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## NSL VS CRVL ALL-STAR GAME



As June winds down and we head toward the 4th of July break, the North Star League is bringing back a classic event for the first time since 2013, this time with a new wrinkle...

A decade ago was the last traditionally played North Star League All-Star Game, hosted by Maple Lake at Irish Stadium. The league was split in half, East vs West. This time around, the NSL goes into battle together to face off with another Minnesota Baseball Association powerhouse league, the Crow River Valley League.

The CRVL is a very solid league, with teams that include last season's Region 7C State Tournament representatives, Brownton, Plato, Waconia, and Watertown, as well as

several other very good teams. **Tomorrow night, June 30th, at "The Muni" in Delano**, the two leagues are set to duke it out in a clash of the titans. Never fear, the D-C Saints are sending a few of their top guys to assist the NSL.

Saints pitcher, **Jacob Niemela**, was an easy selection for the league. He has put together an incredible first half of the season, pitching to a 3-1 record with 36 strikeouts and an ERA of 3.35. Through June, he's anchored the staff, instilling this Saints squad with confidence playing behind him.

Another lock selection for the league is outfielder, **Steve Boger**. The savvy veteran continues to put up stellar numbers, slashing .333/.422/.431 with 13 RBI, 19 runs scored, and 6 XBHs, all while playing gold glove defense.

In a NSL lineup with big bats aplenty, Saints second baseman and clean-up man, **Tyler Brandel**, joins the all-stars as well. TB has a sky-high OBP in the .400s, tied with a team-leading 10 walks. He's scored 13 times for the Saints and has shown off the wheels, swiping 7 bags.

Rounding out the crew is Saints manager, **Jordan Flick**, joining the coaching staff as North Star League pitching coach. He currently holds a 3.69 ERA with 24 strikeouts, and will help out the NSL pitching staff by toeing the rubber if needed during the game.

**First pitch is scheduled to take place at 8:00pm.** You'll want to come extra early to enjoy the atmosphere and get a sneak preview of that #MBA100 feel! Check the next page for the full roster...

**THROWBACK:** Pictured here are a couple of the 2013 Dassel-Cokato Saints all-stars, Lucas Larson and Jordan Flick, chopping it up with Jeremy Schmidt and Graham Brown of Maple Lake during batting practice.



# NORTH STAR LEAGUE ALL-STARS

5	CAL JAMES	BUFFALO	16	MARCUS HAHN	HUTCHINSON
10	JOHN WEBER	BUFFALO	25	JAKE WENDLAND	HUTCHINSON
11	JON EUERLE	BUFFALO	5	ANDREW LOCH	LITCHFIELD
18	COLTON HAIGHT	BUFFALO	9	AVERY LIESTMAN	LITCHFIELD
19	KAI BRISK	BUFFALO	13	ERIC HULTERSTRUM	LITCHFIELD
9	STEVE SCHMIDT	COKATO	22	JOEY HYDE	LITCHFIELD
84	ISAAC NELSON	COKATO	1	KEENAN HODGKIN	LORETTO
1	TYLER BRANDEL	DASSEL-COKATO	3	BRADLEY KOSKIE	LORETTO
19	JACOB NIEMELA	DASSEL-COKATO	16	ANDREW KEMPER	LORETTO
27	STEVE BOGER	DASSEL-COKATO	9	DONNIE MAVENCAMP	MAPLE LAKE
1	ADAM SCHLEPER	DELANO	23	MATT BERGSTROM	MAPLE LAKE
7	JACK PAULSON	DELANO	24	BROCK GOELZ	MAPLE LAKE
17	TREVOR JAUNICH	DELANO	25	HUNTER MALACHEK	MAPLE LAKE
24	TOBY HANSON	DELANO	40	BEN CLAPP	MAPLE LAKE
25	MAX OTTO	DELANO	4	MIKE FRERICKS	MAPLE PLAIN
5	GARRETT ZANDER	HOWARD LAKE	8	GUNNAR GOODWIN	MAPLE PLAIN
9	BRAD BICKMANN	HOWARD LAKE	20	BILL AAMODT	MONTROSE-WAVERLY
2	JAYDEN FLECK	HUTCHINSON	46	AARON JENSEN	ROCKFORD
10	LANE GLASER	HUTCHINSON			

## COACHING STAFF

MANAGER	STEVE EILEN	DELANO
MANAGER	HERB KOCH	LORETTO
BENCH COACH	JOHN ANDERSON	LITCHFIELD
PITCHING COACH	JORDAN FLICK	DASSEL-COKATO



## SAINTS WIN IN EXTRAS

It was a classic battle between two teams separated by roughly 6 miles of bike path. The visiting Cokato Kernels rode on over to Saints Field to take on the hometown Dassel-Cokato Saints in an epic matchup on Friday night.

