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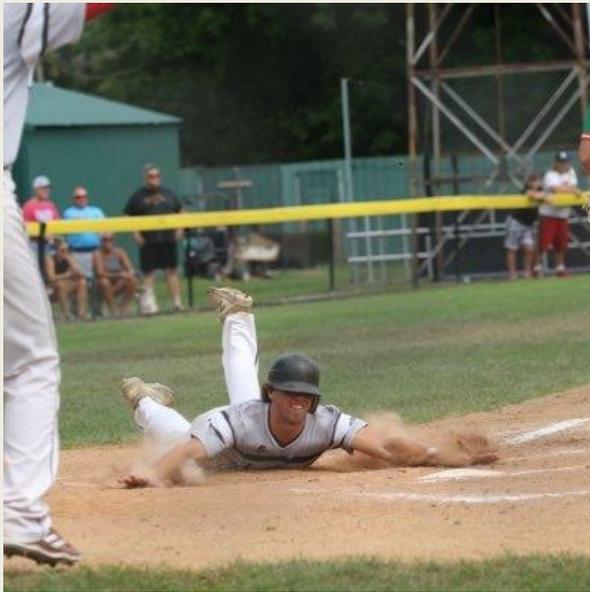
North Star League News

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Game of the week:

With all of the scoring lately, and use of multiple pitchers a game, we found ourselves with an old-fashioned baseball game on Sunday at Howard Lake between the Orphans and D-C Saints. The final was 3-2 in favor of Howard Lake and both teams starting pitchers went the distance. Bennett Anderson fresh out of high school was sharp all 9 innings striking out 7 and allowing only 2 hits picking up the win for the Orphans. Collin Krick for the Saints went 8 1/3 allowing only 3 runs (2 earned), while striking out 4, but picked up the loss as the Orphans



Noah Christenson (Buffalo) Just one of the many Bulldog bats that's red hot at the moment. Christenson went 8-13 .615 on the week with 8 RBI and scored 4 runs.

Standings

	LEAGUE			OVERALL	
	W	L		W	L
Delano	10	1	12	5	
Buffalo	10	2	10	2	
Hutchinson	7	2	15	3	
Maple Lake	6	3	11	6	
Loretto	7	4	7	6	
Howard Lake	5	5	8	7	
Litchfield	4	5	7	7	
Cokato	4	9	5	9	
Dassel-Cokato	3	8	5	14	
Maple Plain	2	7	3	7	
Waverly	1	10	5	15	

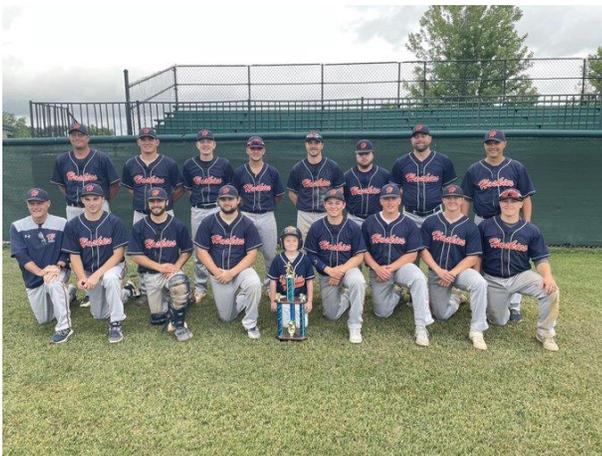
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scored 2 runs in the bottom of the 9th for the come from behind win. Brock Goelz led off the bottom of the 9th with a bomb to left field that landed in the water tying the game at 2 apiece. Corey Dehn then popped out to first base followed by Moose Streich reaching first on an error by D-C. Noah Bush drew a one out walk putting runners on first



Jake Gleason (Delano) kept the Orphans off balance all night on Friday as he threw a complete game shutout scattering 5 hits in his nine innings of work.

Hutchinson went 4-0 over the weekend taking home the Miller Lite Invite title in Green Isle and Hamburg. Knocked out solid class C teams in Springfield, and Carver en route to the championship.



and second with one out. Jake Gruenhagen stepped to the plate and ended up being the hero for the Orphan faithful as he singled a 1-1 pitch through the right side of the infield sending the Howard Lake crowd home happy with a 3-2 victory.

Looking Ahead:

Buffalo travels to Delano on Wednesday for a huge 7pm showdown with the Athletics. Winner will be in sole possession of first place by the end of the night. Buffalo has scored 45 runs in its last three games, and Delano's pitching and defense look to be a cut above the rest at the moment. Something will give Wednesday night. A must see if you're an NSL fan.

Hutch wins Miller Lite Invite!!

The Huskies had a great weekend between Hamburg and Green Isle taking home the 2021 Miller Lite Invitational Championship. This is one of the more premiere tournaments of the summer as Hamburg and Green Isle seem to find good competition, as well as fill a 16-team bracket style tourney. 4 W's are needed to take home the trophy, and that is just what Hutchinson did. Friday night, the Huskies made quick work of the Osceola Braves out of Wisconsin bashing the ball around and coming out on top 10-0. Saturday afternoon, the St. Clair Woodies gave them a little bit of a scare but Hutch pulled away at the end with a 5-2 victory. Sunday in its semifinal game, Hutch took on Springfield; Springfield came in to the game a perfect 9-0, but headed back south 9-1 after Hutchinson took care of them with a final of 9-2. In the championship game Hutchinson took on the Carver Black Sox, who are in first place in the southern division of the Crow River Valley League. The Huskies again scored early and often taking home the tourney title with a final of 8-2.

