

The 2008 SPECTATOR

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Kingston and Albertville reach Regions

Kingston makes it first visit to the regions in 48 years. The Kings lost 12 games during the season, but 6 were decided by 1 or 2 runs. In the playoffs, they dropped a 3-2 game to Howard Lake before knocking off Monticello 7-4 and Buffalo 4-3 to earn a spot in the 11C Region playoffs.

Albertville is going to the Regions for the first time since the 1940's. After struggling to win games during the regular season, the Villains lost their first playoff game to Elk River 7-2. They followed that with an 8-6 win over Rogers and avenged the first loss to Elk River by winning 4-1 over the Pioneers as Paul Schumacher hurled a four hitter for the win.

Finish last in your league and they call you Idiot.
Finish last in medical school and they call you Doctor.

NORTH STANDINGS (Final)

	W	L	G.B.	
St. Michael	13	3	...	
Big Lake	9	7	4	#1 C Seed
Elk River	8	8	5	#2 C Seed
Albertville	3	13	10	#3 C Seed
Rogers	2	14	11	#4 C Seed

Final 2008 Standings



CLASS B SEEDINGS (FINAL)

	W	L	G.B.
Hutchinson	6	2	...
St. Michael	5	3	1
D-C	4	4	2
Maple Lake	4	4	2
Delano	1	7	5

EAST STANDINGS (Final)

	W	L	G.B.	
Hutchinson	12	4	...	
Maple Plain	12	6	1	#1 C Seed
Loretto	11	7	2	#2 C Seed
Rockford	8	10	5	#3 C Seed
Mound	6	12	7	#4 C Seed
Delano	5	11	7	



WEST STANDINGS (Final)

	W	L	G.B.	
Howard Lake	13	5	...	#1 C Seed
Maple Lake	10	6	2	
D-C	9	7	3	
Buffalo	10	8	3	#2 C Seed
Monticello	7	11	6	#3 C Seed
Kingston	6	12	7	#4 C Seed



The NORTH



Free advice is worth what you paid for it.

Albertville - Batting Ave .248 (12th) ERA 6.97 (16th)

The Villains hitting and pitching stats were almost the same as last year. Like last year they had a number of .300 hitters, Corey Nelosn at .355 Todd Klaers .333, Mike Barnard .324, Drew Bebus .320 and Marty Johnson .300 Paul Schumacher earned 2 of the 3 Villain wins on the mound.

Big Lake - Batting Ave .249 (11th) ERA 5.27 (15th)

The White Caps finished over .500 and earned the #1 seed in the North in their first year. Hitting and pitching stats were in the lower part of the rankings. Matt Loegering at .463 and Ryan Michaelis .373 were the top hitters. Michaelis was 4-0 with a 2.70 ERA to lead their staff.

Elk River - Batting Ave .306 (2nd) ERA 3.81 (9th)

The Pioneers were the perfect example of a feast or famine offense. They scored in double figures seven times and scored 0 or 1 run four times. Top average belonged to Jason Rusch at .396, Dan Ebner followed at .390, Scott Levine hit .383, Bob Tokar .377 and Pat McCarthy hit .343 with 6 2B, 2 triples and 1 HR. Tony Jarmoluk went 4-2 with a 3.32 ERA.

Rogers - Batting Ave .204 (17th) ERA 7.49 (17th)

The Red Devils didn't see as much improvement as they hoped, again winning only twice and finishing last in batting average and ERA. Josh Stanek hit at a .341 clip and Marshall Nelson had a 1-1 record with a 2.33 ERA in 27 innings for the Red Devils.

St. Michael ... See Page 5

NORTH Stats (Final)

Player	AB	R	H	Ave
C Volkman StM	47	19	20	.426
J Rusch ER	53	9	21	.396
Krzmarzick StM	51	12	20	.392
D Ebner ER	59	19	23	.390
S Levine ER	47	16	18	.383
B Tokar ER	69	13	26	.377
R Michaelis BL	51	18	19	.373
J Dehmer StM	47	7	17	.362
P McCarthy ER	67	12	23	.343
J Stanek Rog	44	5	15	.341

2B Leader

3B Leader

C Volkman StM	6	J Vidor Rog	2
B Kneefe StM	6	J Stanek Rog	2
P McCarthy ER	6	P McCarthy ER	2

HR Leaders

RBI Leaders

C Volkman StM	7	C Volkman StM	29
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North Division Class C Playoff Schedule

