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The Official Newsletter of the Dassel-Cokato Saints

LAST WEEK WRAP UP

+ WEEK 11 PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

PLAYOFF PUSH (+)

YOUTH (+)**BASEBALL** & SOFTBALL NIGHT

BIG WIN ON "DARWIN NIGHT" AND A FUN TOURNAMENT

Saints Defeat Litchfield on "Darwin Night"

On Wednesday night, The Saints hosted the Litchfield Blues on the always exciting "Darwin Night". In front of a packed house with twine balls racing, Jordan Flick would toe the rubber for the home team. Armed with a Darwin jersey top, Flick would go the distance, pitching a complete game and earning the win while giving up just 1 run on just 5 hits while striking out 5.



Dylan Weber hangs on tight as Blues' Brady Smith chases a high fastball

Offensively, the Pinstripers would score 5 runs on 9 hits, lead by Tyler Brandel and Michael Leffler who would each have multi-hit games. Paul Jacobson, Ben Lindquist, Collin Krick, Dylan Weber, and Noah Halonen would add hits as well, contributing to the eventual NSL win.

Perhaps the biggest performance of the night would belong to the Saints defense, logging a zero in the error column and keeping the game in check.

Saints Head to the Jordan Mini Met for the "Coors Light Classic"

A little break from league play before the playoff stretch was in order for the Saints over the weekend. The Jordan Brewers hosted the 2021 "Coors Light Classic" from Thursday to Sunday, the traveling and Saints would take the opportunity to fine tune a few things and prepare some players for different roles for the remainder of the regular season and in to the postseason.

On Friday night, the Saints would have a daunting task in facing off with the defending Class "C" champion Fairmont Martins. Collin Krick got the start, and threw well, but may have suffered from throwing too many strikes (if you can believe that). He would throw 79% strikes over 5 innings of work, but the sweet swinging sticks of the Martins would grind out atbats and tally several two-strike hits.

Noah Halonen would come on in relief of Krick, throwing 2 strong innings and K'ing up 3.

At the plate, Paul Jacobson would go 2-3 with a RBI, and Paul Vetsch would add a line drive single as well. Crowd favorite, Gus "The Bus" Flick, would also go 2-3, working a 7 pitch at-bat before cracking a double to the left-center gap. He would steal a base as well.

When all was said and done, the Saints would drop the game to the 2020 champs, 9-2.



"The Bus" greets his biggest fans, the Waterville Indians, after the game

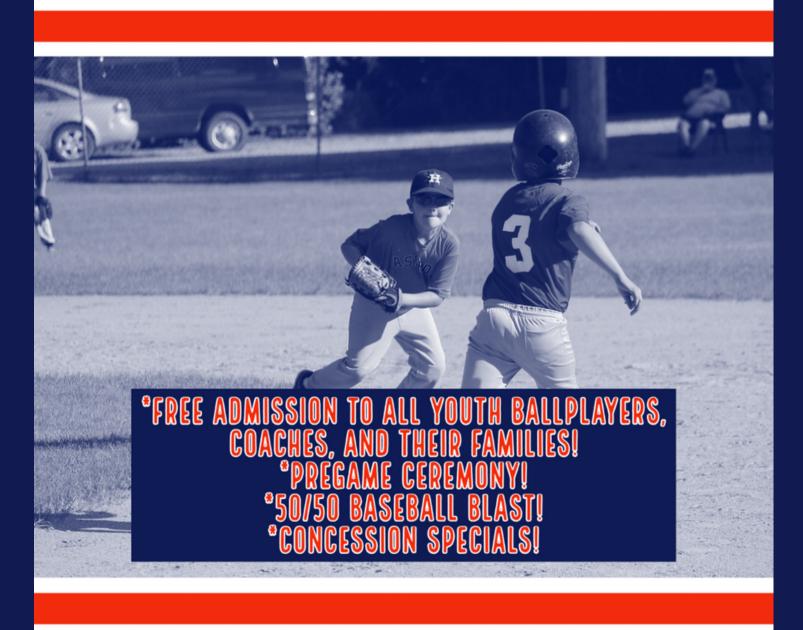
In the second game of the tournament, the Saints would take on the Wanamingo Jacks. Jacob Niemela would start on the hill, throwing well but falling victim to a couple wall-scrapers. Niemela would throw a strong 5 innings, and both Michael and James Howell would contribute an inning in relief, but the Jacks' Brady Anfinson would keep the Saints off the board in the 10-0 loss.

