# PINSTRIPETIMES

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### SAINTS SLUMP OVER SHORT WEEK

Just two games last week, both dropped.

- + LAST WEEK RECAP
- (+) UPCOMING SCHEDULE
- + SAINTSFEST 2021 NEXT WEEK!
- WEEK 5
  "PLAYER OF THE WEEK" HONORS
- REGION 5AA HIGH SCHOOL PLAYOFFS

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## SAINTS SLUMP, DROP λ/OGAMES

#### **Buffalo Bats Beat Up Saints**

In the first game of the week, the Saints hosted the Bulldogs of Buffalo for a North Star League tilt.

For the first 5 innings, it looked as if the first team to score would win. However, back to back 5-run innings for the Bulldogs in the 6th and 7th innings would shorten the game via 10-run rule.

Taking the mound for the Saints on Wednesday night would be Jordan Flick. He would get through the first 5 innings relatively unscathed, but a combination of some hits and errors would knock him out of the game.

Taking over in relief would be Noah Halonen. Noah wouldn't fair much better either, and between the two pitchers, Buffalo would collect 10 runs (7 earned).

On offense, the Saints were kept quiet by Bulldogs starter, Jon Euerle. Euerle was efficient, scattering 5 hits and only walking two batters.

Jim Althoff would tally two hits, Collin Krick and Dylan Weber would also have a hit, and Flick would add a double, but the day would end in a loss, 10-0.

### Saints Drop a Non-League **Matchup with Clearwater**

On a chilly Friday night, the Saints would play host to the Clearwater River Cats. This would be the first matchup between these two teams in history.

It would be a back-and-forth battle, starting in the first inning when the Saints would scratch two early runs across to take the lead after four walks and a fielders choice.

The River Cats would strike back, scoring 5 runs of their own in the top of the second off of Saints starter Collin Krick. Krick pitched well throughout the game, and the second inning would be the most damaging.

After getting one of the runs back in the bottom half of the second inning, the Saints would then score one more in the 5th before giving two away in the 7th inning. Two more home team runs in the 7th would make it a 7-6 ballgame, but that is where the score would remain, giving the Saints their second loss on the short week.

Offensively, Steve Boger would stand out in this game, going 1-2, scoring 3 runs, and drawing 3 walks. Most impressively, he

was able to steal home early in the game.

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

### **North Star League Standings**

After a few weeks of league play, the Saints currently sit in 7th place, just 2 games back from first.

Seed	Team	W	L	GB	%
	Delano	4	0		1.000
	Buffalo	3	0	.5	1.000
	Hutchinson	3	1	1	.750
	Maple Lake	3	1	1	.750
	Litchfield	2	1	1.5	.667
	Loretto	2	1	1.5	.667
	D-C	2	2	2	.500
	Cokato	1	4	3.5	.200
	Howard Lake	0	2	3	.000
	Maple Plain	0	3	3.5	.000
	Waverly	0	4	4	.000

It will be important to stay in that top 7 throughout the season to avoid having to play in to the Region 12C tournament.

A couple good wins and a couple bad losses have the Saints sitting .500 in league play, but the team feels there is plenty of opportunity for improvement, specifically on the defensive side of things.



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# ALTHOFF AND BOGER NAMED PITCHER AND HITTER OF THE WEEK



Week #5 Player of the Week honors go to Jim Althoff and Steve Boger. Jim took the mound in relief of during Friday's game against Clearwater. He would pitch two scoreless innings, keeping the River Cats off-balance.

Steve Boger is proving to be every bit as advertised in his first year with the Saints. Last week he was able to collect a few hits and draw three walks, ending the week with an on base percentage over .500.

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## SECTION 5AA **PLAYOFFS**

Next week, Saints Field will have the honor of hosting the Section 5AA MSHSL Playoffs. On June 7th, 8th, and 10th, you can catch exciting high school baseball and take in the sights and sounds of Saints Field. Concessions will be open, and there are rumors of a mini "Pumpkin Patch" reunion...

Currently, the D-C Chargers are trying to earn their way in to playing in front of the hometown crowd. After a big win on Saturday, they take on Holy Family tonight in Victoria. Go Chargers!



Come on out for some great high school baseball playoff action!

## AROUND THE LEAGUE:

WEDNESDAY 5/26

DELANO 13 - COKATO 6

**BUFFALO 10 - DASSEL COKATO 0 (7 INNINGS)** 

SUNDAY 5/30

**HUTCHINSON 11 - MONTROSE WAVERLY 1 (7 INNINGS)** 

MONDAY 5/31

**DELANO 22 - MONTROSE WAVERLY 3 (7 INNINGS)** 

## **STANDINGS**

1) DELANO: 4-0

2) BUFFALO: 3-0 (.5 GB)

3. HUTCHINSON 3-1 (1 GB)

MAPLE LAKE: 3-1 (1 GB)

5) LITCHFIELD 2-1 (1.5 GB)

LORETTO: 2-1 (1.5 GB)

7) DASSEL-COKATO: 2-2 (2 GB)

8. HOWARD LAKE: 0-2 (3 GB)

9) MAPLE PLAIN: 0-3 (3.5 GB)

COKATO: 1-4 (3.5 GB)

11) MONTROSE-WAVERLY: 0-3 (2.5 GB)

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## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE



Wednesday night we take on the Kimball Express in a non-league matchup. It's "Teacher and Faculty Appreciation Night", meaning all teachers and faculty get in free with their school IDs. Game time is 7:00pm.

Friday night we travel to Buffalo where we will attempt to even the season series against the Bulldogs. Game time is 7:30pm.

Sunday we're back at home for another league matchup with the Montrose-Waverly Stingers. We will try to take the regular season sweep after beating them at the Hornets Nest. All Sunday home games are "College Day" in 2021, so bring your college ID for free admission.

"SaintsFest 2021" is next week! Mark your calendars for June 9th - During our game with the Maple Plain Diamond Devils we will have a silent auction, prizes, games, and more! It'll be a great time, so come on out and enjoy SaintsFest 2021!

