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CLOSE GAMES RULE THE WEEK

Learning to take close games will be crucial for the Saints heading in to the second half.



**UPCOMING
SCHEDULE**



**BRENT
OPSAHL
HOF NIGHT**



**WEEK 8
"PLAYER OF
THE WEEK"
HONORS**



**HOW TO
BECOME AN
UMPIRE**

THREE CLOSE GAMES, BUT THE SAINTS CAN'T FIND A "W"

Loss on the Road to Maple Lake

With three North Star League matchups scheduled for the week, the Saints would look for a strong start against Maple Lake.

After being handed out a beating earlier this season, the Saints would look to avenge their loss and avoid the regular season sweep.

Toeing the rubber against the Lakers would be Jacob Niemela, coming off his first win as a Saint and making just his second start of the summer. Jacob threw well enough to give his team a chance to win over six innings, but subpar defensive play behind him would cause his pitch count to rack up early and force some unearned runs.

After scoring runs in the first and third innings, the Saints would cough up the 2-0 lead, giving up a pair of unearned runs in the bottom half of the third.

From there, the Lake offense would take over, and although the Saints would mount a comeback and stay in the game, the final score would end 8-4 in favor of Maple Lake.

Leading the way on offense for the Saints would be Paul

Jacobson in the leadoff spot, going 3-5 and scoring a run. Steve Boger and Jordan Flick would go 2-4 at the plate, both collecting doubles and stolen bases. Dylan Weber had a nice day at the plate as well with a 2-3 performance.

Saints Drop 1-Run Loss on Friday

It was a playoff-type atmosphere at Saints Field on Friday night, as our neighbors up the bike path would pay a visit. Games against the Kernels always produce a good-sized home crowd; add Brent Opsahl's North Star League Hall of Fame induction to that, and you have a packed house.

Facing off were Jordan Flick and Steve Schmidt. Runs were at a premium, and both pitchers would combine for just two walks in 17 innings.

After surrendering a run in the first, the Saints jumped out to a 2-1 lead in the bottom half. The Kernels would go on to tie the game in the third inning, before eventually scoring the winning run in the 5th.

The Saints wouldn't struggle to get baserunners, collecting 11 hits in the game, but couldn't find a way to push more runs across. Paul Jacobson and Steve Boger would continue

their hot weeks, each tallying three more hits. Michael Leffler would add two as well, but nine runners were left on, and that would hurt in the 3-2 loss.

Orphans Walk It Off

In the week's finale, the Halos would travel to the shores of Howard Lake on a muggy, somewhat sloppy afternoon.

On the mound for the Saints was Collin Krick, who pitched a stellar game. Collin pitched strongly for 8 1/3 innings, giving up just three runs (two in the bottom of the 9th inning), but once again, the Saints would struggle to score.

Just two runs on two hits would be all they could produce, and it wouldn't be enough in a 3-2 losing effort.

Key Takeaways

To win ballgames, you have to score runs. Simple, right? Well over the past week, the Saints have pitched and played defense well enough to keep them in games, but haven't figured out a way to plate more runs. Solving that issue, and hanging on in close games, will lead to more success down the stretch.

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

UPCOMING HOME GAMES!



3-GAME HOME STAND BEFORE JULY 4TH BREAK:



- 6/27 - VS WILLMAR - 2:00PM**
- 6/30 - VS HUTCHINSON - 7:30PM**
- 7/2 - TEMPE, AZ - 7:00PM**



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KRICK AND BOGER NAMED PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

COLLIN KRICK	STEVE BOGER
	
8.1 INNINGS PITCHED	.455 BATTING AVERAGE
4 STRIKEOUTS	.538 ON BASE PERCENTAGE
2.16 ERA	2 EXTRA BASE HITS
1.56 WHIP	3 RUNS SCORED
#16	#27

We've reached the halfway point of the season, and in Week 8, Collin Krick and Steve Boger earned their second and third Player of the Week honors respectively. On the mound, Krick pitched a gem against Howard Lake, tossing 8 1/3 innings, giving up just 2 earned runs.