Although the Saints couldn't push any runs across the plate in the game, a few players had some standout performances.

Steve Boger would go 2-4 on the day, and the performance of the day would go to Josiah Bullivant, collecting his first Saints hit, a double to the leftcenter gap. He would go 2-3 on the day.

NEXT WEEK!

YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL NIGHT

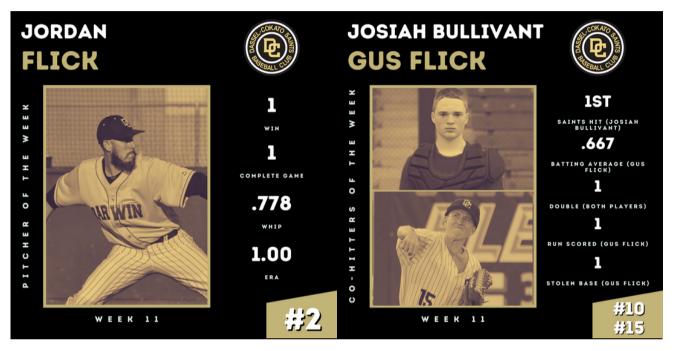


WEDNESDAY, JULY 21ST

FINAL HOME GAME!

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J. FLICK NAMED PITCHER OF THE WEEK, BULLIVANT AND G. FLICK NAMED CO-HITTERS OF THE WEEK

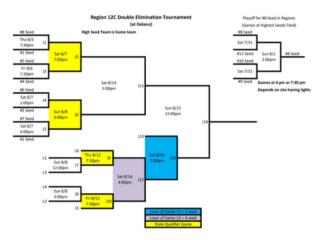


In Week 11, Jordan Flick looked sharp on Darwin Night, helping the team to a win with a complete game effort. His final line: 9 IP, 5 H, 1 R, 5 K, 2 BB.

Week 11's co-hitters of the week are Josiah Bullivant and Gus Flick. Bullivant tallied his first Saints hit during the Coors Light Classic (a double). He would bat .500 on the week. G. Flick would add a double as well, batting .667 on the week and adding a stolen base.

PLAYOFF PICTURE

With just two weeks left in the regular season, nothing has been decided quite yet. There are several avenues for the Saints to head in to the post season. As of today, the Saints sit in the #10 position. However, with 4 league games left, and the #6-#10 seeds all within two games of each other, the Saints could potentially find themselves avoiding they pigtail play-in games all together. They will have to play their best baseball to do so, meaning quality innings from pitchers, timely hitting, and squeaky-clean defense.



The Region 12C Bracket with Dates and Times

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

It's a big week in North Star League baseball, and the Saints will have to play the role of road warriors as they will head to Hutchinson, Delano, and Litchfield, all for games that are very important to the final standings.

Starting with tomorrow, the Saints will travel south on Hwy. 15 to Hutchinson to face off with the Huskies. In their last matchup, the Halos would win a back-and-forth ballgame in dramatic fashion, ending via a walk-off walk by Steve Boger. The Saints will need to match the Huskies high-powered offense to try to take the regular season sweep.

On Friday the road trip continues with a trip to face off with the Athletics of Delano. In their first meeting, the A's took an early lead and held on for an 8-4 win. Another team with offensive strength, the pitching staff will need to execute to avoid the regular season sweep.

To round out the week, the Saints will head east to face the neighboring Litchfield Blues. The Saints took game one of the regular season series last week, and will need another quality outing from their starter and some timely hitting to take game two.

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YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL NIGHT NEXT WEDNESDAY

Next Wednesday night is the last home game of the regular season, and the Saints will be hosting "Youth Baseball and Softball Night" before and during our 7:00pm game with the Glencoe Brewers. All youth baseball and softball teams of all ages in Dassel-Cokato are invited for free admission, including players, coaches, and player's families. Players and coaches will be encourage to wear their team's uniform, make signs, and join us in an on-field celebration before the game. We'll have games and prizes as well. An email will be sent to all teams and parents with more detailed information. Hope to see you there!





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