Steve Schmitt would once again take the ball for the Kernels. He had suffered the hard-luck loss the first time these two teams met, giving up just 2 runs (0 earned) over 7 innings back in late-May, in a Saints 4-1 win. Jordan Flick would toe the rubber opposite Schmitt. Flick was in his bag, striking out 11 batters in a complete game, 10-inning effort, giving up just one run on a Tom Halonen sac-fly in the 7th inning.

Late inning heroics have been somewhat of a theme for the Saints throughout the month of June. Two Saints that feed off the clutch moments are the Niemela brothers, Jacob and Nikolai. Jacob struck first, coming through in the 6th to break the scoreless tie on a single scoring Noah Halonen. Then, in a game deadlocked at 1-1, it was Nikolai's turn. With the game on the line, the young gun walked it off in the bottom of the 10th with a rocket line drive into the left-center gap, scoring Steve Boger and capturing the 2-1 win, as well as the regular season sweep.

Look for results from 6/28 at Loretto in next week's 4th of July edition of the Pinstripe Times.

## PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Taking home the honors in Week 8 were Noah Halonen and Jordan Flick. Halonen was 3-5 while scoring a run in the Saints win over the Kernels. Others in consideration were Collin Krick, who singled twice, Dylan Weber with a perfectly-timed pinch-hit single, and of course, Nikolai Niemela, who walked the game off with his 10th inning single.

For a pitcher who is no stranger to complete game outings, Flick spun a gem over 10 innings, scattering just one run on 4 hits, walking one, and striking out 11 Kernels (5 looking, 6 swinging). 6 of the strikeouts came in the final 3 frames of the contest. His opposing OBP was .143 for the game, and the BAA was just .121.

# A LOOK AHEAD: JULY SCHEDULE



## DID YOU KNOW?

The Saints have eight regular season games left in 2023 and six of them are at home! There's a lot of fun promotions in July, so come on down to Saints Field and have some fun with the Saints!

July is always an exciting month in the North Star League. There's playoff races, rivalry matchups, tiebreakers, and more! The Saints are no stranger to impact games in the month of July.

With eight regular season games remaining, each one of them will play a role in the post-season push.

Kicking things off on July 5th at home, the Saints will look to complete the regular season sweep of the Rockford Crows.

Following that matchup, the Halos will visit the Buffalo Bulldogs on the 7th, looking for revenge after an early-June beatdown.

Staying on the road, the team will head to Hutchinson to take on the Huskies on the 9th before hosting them on the 14th.

Wedged between those two games is the always exciting Darwin Night at home against the Litchfield Blues on the 12th.

The final three games of the regular season are all at home and include the Maple Lake Lakers (7/16), the Montrose-Waverly Stingers (7/19), and the Maple Plain Diamond Devils.

Saints fans, assemble! Catch your hometown team all July at Saints Field, fighting for post-season positioning and having a great time doing it!

# NORTH STAR LEAGUE STANDINGS

TEAM	RECORD	GB	PCT
DELANO	14-0	---	1.000
MAPLE LAKE	11-3	3	.786
BUFFALO	9-5	5	.643
LORETTO	9-5	5	.643
LITCHFIELD	9-6	5.5	.600
DASSEL-COKATO	7-7	7	.500
HUTCHINSON	6-6	7	.500
COKATO	5-9	9	.357
MAPLE PLAIN	5-9	9	.357
HOWARD LAKE	4-8	9	.333
MONTROSE-WAVERLY	1-11	12	.083
ROCKFORD	1-12	12.5	.077





# UPCOMING PROMOTIONS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5TH - **YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL NIGHT**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12TH - **DARWIN NIGHT**

FRIDAY, JULY 14TH - **KDUZ NIGHT**

SUNDAY, JULY 16TH - **COLLEGE DAY**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19TH - **CORN CARNIVAL ROYALTY NIGHT**

SUNDAY, JULY 23RD - **FAN APPRECIATION DAY**





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