The Streak: John Hohenstein's Record-Breaking 2016 Season

We have made it a priority to continue to preserve Dassel-Cokato Saints history, or as we call it, "Pride in the Pinstripes", on our newly revamped website. One thing that has become apparent is we have missed out on a few important records and events in recent team history. Just four seasons ago, longtime leadoff man, John Hohenstein went on the longest heater in team history. Over the course of 73 days, he put together a record-breaking hitting streak of 24 games.

It was no small feat to surpass a record that was held for 41 years by Dale Isaacson. Dale, an all-time Saints great in his own right, set the mark at a 21 in 1975. He ranks 4th all-time in both hits and at-bats (493-1451), which is good for a 5th career all-time leading batting average of .340. He also has the 4th most RBI in team history (303) and 4th most doubles (92).

In 2016, the mark was surpassed by Hohenstein, who has put together quite the impressive resume himself over his 13-season career. He holds and shares several records, including the most career stolen bases (223), most steals in a season (30), and most steals in a game (4). He is also just 2 triples away from setting the all-time team record in that category as well. However, we never fully indulged in what is arguably his most impressive feat to date.

The now infamous streak started with a very notable game. On May 22nd of 2016, John was able to put together a solid 2-4 game while scoring a run and driving in two runs on his own. This performance would help lead the Saints to a 29-7 win over the Montrose-Waverly Stingers, which would become a team record for most runs scored in a game. The streak would span over the next two months, and eventually come to an end on August 4th in a Region 12C loss to the Hutchinson Huskies. Here is an inside look at the scores from each of the 24 games in John's record-setting run:

5/22/16 - Montrose-Waverly @ Dassel-Cokato Saints - Saints Field

TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	H	R	E
Montrose-Waverly Stingers	2	0	2	3	0	0	0	7	7	6
Dassel-Cokato Saints	0	6	10	2	5	6	X	29	23	2

WP: Eric Hanson — LP: TJ Aalid

John Hohenstein: 2-4, R, 2 RBI --- Hit Streak Count: 1 Game

5/25/16 - Dassel-Cokato Saints @ Delano Athletics - Delano Municipal Stadium

TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Dassel-Cokato Saints	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	2	0	8	12	4
Delano Athletics	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	1	5	10	3

WP: Jordan Danielson — LP: Matt Arens — SV: Jordan Flick

John Hohenstein: 1-4, R, SB --- Hit Streak Count: 2 Games

5/29/16 - Dassel-Cokato Saints @ Buffalo Bulldogs - "Historic" Bentfield Mills Field

TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Dassel-Cokato Saints	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	7	9	3
Buffalo Bulldogs	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	9	3

WP: Tyler Zweibohmer — LP: Mitch Annis

John Hohenstein: 2-5, 2 R, 2 SB --- Hit Streak Count: 3 Games

6/1/16 - Dassel-Cokato Saints @ Brownton Bruins - Barney Tadsen Field

TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	H	R	E
Dassel-Cokato Saints	0	0	2	2	9	3	2	18	13	4
Brownton Bruins	0	3	0	1	0	2	1	7	5	5

WP: Mike Leffler — LP: Tate Lange

John Hohenstein: 3-4, 2B, 3 R, 2 RBI, HBP, SB --- Hit Streak Count: 4 Games

6/7/16 - Young America Cardinals @ Dassel-Cokato Saints - Saints Field

TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Young America Cardinals	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	5	0
Dassel-Cokato Saints	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	5	8	1

WP: Mitch Kurtzweg — LP: Aaron Cook — SV: Mike Leffler

John Hohenstein: 2-3, 2 R --- Hit Streak Count: 5 Games

6/8/16 - Dassel-Cokato Saints @ Howard Lake Orphans - Memorial Park

TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Dassel-Cokato Saints	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	3	7	2
Howard Lake Orphans	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	9	1

WP: Jordan Danielson — LP: Adam Koch — SV: Jordan Flick

John Hohenstein: 1-4, R, SB --- Hit Streak Count: 6 Games

6/10/16 - Dassel-Cokato Saints @ Mound Mallards (Played in Dassel) - Saints Field

TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Dassel-Cokato Saints	2	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	7	16	4
Mound Mallards	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	4	11	2

WP: Tyler Zweibohmer — LP: Pat Regan

John Hohenstein: 1-4, 2 R, 2 RBI, 2 HBP, 2 SB --- Hit Streak Count: 7 Games

6/12/16 - Dassel-Cokato Saints @ Maple Plain Diamond Devils - Don Timpe Field

TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Dassel-Cokato Saints	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	5	9	1
Maple Plain Diamond Devils	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	4

