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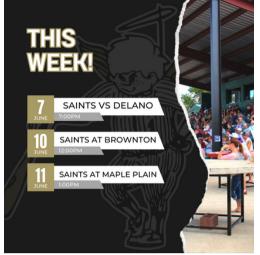
BOUNCE-BACK SUNDAY WIN

In Wednesday's game at Irish Stadium, the Lakers came out swinging, defeating the Saints by a score of 9-3. Some defensive and baserunning miscues would hurt, but in the end, it would be two longballs by Ben Clapp and Donnie Mavencamp that would put the visiting Halos away.

In the second game of the week, the Saints would host Buffalo. The Bulldogs seemed to pick up where the Lakers bats left off, rattling off double digit runs against the Saints pitching staff. In all, the home bats would only muster 4 hits on the day, and would fall 15-2 in the process.

With their backs against the wall, the Saints had one more opportunity at a NSL win on Sunday afternoon in a classic battle with the Howard Lake Orphans. The pitching matchup was Jacob Niemela vs Jared Koch, and both pitchers would give their squad an opportunity to win the ballgame.

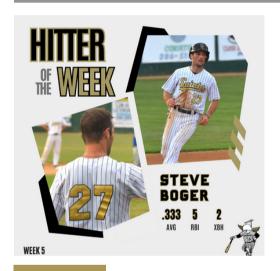
After 6 innings of zeros, Howard Lake would finally strike first, scoring three runs. For the first time in nearly a week, the bats then woke up, as the Saints answered back with 4 runs of their own, capped off by a Ben Lindquist bases-clearing double. Howard lake wouldn't go quietly however, scoring 5 more runs in the 8th. Trailing 8-4 heading into the bottom of the 8th, the Saints would show no quit, rallying for 5 runs of their own in another comeback effort, highlighted by Steve Boger and Graham Jacobson doubles. Michael Leffler would slam the door in the 9th for the "W".



UPCOMING >

EVENTFUL WEEK ON TAP

One home game this week, but it's an opportunity for some revenge, as the Saints host Delano. The Athletics took game one of the regular season series in late May. On Saturday, the Saints travel to Brownton for "Townball Knocking Out Cancer Day" as part of a three game slate hosted by the Bruins. Sunday wraps the week up with another NSL matchup with Maple Plain.





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BOGER AND WEBER TAKE WEEK 5'S PLAYER OF THE WEEK HONORS

In a week where the bats were a little cool (until late Sunday), a few Saints stood out at the plate. Steve Boger is your Hitter of the Week for the second time this season, batting .333 with a pair of extra base hits and a team leading 5 RBI on the week. Others in consideration were Tyler Brandel, who went 4-4 en route to a NSL win over Howard Lake on Sunday, and Ben Lindquist, who had another steady week at the plate and delivered the game-tying blow with a bases clearing double in the Saints first of two comebacks against Howard Lake.

On the hill, Jacob Niemela had another solid start, and Michael Leffler was clutch in picking up the lateweek win, but it was Dylan Weber that would be Pitcher of the Week. Weber tossed 1.2 perfect innings of relief against a tough Maple Lake squad, refusing to allow a single baserunner.

The Saints have been streaky so far this season. More consistency will be key as we head into June.

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