

Batter's Box

North Star League News

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Game of the week:

If you didn't attend the Hutchinson-Delano game last week, you'd have thought you missed an instant classic with the final score being 7-6 in favor of the Huskies; but that was not the case. Delano got behind twice, made one comeback to tie the game at 3, and but could not complete the second come back scoring three in the ninth to fall one run short. There were 13 runs scored, 12 hits, 13 walks, 16 strikeouts, and 4 error committed. Not the cleanest of games. Lane Glaser for Hutch picked up the win while throwing 125 pitches, 66 of which were strikes.



Mike Frericks (Maple Plain) had a great week at the plate going 8-15 with 4 RBI, hitting 2 doubles and scoring 3 runs.

Standings

	LEAGUE		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Delano	8	1	10	4
Hutchinson	7	1	11	3
Buffalo	7	2	7	2
Loretto	6	2	6	4
Maple Lake	4	3	9	6
Litchfield	4	4	6	6
Howard Lake	3	4	6	6
Dassel-Cokato	3	5	5	12
Maple Plain	2	7	3	7
Cokato	2	8	3	8
Waverly	1	9	5	14

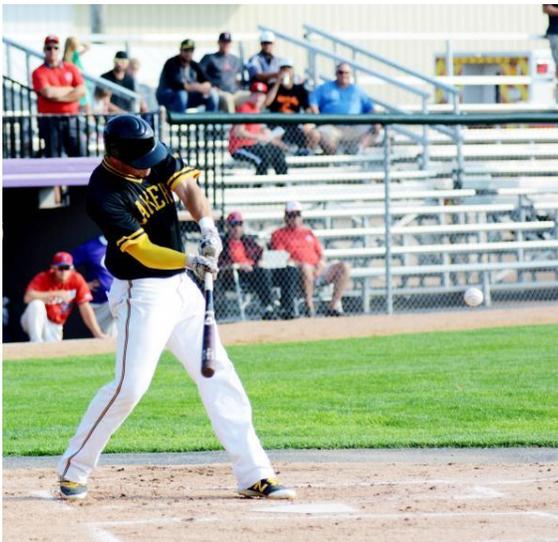
Game of the week cont.

Delano and Buffalo did give us a good back and forth mostly clean game on Friday night at Historic Bentfield Mills Park. Delano struck first in the top of the third taking the lead 1-0. Buffalo got 2 back in the bottom of the fourth on a Cal James double, followed by a passed ball on Delano's catcher and singles from JD O'Donnell, and Kai Brisk. Delano answered



Donny Schroeder (Loretto) Donny was clearly the only pitcher doctoring the ball last week as he shut down Cokato throwing 8 innings, striking out 4 and allowing only 1 run on 5 hits.

Donnie Mavencamp (Maple Lake) Mavencamp is starting to heat up at the plate. Last week he went big fly, also going 5-13 with 4 RBI, and 4 runs.



Pitcher/Hitter of the Week:

Donny Schroeder (Loretto) In a week filled with offense only Schroeder shined on the

once again in the bottom of the fifth with a two RBI double by Jack Paulson. Buffalo regained the lead in the 6th as Jake Duske scored on a fielders choice. Delano finally got the lead for good in the 7th thanks to some sloppy defense by the Bulldogs aiding Delano in the victory 5-4 to take over first place in the North Star League.

Not So Fun Games of the week!!

Sunday was an ugly day around the North Star League as we had three teams score over 20 runs in their respective games, and one other winning team put up 10. Loretto put up 25 in it's 25-7 win at Litchfield on pork chop night. Not to be outdone was Howard Lake beating Waverly 25-1, and if that weren't enough Buffalo hit 6 homeruns at Maple Lake defeating them 20-7! Homers by Haight, James, Duske (2), Renshaw, and Johnson. There was a total of 16 games played last week and 9 of them had the winning team scoring double digits. Time for the pitchers to break out the spider tack.

