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weekly recap

SAINTS SPLIT A PAIR OF NSL GAMES, IMPROVE TO 9-2

Prior to the week, the Saints were coming off a hot May, winning their first 8 games. They did however lose their final game in May to the Howard Lake Orphans, bringing their North Star League Record to 2-1. It would be another testing week with two more NSL matchups, starting with the always dangerous Buffalo Bulldogs.

Taking the hill with his 4-0 record on Friday night would be Collin Krick. Krick did his best to keep the Bulldogs lineup off-balance, tossing 7 strong innings, but Buffalo would scratch 5 runs (4 earned) off of the righty.

It was a back and forth ballgame, with the Saints taking a 1-0 lead in the third when they would patiently draw 3 walks and a HBP. Buffalo would tie the game in the top of the 4th, right before handing the lead back to the Saints in the bottom half of the inning, making it 2-1.

The Bulldog offense would break it open in the top of the fifth with a Kai Brisk bases-clearing double. Down, but not out, the Saints would get three back in the 6th

with a big 2-RBI single off the bat of Jim Althoff. That would do it for the home team, however, giving up a run in both the 8th and 9th and going quietly in the final innings. James Howell worked two innings in relief, giving up one earned run and striking out a pair of Bulldog hitters.

On the verge of a losing streak for the first time of the year, the Saints would take on the neighboring Cokato Kernels on the shores of Brooks Lake for the first Bike Path installment of the season.

Always an interesting game when these two teams play, the Saints would call on Jordan Flick to pitch. The Kernels would scatter runs in the 1st, 2nd, and 7th innings off of Flick, but he would also strike out 11 batters in his 7 innings of work.

Key hitters in the game for the Saints were Steve Boger with a team leading 3 hits Noah Halonen, Tyler Brandel, and Jacob Niemela all collecting a pair as well. Brandel without a shadow of a doubt had the furthest hit of the day, blasting a 2-run homer high in to the treetops in left field for an estimated distance of 413 feet. Boger also made a big-time defensive play in the game, hosing a tagging runner at the plate.

There were 5 lead changes in the game, and after taking a lead in the top of the 8th inning, the Saints would call on Halonen to close the game out on the mound. He would do just that, giving up one unearned run, and collecting his 2nd save of the season, helping the Saints back to a 3-2 NSL record.





2022 NSL STANDINGS THRU 6/7

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1. BUFFALO (6-1)
 1. DELANO (6-1)
 2. MAPLE LAKE (4-1) 1 GB
 2. LITCHFIELD (5-2) 1 GB
 4. HOWARD LAKE (5-3) 1.5 GB
 6. DASSEL-COKATO (3-2) 2 GB
 7. LORETTO (2-3) 3 GB
 7. MAPLE PLAIN (2-3) 3 GB
 9. COKATO (2-4) 3.5 GB
 10. HUTCHINSON (1-3) 3.5 GB
 11. ROCKFORD (0-6) 5.5 GB
 12. MONTROSE-WAVERLY (1-8) 6 GB

players of the week

THE HITTER AND PITCHER OF WEEK 5

This week we have a pair of co-hitters of the week in Steve Boger and Noah Halonen. Halonen posted a hot .500 AVG on the week, while Boger continues to reach base at a high clip, .600 on the week. The two combined for 4 RBI and 5 runs scored. Other notable hitters include Tyler Brandel (.375 AVG and a HR) and Jacob Niemela (.333 AVG).

Noah also earns the Pitcher of the Week honors for his 2 inning save on Sunday night, refusing to allow a hit or an earned run. Collin Krick also threw 7 strong innings against Buffalo, and Jordan Flick had 11 Ks in 7 innings of work. The Saints will look to continue building on the early season pitching success heading in to this week.