WP: Jordan Flick | LP: Adam Jacobsen

John Hohenstein: 2-5, 2B, 2 R, 2 SB --- Hit Streak Count: 8 Games

6/15/16 - Delano Athletics @ Dassel-Cokato Saints - Saints Field

TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Delano Athletics	0	0	3	0	0	0	4	0	0	7	11	2
Dassel-Cokato Saints	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	1	5	10	2

WP: Jake Gleason | LP: Luke Larson | SV: Matt Arens

John Hohenstein: 3-5, 2 R, RBI, 2 SB --- Hit Streak Count: 9 Games

6/19/16 - Maple Plain Diamond Devils @ Dassel-Cokato Saints - Saints Field

TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Maple Plain Diamond Devils	0	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	7	10	2
Dassel-Cokato Saints	3	0	0	0	3	0	2	2	X	10	12	2

WP: Kyle Kaczmarek | LP: Ben Stavig | SV: Karsen Forsman

John Hohenstein: 2-3, 2B, 4 R, BB, HBP, SB --- Hit Streak Count: 10 Games

6/20/16 - Maple Lake Lakers @ Dassel-Cokato Saints - Saints Field

TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Maple Lake Lakers	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	2	6	12	0
Dassel-Cokato Saints	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	7	4

WP: Chad Raiche | LP: Tyler Zweibohmer | SV: Brian Russell

John Hohenstein: 2-4, 2 R, BB, 2 SB --- Hit Streak Count: 11 Games

6/22/16 - Dassel-Cokato Saints @ Loretto Larks - Arnold Klaers Field

TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Dassel-Cokato Saints	1	0	2	2	0	2	1	0	0	8	12	0
Loretto Larks	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	5	8	2

WP: Jordan Danielson | LP: Jake Braun | SV: Mitch Kurtzweg

John Hohenstein: 2-4, 2B, 2 R, SB --- Hit Streak Count: 12 Games

6/29/16 - Dassel-Cokato Saints @ Chanhassen Red Birds - Red Bird Stadium

TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Dassel-Cokato Saints	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	4	2
Chanhassen Red Birds	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	X	5	10	4

WP: D. Furhman | LP: Tyler Zweibohmer | SV: Jon Leighton

John Hohenstein: 1-5, R --- Hit Streak Count: 13 Games

7/1/16 - Dassel-Cokato Saints @ Maple Lake Irish - Irish Stadium

TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Dassel-Cokato Saints	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2
Maple Lake Irish	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	X	2	10	1

WP: Jeremy Schmidt | LP: Jordan Danielson

John Hohenstein: 1-4, RBI --- Hit Streak Count: 14 Games

7/6/16 - Buffalo Bulldogs @ Dassel-Cokato Saints - Saints Field

TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Buffalo Bulldogs	2	0	1	0	3	0	0	1	0	7	15	2
Dassel-Cokato Saints	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	7	2

WP: Jon Euerle | LP: Tyler Zweibohmer

John Hohenstein: 2-5, R, 2 SB --- Hit Streak Count: 15 Games

7/8/16 - Dassel-Cokato Saints @ Montrose-Waverly Stingers (Played in Dassel) - Saints Field

TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	H	R	E
Dassel-Cokato Saints	7	2	1	0	0	2	0	12	14	4
Montrose-Waverly Stingers	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	8	1

WP: Eric Hanson	LP: Kirby Moynagh

John Hohenstein: 2-3, 3B, 2 R, 2 SB --- Hit Streak Count: 16 Games

7/9/16 - Hastings Hawks @ Dassel-Cokato Saints - Saints Field

TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Hasting Hawks	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	7	3
Dassel-Cokato Saints	1	2	0	2	0	0	1	2	X	8	9	0

WP: Mike Leffler	LP: Nick Horsch	SV: Brendon Opsahl

John Hohenstein: 1-4, 2 RBI --- Hit Streak Count: 17 Games

7/13/16 - Hutchinson Huskies @ Dassel-Cokato Saints - Saints Field

TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Hutchinson Huskies	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	5	11	0
Dassel-Cokato Saints	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	1