Saturday 7/19/08

- Game 1: Big Lake 13, Rogers 3
- Game 2: Elk River 7, Albertville 2
- Game 3: Albertville 7, Rogers 4
- Game 4: Big Lake 7, Elk River 3

Saturday 7/26 at 4:00

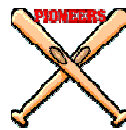
- Game 5: Albertville 4, Elk River 1

Sunday 7/27/08

- Game 6: Big Lake 8, Albertville 7 (10 Innings)
- Big Lake is #1 Seed, Albertville #2

7C Regional Schedule at Hamburg - First Games:

- Big Lake vs Glencoe - Thursday 7/31 at 8:00
- Albertville vs Brownton - Friday 8/1 at 8:00



Top Pitchers by team

Name	IP	W-L	SO	E.R.A.
A McGrane StM	48	6-0	43	1.31
T Jarmoluk ER	59	4-2	43	3.32

"Think! How the hell are you gonna think and hit at the same time?"



The EAST

The trouble with baseball is that it is not played the year round.

Loretto - Batting Ave .290 (3rd) ERA 2.89 (3rd)

The Larks biggest improvement came from lowering their ERA from 3.87 to 2.89 largely due to Tom Traen allowing only 3 earned runs in 44 innings. New additions Tyler Maher .397, Joey Althoff .400 and Nathan Maher .300 joined Brandon Scanlon .375 and Eric Schutte .324 to give the Larks another potent offense in 2008.

Maple Plain - Batting Ave .254 (9th) ERA 3.44 (6th)

The Diamond Devils had some players miss time due to injuries and work conflicts and needed to ride the bat and arm of Adam Gregg even more than usual. Adam hit .451 with 9 2B's, 2 HR's and 18 RBI's and was 3-1 with a 2.54 ERA and league leading 54 K's. Pat McPherson had a 4-2 record and Jake Smith hit .407, after joining the team for the second half of the season.

Mound - Batting Ave .268 (7th) ERA 4.85 (14th)

The Mallards had the largest increase in average and biggest decrease in ERA from 2007 to 2008. Andy Snyder .408, Peter Sycks .406 and Pete Harrell .311 helped them go from .243 to .268. Six pitchers won games for Mound as their ERA went from 7.44 to 4.85

Rockford - Batting Ave .250 (10th) ERA 3.10 (4th)

The River Bandits started slowly, then won 7 of 8 to finish at 8-10 like last year. Jason Lesser 1.79 and Cole Hanson 2.91 helped Rockford to the fourth best ERA. Ryan Rassat hit .356 with Dave Kerber .306 Ian Keen .306 and Niles Lewin .302 also hitting over .300.

Delano & Hutchinson ... See Page 5

East Division Class C Playoff Schedule

- Friday 7/18/08
 - Game 1: Loretto 9, Rockford 2
 - Game 2: Maple Plain 5, Mound 3
- Sunday 7/20/08
 - Game 3: Mound 9, Rockford 3
 - Game 4: Loretto 5, Maple Plain 0
- Saturday 7/26 at 2:00
 - Game 5: Maple Plain 11, Mound 6
- Sunday 7/27/08
 - Game 6: Loretto 2, Maple Plain 1
 - Loretto #1 Seed, Maple Plain #2



6C Regional Schedule at Arlington - First Games:

- Maple Plain vs Arlington – Saturday 8/2 at 11:00 AM
- Loretto vs Winthrop/LeSueur Winner - Saturday 8/2 at 5:00 PM

EAST Stats (Final)

<u>Player</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>Ave</u>
L Klitzke Hut	56	21	26	.464
A Gregg MP	71	15	32	.451
A Snyder Md	71	20	29	.408
P Sycks Md	64	14	26	.406
T Maher Lor	78	19	31	.397
Br Scanlon Lor	80	22	30	.375
J Juergensen Hut	52	7	19	.365
T Thode Hut	69	11	25	.362
Rassatt Roc	59	4	21	.356
E Schutte Lor	71	15	23	.324

2B Leader

A Gregg MP 9

3B Leaders

T Maher Lor 4

HR Leaders

A Snyder Md 7

RBI Leaders

T Maher Lor 21
L Klitzke Hut 21

Top Pitchers by team

<u>Name</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>E.R.A.</u>
T Traen Lor	43.7	5-1	46	0.62
J Lesser Roc	75.3	5-4	36	1.79



I made a game effort to argue but two things were against me: the umpires and the rules.

