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weekly recap

SAINTS TAKE 2 OF 3, FINISH A STRONG MONTH OF MAY

On Wednesday night, the Saints picked up right where they left off the week prior. In a "Battle of the Saints", St. Boni came to town in their own black, white, and gold (we love their take on the Friar hat). It was a misty, cold evening. At times, the weather made it challenging, but the home team was able to come out on top.

Three Saints took the mound; starting was James Howell, who worked 3 innings, striking out 4, giving up 2 earned runs. Noah Halonen would be the pitcher on record, grabbing the win in 4 2/3 of relief. After a shaky first, Noah settled in to strike out 7 St. Boni batters. Michael Howell would take over with two outs in the 8th and shut down the St. Boni offense to end it.

Jim Althoff lead the team with three hits, and Michael Leffler had a good day at the plate, collecting a pair of hits, including a double, while driving in 4 runs. In the end, it was D-C by a score of 11-4.

The second game of the week featured the Clearwater River Cats, in what would be a more competitive game.

Collin Krick would toe the rubber for the final time in May, capping off a fantastic month with a complete game performance. Over the course of the game, he would hold the River Cat offense in check, giving up just one earned run and securing his fourth win on the young season. To end his white hot month of May, Krick holds a 4-0 record with an ERA of just 1.80.

Offensively for the Saints, Althoff would continue his stellar week at the plate, reaching in 4 of 5 plate appearances. Tyler Brandel went 2-3 with a walk, driving in a game-high two RBI. Making it eight straight wins to start the season, the Saints won, 6-2.

In the third and final game of the week, the Saints would see their win streak finally come to a halt, dropping an extra innings thriller to North Star League rival, Howard Lake.

The Orphans took advantage of some early miscues, jumping out to an early lead. The Saints would claw back in to it, forcing extra innings with big hits, including an Althoff dinger, and a Krick game-tying double. Steve Boger, Jordan Flick, Ben Lindquist, and Brandel, would add hits as well, with Halonen drawing a walk and stealing a base.

Flick started on the hill, and would put forth a complete game effort, pitching 10 innings on just 113 pitches, giving up 3 earned and striking out 8. But in the end, it was the Orphans by a score of 5-4.

The Saints end their first month with a record of 8-1, and look forward to an NSL-packed June.



Congratulations, Perry!



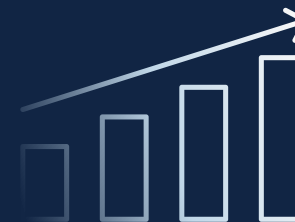
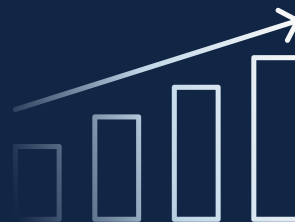
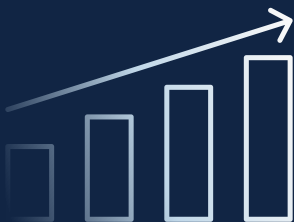
players of the week

THE HITTER AND PITCHER OF WEEK 4

This week's Hitter of the Week goes to Jim Althoff, slashing a monster .700/.750/1.000 on the week. He also scored 5 times, swiped 4 bags, and smacked a home run. Other notable hitters include Collin Krick (.333 AVG, .400 OBP), Jordan Flick (.313 AVG, .421 OBP, 2 2B, 4 R, 3 RBI), and Steve Boger (.308 AVG, .400 OBP, 7 R, 3 SB).

The Pitcher of the Week goes to Collin Krick for his performance on Friday night, going the distance while giving up just one earned run. The team continues to pace well on the mound. To date, the pitching staff holds a 1.92 ERA over 75 innings, with 81 strikeouts to just 31 walks. If the Saints can keep up this pace, they should be able to keep things rolling as we head in to June.

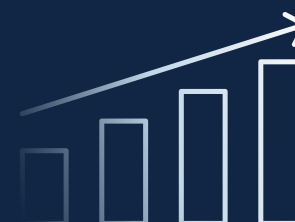
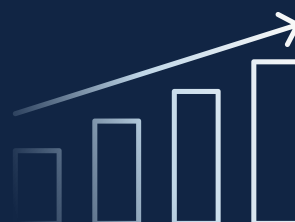
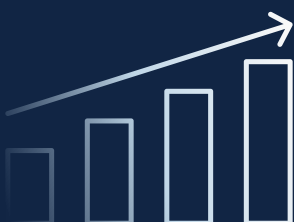
HITTER OF THE WEEK	JIM ALTHOFF	COLLIN KRICK	PITCHER OF THE WEEK
			
			
	.700 BATTING AVERAGE	1 WIN	
	.750 ON-BASE PERCENTAGE	1 COMPLETE GAME	
	5 RUNS SCORED	1.22 WHIP	
	4 STOLEN BASES	1.00 EARNED RUN AVERAGE	
	1 HOME RUN		
	#34	#16	
	WEEK 4	WEEK 4	



2022 NSL STANDINGS THRU 5/31



1. DELANO (4-0)
2. HOWARD LAKE (4-1) .5 GB
2. LITCHFIELD (4-1) .5 GB
4. BUFFALO (3-1) 1 GB
4. MAPLE LAKE (2-0) 1 GB
6. DASSEL-COKATO (2-1) 1.5 GB
7. LORETTO (1-1) 2 GB
7. MAPLE PLAIN (1-1) 2 GB
9. COKATO (1-3) 3 GB
10. HUTCHINSON (0-3) 3.5 GB
11. ROCKFORD (0-4) 4 GB
12. MONTROSE-WAVERLY (0-6) 5 GB





upcoming events

A LOOK AT THE WEEK AHEAD

Two games on tap this week, both being ever-important North Star League matchups.

On Friday night, the Saints will host the Buffalo Bulldogs. We're celebrating the last week of school with **Teacher & Faculty Appreciation Night!** All teachers and faculty get in free to the game. First pitch is scheduled for 7:30pm.

On Sunday, the Saints will pump up their tires, fill their baskets, clothespin a baseball card in their spokes, and head down the bike path to face off with the Cokato Kernels on the shores of Brooks Lake. Game time is 7:00pm.

The month of June is packed full of North Star League rivalry games. Catch the action at Saints Field!





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"baseball is a lot of fun..."



niemela ventures south

SAINTS P/IF HEADS TO
NORTH CAROLINA FOR CPL

3rd year Saint, Jacob Niemela, has prior experience playing baseball in North Carolina. He just wrapped up his freshman year playing with Brunswick Community College in Bolivia, NC. The warm weather is welcoming, and the baseball in North Carolina is high quality. One of the premier collegiate summer leagues in the south is the Coastal Plain League (CPL). Among the teams in the CPL are the Wilmington Sharks, located in Wilmington, NC.

Niemela got the call to play for head coach Russ Burroughs and signed a 10-day contract. In his first game, he showed a patient eye, drawing two walks. The very next night, he recorded his first CPL hit, a two-strike single in to right field. Wearing the #6, he's had opportunities to hold down the hot corner for the Sharks.

When asked how the experience has impacted him, Jacob had this to say:

"So far it's been a super cool experience and an honor to play and learn from some of the best college players from around the country. Baseball is a lot of fun, I'm just trying to keep playing for as long as possible."

Niemela definitely held his own in the CPL, batting .333 and posting an OBP of .667. Due back this week, expect to see him somewhere in the lineup Friday night against the Buffalo Bulldogs at home!



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