BLT's top 10'ish Power Rankings

2020 North Star League Fan of the Year 'BLT' will bring us weekly power rankings in 2021. These will be based on the combination of games recently played plus league standings.

1-Delano (8-1) Went 2-1 on the road this week with only a one run loss to Hutchinson, but defeated Buffalo by one in a road game Friday night.

2-Hutchinson (7-1) Interchangeable with Delano, beat them head to head at home #2 due to number of wins.

3-Buffalo (7-2) Only two losses came to Delano and Hutchinson, took out their aggression on Maple Lake on Sunday hitting six Big Fly's!

4-Loretto (6-2) Clean sweep this week and a road winning streak. Will be even more tough to beat once they start playing at Arnold Klaers Field coming up.

5-Maple Lake (4-3) Going to be a tough team to gauge in 2021. Got a nice win over Waverly 13-3, followed that up by surrendering 13 to Litchfield and 20 to Buffalo.

6-Litchfield (4-4) Holding steady in the sixth spot. Adding Avery Leistman off of the high school team is going to be a big help down the stretch for them, especially if they can use his services on the mount.

7-Howard Lake (3-4) A tail of two Orphans. They hang tough with Buffalo on FOX 9 night. Get routed by Cokato on Friday and then lay the smack down on Waverly 25-1 on Sunday.

ground Wednesday night as the Larks took down Cokato 12-2. Donny finished throwing 8 innings allowing only 1 earned run striking out 5.

Mike Frericks (Maple Plain) went 8-15 on the week which is a .533 average. Frericks also drove in 4 runs, scored three himself and added 2 doubles.

Way Back Wednesday:

The Wright Star League remained a six team league with the addition of STMA, while Winsted departed for the Crow River League as they had finished near the bottom of the standings during most of their league career.

New Hope's only loss of the season was a 5-4 13 inning defeat at the hands of Delano. Dick Klaers of Loretto won the batting title with a .492 average and Art Hagen of D-C was runner at .465. D-C came back from a disappointing regular season to win the league playoffs and region title. In the state tournament D-C defeated New Ulm 3-2, but lost to Richmond 3-2 in the second round.

WRIGHT STAR LEAGUE

1972	W	L
New Hope	14	1
Delano	9	6
D-C	7	8
Loretto	7	8
Hamel	5	10
STMA	3	12

8-Dassel-Cokato (3-5) Saints starting to sputter offensively as the schedule becomes tougher. They need to find a legit #2 starter after Jordan Flick if they want to avoid the bottom 4. Though they seem to be pesky enough to stay in games.

9-Cokato (2-8) Huge win on Friday giving Howard Lake a shellacking after getting beat Wednesday via the slaughter rule against Loretto 12-2. Starting to trend upward. They need to keep Pietila's bat hot down the stretch.

10-Maple Plain (2-7) Lone win last week was against Waverly. Mike Frericks needs some more help at the plate to keep the Diamond Devils out of the cellar.

11-Waverly (1-9) Lost all three games by 10 plus runs. Looks like they have some younger high school aged guys signed recently that should help them get back in the win column.

Who's Hot?

BUFFALO'S LINEUP	6 Bombs on Sunday
Mike Frericks (MP)	8-15/ .533/ 4 RBI/ 3 runs/ 2 2B
Tyler Brandel (DC)	5-13/ .384/ 5 RBI/ 3 runs/ 3 2B
Donnie Mavencamp (ML)	5-13/ .384/ 4 RBI/ 4 runs/ HR
Bradley Koskie (Loretto)	6-15/ .400/ 2 RBI/ 2 runs
Kent Koch (Loretto)	6-15/ .400/ 4 RBI/ 5 runs
Keenan Hodgkin (Loretto)	7-14/ .500/ 6 RBI/ 2B/ HR
Colton Haight (Buffalo)	7-14/ .500/ 7 RBI/ 6 runs/ 2B/ HR
Ben Luethern (Loretto)	5-12/ .416/ 4 RBI/ 4 runs

