

PINSTRIPES TIMES

RECAP >

SAINTS DROP SLUGFEST ON OPENING DAY

Rumor has it, the crack of the bats on Friday night could be heard all the way in Knapp Township. The Saints hosted the always tough Watertown Red Devils in a hitter's affair on Opening Day in a game that featured a combined 27 runs on 35 hits. Although the Saints would out-hit Watertown, the Red Devils would prove victorious, 16-11.

Jacob Niemela took the hill for the Saints, pitching three strong innings against a formidable lineup, giving up just one run while striking out a pair. Six pitchers in total would get in work on the evening, including Noah Halonen's efficient, scoreless 9th inning. In all, six different Saints would get in work on the mound during the tune-up to shake the rust off.

After a scoreless first 1.5 innings, the Saints would explode for 6 runs on 7 hits in the bottom half of the second. They would hold the lead until the 7th inning, when Watertown tallied 3 runs, making it a 10-8 ballgame. The lead wouldn't last, however, when D-C struck for 3 runs of their own in the bottom half. The lead would then change once more in the top of the 8th inning, when the Red Devils took the lead once and for all. You can check out the box score from Friday, and all games, at dcsaints.com/gamereports.



UPCOMING >

\$1 BEER/POP NIGHT THIS FRIDAY

Just one home game this week as the Saints host Class "A/B" sluggers, the Anoka Bucs on Friday night at 7:30pm. Be sure to come on out and visit the local Lions Club as they'll be serving up keg beer for just a buck! \$1 pop will be available in the concession stand as well. In their last two matchups, the Saints and Bucs have split with 3-0 (Saints) and 6-2 (Bucs) scores. Let's hope for some nice weather for a fun ballgame!

HITTER OF THE WEEK

STEVE BOGER

.800	.833	2
AVG	OBP	RBI

PITCHER OF THE WEEK

NOAH HALONEN

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BOGER AND HALONEN TAKE PLAYER OF THE WEEK HONORS

Just one game this week, but two Saints made the most of it. Starting in the box, Steve Boger picked up right where he left off in the 2022 season, turning in a team-leading 4-for-5 performance from the leadoff spot. He also drew a walk and drove in two runs during the contest. Another Saint considered for the Hitter of the Week was Graham Jacobson, who knocked in a run on an RBI single in the second inning, his first hit as a Saint and his first of three hits on the day. Michael Leffler smashed two doubles, and Jim Althoff and Nikolai Niemela had a couple hits on the day as well. In total, 10 different Saints would hit safely.

On the mound, the Saints pitchers didn't get a ton of help from the gloves; chalk it up to rust. However, Noah Halonen looked in mid-season form, tossing a scoreless 9th inning while tallying a backwards K. Jacob Niemela looked strong in his three innings of work in his start as well.