WP: Matt Timm	LP: Jordan Flick

John Hohenstein: 1-4 --- Hit Streak Count: 18 Games

7/15/16 - Cokato Kernels @ Dassel-Cokato Saints - Saints Field

TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Cokato Kernels	0	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	5	9	0
Dassel-Cokato Saints	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	2

WP: Dalton Asplin	LP: Eric Hanson

John Hohenstein: 1-4 --- Hit Streak Count: 19 Games

7/17/16 - Howard Lake Orphans @ Dassel-Cokato Saints - Saints Field

TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Howard Lake Orphans	0	1	0	0	0	2	3	3	0	9	16	1
Dassel-Cokato Saints	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	8	3

WP: Ben Borrell	LP: Tyler Zweibohmer

John Hohenstein: 1-3, R, BB, SB --- Hit Streak Count: 20 Games

7/20/16 - Green Isle Irish @ Dassel-Cokato Saints - Saints Field

TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Green Isle Irish	8	0	0	0	2	8	0	18	14	2
Dassel-Cokato Saints	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	5	5	2

WP: David Cushing	LP: Mike Leffler

John Hohenstein: 1-4, 2B --- Hit Streak Count: 21 Games

7/22/16 - Loretto Larks @ Dassel-Cokato Saints - Saints Field

TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Loretto Larks	1	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	5	7	0
Dassel-Cokato Saints	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	2	X	6	8	5

WP: Kyle Kaczmarek	LP: Jason Lesser	SV: Jordan Flick

John Hohenstein: 1-4, R, RBI --- Hit Streak Count: 22 Games

7/23/16 - Dassel-Cokato Saints @ Cokato Kernels - Veterans Memorial Park												
TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Dassel-Cokato Saints	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	9	2
Cokato Kernels	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	9	1
WP: Tyler Zweibohmer				LP: Derek Antil					SV: Jordan Flick			
John Hohenstein: 2-5, 2B, R, 3 SB --- Hit Streak Count: 23 Games												

7/29/16 - Milroy Yankees @ Dassel-Cokato Saints - Saints Field												
TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Milroy Yankees	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	11	1
Dassel-Cokato Saints	4	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	X	9	11	2
WP: Tyler Zweibohmer					LP: Andrew Mathiowetz							
John Hohenstein: 2-3, 2 R, RBI, SB --- Hit Streak Count: 24 Games												

It should be noted that 2016 was also the year that John set the single season stolen base record (30), breaking his own record he set at 28 just two seasons prior. While he continues to be a force at the plate, in the outfield, and on the basepaths, this was arguably his most monumental season to date.

The Numbers

Because we are numbers nerds, it is only fitting that we dive into the metrics during John's outrageous streak. In a total of 103 plate appearances over these 24 games, John tallied 39 hits, drew 6 walks/hit-by-pitches, and had 7 extra-base hits, which totaled an incredible slash line of .402/.437/.485. He scored 33 times, drove in 12 runs, and swiped 24 bases over the span as well.

One note to make is that prior to starting this streak, he also had a shorter hitting streak of 4 games, which started on Opening Day, May 7th vs the Glencoe Brewers, and ended on May 20th vs the Watertown Red Devils (He did, however, record a walk in this game). This means that in the 31 games he played in during the 2016 season, John only failed to record a hit in twice and failed to reach base only once!

THE NUMBERS

AVG: .402
OBP: .437
SLG: .485
OPS: .922
R: 33
RBI: 12
SB: 24

Conclusion

So, what can we conclude from this? Well, for one, John Hohenstein put together one of the best offensive seasons in Saints history. Not only did he break the record for the longest hit streak that was held for over four decades, he also broke his own stolen base record, and was a vital piece to the team's success that season. The Saints finished 19-14, and during his hit streak, the team was 14-10.

Sometimes players fizzle out after a season this good. John is a completely different story. From 2017 to 2020, he has batted at a .318 clip, 15 points higher than his career batting average. During that time, he has also tacked on 115 more hits to his career 396 total (5th all-time), as well as 67 more stolen bases to add to his all-time leading 223. He would kill us if we did not also mention that in this span, he also was able to make his debut on the mound. Although he has not recorded a win yet in his limited role, he has tallied 10 2/3 innings while posting a nice 1.69 ERA.

While there are undoubtedly more milestone moments to come for Hohenstein, it is time that we gave this record-breaking hit streak it's proper due. So, congratulations John! Don't be afraid to shoot for a 25-game streak in 2021. We wouldn't mind writing this over again.

Want to dive deeper into the Saints team and individual records? Check them all out at
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