Boger has caught fire, taking the Hitter of the Week honors in now three of the last four weeks. So far in the month of June, he has a batting average of .419 and has drawn more walks than any other Saint. A true leader at the plate.

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HOW TO BECOME AN UMPIRE

With youth baseball in full swing for the summer, it's important to note that there is a great need for officials. Umpiring can be an incredibly rewarding experience in many ways. It's a great summer job for high schoolers or the college student that's back home for the summer, and it's also a way to stay involved in the game outside of playing. If you're interested in helping grow the game and becoming an umpire, please contact us at info@dcsaints.com. Thank you!



Youth baseball and softball depend on umpires. Without them, the kids would be unable to play. Become an umpire today!

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

COLLEGE DAY!
SUNDAY, JUNE 27TH- 2:00PM
SAINTS VS WILLMAR RAILS





The Saints hit the road on both Wednesday and Friday for North Star League tilts, starting with Loretto to face the Larks, then heading down the bike path to take on the Kernels. Sunday will mark the start of a 3-game home stand taking us in to the July 4th break, as we host the Willmar Rails in some non-league action.

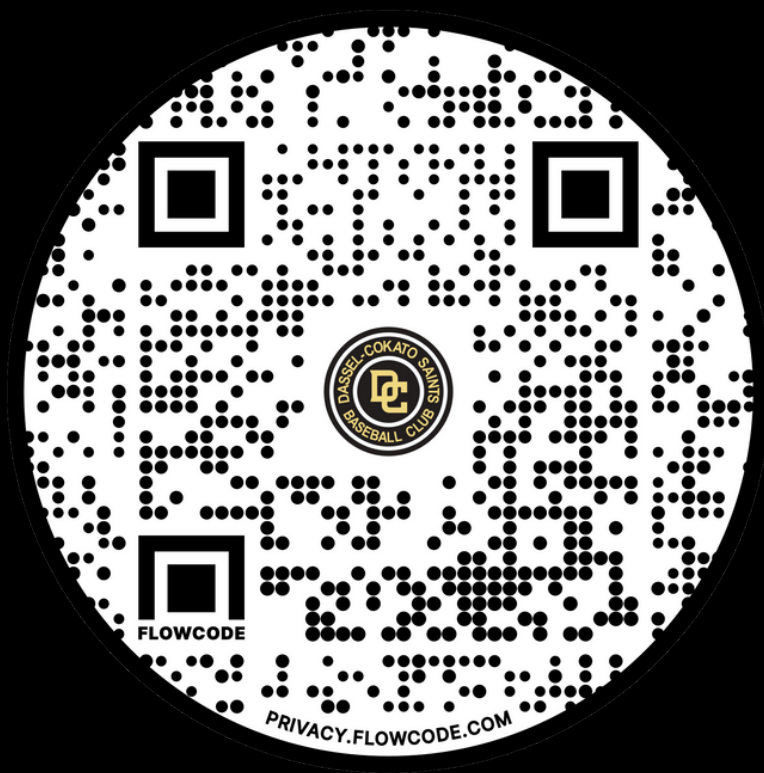
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BRENT OPSAHL HALL OF FAME NIGHT

This past Friday night was loaded with excitement. Fans were treated to a competitive, close ballgame, the famous Super Dog was served, bikes were given away to fans, and fun was had by all. The biggest part about Friday night? That would be Saints legend Brent Opsahl entering his rightful place in the North Star League Hall of Fame. His play and lifetime statistics (which you can find at dcsaints.com/stats) speak for itself, and we were honored to have "Bernie" inducted and kick off the game with a nasty curveball for his honorary first pitch. Thank you to everyone that came out to make the evening a very special one.



Brent giving his HOF speech while Brian "Bookie" Larson looks on.



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