

PINSTRIPE TIMES

SAINTS SPLIT ON OPENING WEEK

Late Comeback not **Enough to Defeat** Watertown

The smell of fresh cut grass. The sound of cracking bats. The pop of the mitt. The wait was finally over, and it was once again time for another season of Saints baseball.

Getting the nod on Opening Day would be Collin Krick, who worked well minus a small bump in the 3rd inning. He would throw 4 total innings, handing the ball over to James Howell for the 5th. Howell was able to hold the score at 3-2 until the 7th inning, where Watertown would extend their lead to 5-2.

In the bottom half of the 7th, the Saints would rally for 4 runs. capped off by a Ben Lindquist 2 RBI double, taking the lead 6-5. In the top of the 8th, Watertown would scratch three more runs to regain the lead once again, making the score 8-6.

The Saints would score another run in the bottom of the 8th to make it a one run ballgame, and after a scoreless inning of work on the mound for Noah Halonen, the Saints were unable to score in the bottom half, ending the game with an 8-7 loss.

Leading the charge offensively for the Saints were Jim Althoff (1-2, 3 BB, R, SB), Michael Leffler (2-5, 2B, 2 RBI, SB), Ben Lindquist (1-4, 2B, BB, 2 RBI), and Jordan Flick (1-3, 2 BB, RBI).

Dylan Weber and Cy Flick split the catching duties for the game, and Weber was 1-2 while C. Flick was 0-1 with a walk and a HBP. Tyler Brandel added another hit for the Saints, and Paul Jacobson scored twice out of the leadoff spot after walking and also being hit by a pitch.

Saints Bounce Back with Big Win

The Saints would hit the road for the first time in 2021, making the 1.25 hour trip through Stearns County to Elrosa, where they would play ball at a different "Saints Field".

Toeing the rubber for the Saints would be Jordan Flick, making his first start of the early season. Flick was able to silence the opposing bats, scattering just 2 hits, while striking out 9 and not surrendering a single base-onballs.

The offense picked up where they left off on Friday night,

tallying double digit runs, starting with a 2-run first inning after a Paul Jacobson leadoff HBP, a Steve Boger walk, a Tyler Brandel single, and a Dylan Weber sacrifice fly. Michael Leffler would also reach by error, giving Dassel-Cokato the early lead.

After two scoreless innings, D-C would add another run in the 4th, followed by another in the 5th, extending the lead to 4-0.

The hammering blow came in the top of the 6th, when Ben Lindquist and Collin Krick would draw back-to-back walks to lead off the inning. Then after a Drew Carlson sacrifice bunt, Jim Althoff would drive in two runs with a single, and Tyler Brandel would hit a moonshot over the scoreboard in leftcenter, racking up 5 more runs for the Saints.

Another run in the top of the 7th would give the Saints the opportunity to end the game early via 10-run rule. Paul Vetsch made his Saints debut on the mound, locking the game down in the 7th after earning both his first and second career punchouts.

Full game reports and box scores can be found at dcsaints.com/blog.



SAINTS ROOKIE LEAGUE 2021



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Session 1: Saturday, May 8th

Session 2: Saturday, May 15th

Session 3: Saturday, May 22nd

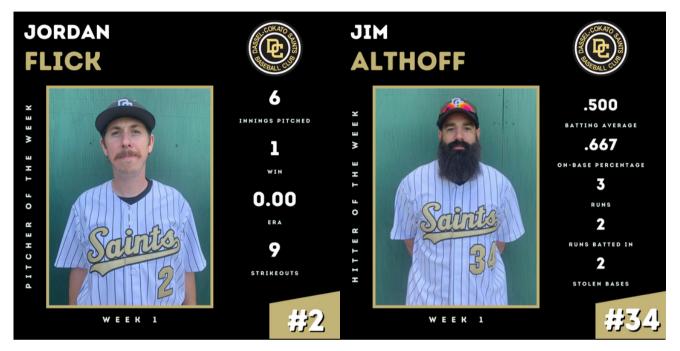
Game Day: Wednesday, May 26th

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FLICK AND ALTHOFF NAMED PITCHER AND HITTER OF THE WEEK



The first honors of 2021 for the pitcher and hitter of the week go to Jordan Flick and Jim Althoff. Flick was able to cruise over 6 innings, blanking Elrosa's offense while striking out 9 and pitching to just one batter over the minimum to secure his first win of the young season. His final line: 6 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 9 K, 0 BB.

Althoff is off to a hot start, tallying 3 hits in his first 6 at-bats. In his 9 total plate appearances, he has also racked up 3 walks and driven in 2 runs. On the basepaths, he has been able to swipe two bags and score 3 runs as well.

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VETSCH MAKES MOUND DEBUT

Paul "Swiss" Vetsch took over the bump for the first time in his career on Sunday in Elrosa, tossing a scoreless 7th inning to close out the 10-0 win. The second year young gun was able to pickup his first and second punchouts of his career, producing some whiffs from the last two batters he faced. Congrats, Swiss!





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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE



This Wednesday marks the start of an eight game homestand. In a Cinco de Mayo celebration, we'll be taking on the perennial Class "B" tournament entrant Cold Spring Springers. We'll be serving up nachos all night for just \$2!



On Friday night, the Sartell Stone Poneys come to town in what will be another non-league matchup. It's "Superhero Night" at Saints Field. Dress up as your favorite superhero on this themed night.



A fan-favorite returns... it's "\$1 Butter Burger Night"! The Saints will play host to the Class "B" Anoka Bucs on a rare Saturday game. First pitch is 6:00pm and burgers will be served starting at 5:30pm until gone.

