho Dill Fusion pack by Giants is definitely pushin' P.

It sure is, it sure is. Thank you Noah for taking the time to catch up. Looking forward to seeing you at Saints Field all summer.

It was a pleasure. Looking forward to butter burgers tomorrow night!



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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upcoming events

A LOOK AT THE WEEKS AHEAD

Following the Opening Day matchup with Watertown tomorrow, Friday, May 6th, the Sartell Stone Poneys will 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.

The Saints will take this Sunday off for Mother's Day before heading in to their first three-game week.

On Wednesday, May 11th, D-C will hit the road and travel to Cold Spring to face off with the Rockies before coming back home on Friday for **Superhero Night** against the Belle Plaine Tigers.

Next Sunday will mark the first North Star League test for the Saints as they travel to Maple Plain to face the Diamond Devils.





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