Players of the week:

Bennet Anderson (Howard Lake) The young righty picked up a complete game victory over DC allowing only 2 hits and 1 earned run in his nine innings of work on Sunday night.

Noah Christenson (Buffalo) Noah hit .615 in three games last week for Buffalo as they drilled all of their opponents scoring 45 total runs. Christenson also drove in 8 runs and scored 4 himself.

Way Back Wednesday:

The Wright Star League started off on a positive note for the 1982 season with an additional team as Rogers joined the league making the league a ten-team league.

Delano defeated STMA in the West playoffs to advance to the regions and Hamel defeated Elk River in the East playoffs to advance to regions. In regional play Hamel was the only Wright Star team to advance to the State Tournament. In State Tournament action Hamel defeated Stark 2-1 in the first round before losing in round two to Dundas 7-4.

MVP: Dave Gilgenbach – Maple Plain
POY: Randy Fuelling – Hamel
Batting Champ: D. Klaers – STMA .500
Runner-Up: D. Gilgenbach – MP .490

WRIGHT STAR LEAGUE

1982-WEST	W	L
Maple Lake	16	2
STMA	14	4
Buffalo	10	8
Delano	6	12
Rogers	6	12

1982-EAST	W	L
Hamel	15	3
Maple Plain	8	10
Elk River	7	11
Long Lake	6	12
Loretto	2	16

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-Buffalo (10-2) Bulldogs scoring runs, one touchdown at a time. 45 runs in 3 games last week (25 total innings). Down 6 vs. Loretto on Friday and came back and won it 15-11. Pitching is starting to pick up steam as well.

2-Hutchinson (7-2) Tough loss on Wednesday vs. Howard Lake, but redeemed themselves by drilling some good teams in the GI/Hamburg tourney. Once those Husky bats get hot, it is tough to keep them at bay.

3-Delano (10-1) Two huge wins last week beating Loretto at home 8-1, and Howard Lake on the road 8-0. Getting good pitching from starters and out of the bullpen to go along with solid defense. Lost a barn burner with Shakopee on Sunday night 11-10.

4-Loretto (7-4) Tough loses to the top two teams in the standings early in the week, but took down Maple Plain on Sunday to save face. Petron and Schroeder looking very tough on the mound, and Tyler Maher is starting to lead the charge on offense. Once Larks hit their peak, look out.

5-Maple Lake (6-3) 2-0 on the week and you're as good as your record says you are but BLT is having a tough time gauging Maple Lake. Two games this week that will help us know more about Maple Lake with Litchfield on Wednesday and Loretto on Sunday.

T6-Howard Lake (5-5) Huge victory over Hutch, then get shutout at home vs. Delano, before walking off D-C on Sunday in the bottom of the 9th to get their record back to .500, Cokato on Wednesday before a couple of CRVL teams over the weekend.

T6-Litchfield (4-5) BLT picked them to beat Waverly yesterday to get to .500, but the game was rained out. Knocked off a Top 5 class A team in St. Anthony on Friday. Very intriguing matchup on Wednesday vs. Maple Lake. Blues trying to do whatever it takes to stay at #7 or higher this summer.

8-Cokato (4-9) Kernels got two wins this week including a big Bike Path upset on Brent Opsahl HOF night in Dassel before running in to the hot bats of Buffalo. Can continue to work their way up the standings this week with Round 2 of its series with DC on Friday.

9-Dassel-Cokato (3-9) Went 0-3 on the week, but two of the three were one run games, and led Howard Lake all the way yesterday until the bottom of the 9th. Saints will have to find a way to finish down the stretch if they want to pick up a couple more victories coming up.

10-Maple Plain (2-9) Diamond Devils have a much-needed weekend in Hinkley coming up. Should help the young Maple Plainers come together for the stretch run as they look to dig themselves out of the cellar. Good news is they are only 2 wins out of the 7th spot.

11-Waverly (1-10) Uneventful week for Stingers with only one league game and a loss at home to Willmar. Big game at Maple Plain on Wednesday night. They should have all their arms available to try and knock off the Diamond Devils.

Who's Hot?

Paul Jacobson (DC): 6-14/ .428/ 2 runs
Steve Boger (DC): 5-12/ .416/ 3 runs/ RBI/ 2B/ 3B
Noah Christenson (Buff): 8-13/ .615/ 4 runs/ 8 RBI
Toby Hanson (Del): 7-13/ .538/ 4 runs/ 7 RBI/ 2 2B/ 2 HR
Ethan Niemela (Cok): 6-13/ .461/ 3 runs/ 3 RBI/ 2B
Tom Halonen (Cok): 5-10/ .500/ 3 runs/ 6 RBI/ 2B
Colton Haight (Buff): 6-9/ .667/ 8 runs/ 4 RBI/ 1 2B
Calvin Rippberger (MP): 6-9/ .667/ 2 runs
Tyler Maher (Lor): 5-10/ .500/ 2 runs/ 4 RBI/ 2B/ HR
Jake Duske (Buff): 6-12/ .500/ 6 runs/ 8 RBI/ 2 2B/ HR

Colton Petron (Lor): 5 2/3 IP/ 1 ER/ 11 K's
Jared Koch (HL): 9 IP/ 4 ER/ 3 K's/ WIN
Jake Gleason (Del): 9 IP/ 0 RUNS/ 3 K's/ WIN
Bennett Anderson (HL): 9 IP/ 1 ER/ 2 hits/ 7 K's/ WIN
Donny Schroeder (Lor): 9 IP/ 2 ER/ 4 K's/ WIN