HITTERS OF THE WEEK		PITCHER OF THE WEEK	
STEVE BOGER NOAH HALONEN	 WEEK 5	NOAH HALONEN	 WEEK 5
.500 HALONEN - AVG	.600 BOGER - OBP	2 INNINGS PITCHED	1 SAVE
4 COMBINED - RBI	5 COMBINED - RUNS	0.00 EARNED RUN AVERAGE	.000 BATTING AVG AGAINST
#27 #8			#8

RADIO BROADCAST SCHEDULE

5-29-22 | VS HOWARD LAKE - 1PM | **KLFD**

6-10-22 | VS KIMBALL - 7PM | **KLFD**

6-11-22 | AT LITCHFIELD - 7PM | **KLFD**

6-24-22 | VS. COKATO - 7PM | **KLFD**

6-29-22 | AT LORETTO - 7PM | **KRWC**

7-2-22 | VS TEMPE (AZ) - 2PM | **KLFD**

7-8-22 | VS HUTCHINSON - 7:30PM | **KDUZ**

7-10-22 | VS MAPLE LAKE - 1PM | **KRWC**

7-13-22 | VS LITCHFIELD - 7PM | **KLFD**

7-17-22 | AT HUTCHINSON - 1PM | **KDUZ**

7-24-22 | VS MAPLE PLAIN - 1PM | **KRWC**

KLFD - 1410AM/95.9FM | KRWC 1360AM | KDUZ 1260AM/96.5FM



upcoming events

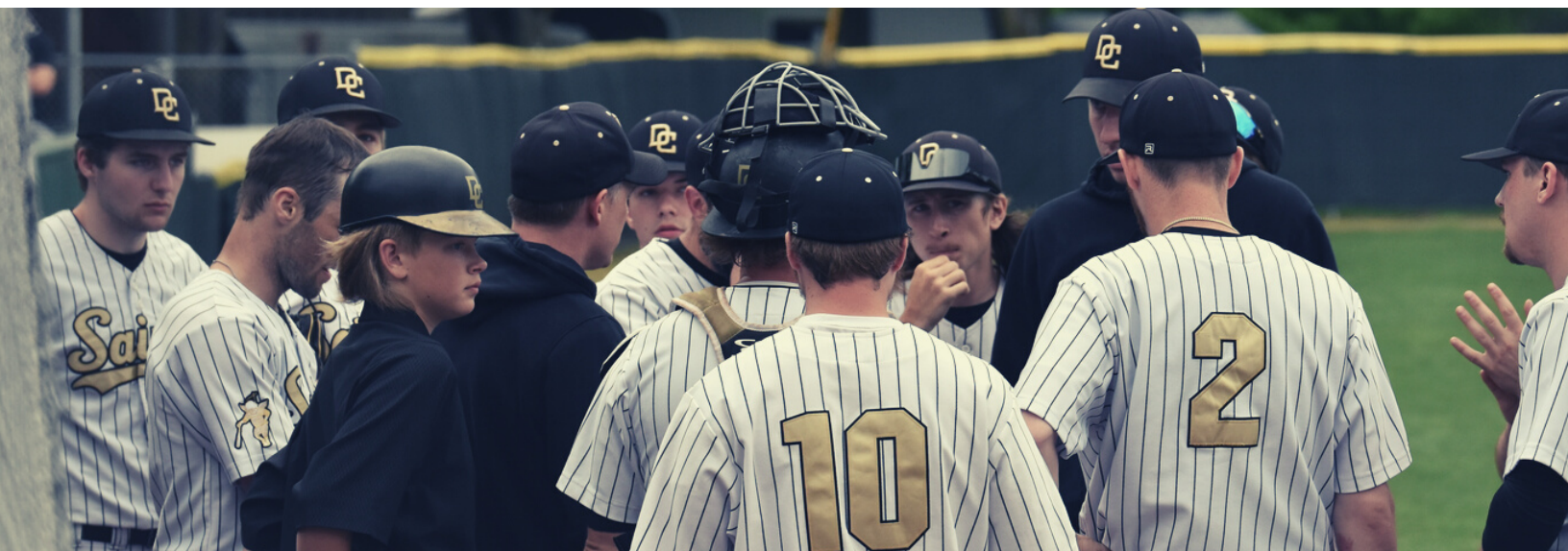
A LOOK AT THE WEEK AHEAD

Two more games on tap this week, one non-league and one North Star League.

On Friday night, the Saints will host the Kimball Express for **First Responder Appreciation Night**. All first responders will receive free admission to the game.

On Sunday, the Saints will hit the road and visit one of their 2023 State Tournament partner hosts for **Litchfield Baseball Day**. It's an all-day affair, with the D-C and Litchfield legion and junior legion/VFW teams starting the day off at 1:00pm and 4:00pm, followed by the main event at 7:00pm with the Saints and Blues.

With a 9-2 (3-2) record so far on the year, the Saints will look to try to get to double-digit wins and beyond this week.





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