The WEST

Buffalo - Batting Ave .259 (8th) ERA 4.62 (13th)

The Bulldogs were the only team to hit for the same average in both 2007 and 2008, but their ERA slipped from 6th to 13th in the league. Five players topped .300; John Compton .368, Derek Bauer .350, Ramon Vega .304, Nate Hill .302 and Tyler Anthony .300.

Kingston - Batting Ave .243 (14th) ERA 4.40 (12th)

The Kings ERA improved from 5.93 in '07 to 4.40 in '08 and Billy Aho put up impressive numbers .419 average, 3 triples and 12 RBI as the Kings took 6 losses by one or two runs. They won 3 more games than last year, the only team to improve by more than one game.

Howard Lake - Batting Ave .246 (13th) ERA 2.52 (1st)

The Orphans reverted to their old formula for winning, leading the league in ERA and slipping back a bit on their average which led to a lot of low scoring wins. Jake Streich went 5-0 with a 1.50 ERA with John Stueven, Tim Sonnek and Ryan Long standing out on offense.

Monticello - Batting Ave .238 (15th) ERA 4.25 (11th)

The Polecats started strongly and faded late. Offensively, Scott Iano led the division in RBI and 2B's while Greg Holker .375, Eric Schreifels .314 and Adam Brion .313 recorded the top averages

Maple Lake & Dassel-Cokato ... See page 5

Did you hear the giants hired Betty Crocker to be their new hitting coach? They heard Betty Crocker makes a better batter.

WEST Stats (Final)

<u>Player</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>Ave</u>
B Opsahl DC	56	13	26	.464
R Long HL	59	14	25	.424
B Aho Kin	74	16	31	.419
M Bergstrom DC	62	10	24	.387
G Holker Mon	64	18	24	.375
J Stueven HL	50	5	18	.360
D Bauer Buf	40	14	14	.350
J Riewer DC	55	6	19	.345
K Jerpseth ML	64	6	22	.344
C Raiche ML	67	11	23	.343



West Division Class C Playoff Schedule

Friday 7/18/08

Game 1: Howard Lake 3, Kingston 2

Game 2: Buffalo 10, Monticello 0

Sunday 7/20/08

Game 3: Kingston 7, Monticello 4 (Monticello eliminated)

Game 4: Howard Lake 9, Buffalo 0

Friday 7/25 at 7:30

Game 5: Kingston 4, Buffalo 3

Saturday 7/26/08 at 7:30

Game 6: Howard Lake 11, Kingston 1

Howard Lake #1 Seed, Kingston #2

11C Regional Schedule at Watkins - First Games:

Howard Lake vs St Augusta - Friday 8/1 at 7:30

Kingston vs Cold Spring - Saturday 8/2 at 2:00

2B Leader

S Iano Mon	6	B Aho Kin	3
		G Holker, Mon	3

3B Leader

HR Leader

B Opsahl DC	4	S Iano Mon	23
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RBI Leader

Top Pitchers by team

<u>Name</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>E.R.A.</u>
J Streich HL	42	5-0	32	1.50
E Hanson DC	38.7	3-1	24	1.86



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Delano - Batting Ave .218 (16th) ERA 3.81 (8th)

The A's struggles trace to their lack of hitting with only 4 doubles, 1 triple and no HRs for the year. Kevin Jaunich was the only player to hit over .300, ending at .317 for a team that ranked 16th in the league in hitting. Jeff Althoff and Brent Muckenhirn logged the most innings on the mound and kept Delano close in a number of low scoring games.

Dassel-Cokato - Batting Ave .283 (5th) ERA 3.38 (5th)

The Saints fell from first to fifth in hitting .316 to .283 and their ERA went up by a run from 2.18 to 3.38. Brent Opsahl led the division in many categories and McKinley, Bergstrom and Riewer were also among the league leaders.

Hutchinson - Batting Ave .289 (4th) ERA 3.91 (10th)

The Huskies won the East division and the #1 seed in Class 'B' despite having the highest ERA of the B teams. Their 12 HR's were 5 better than any other team Klitzke, Thode, Juergensen were among the league leaders and Albrecht, Schwarze and Kohli made major contributions to the offense.

Maple Lake - Batting Ave .281 (6th) ERA 3.77 (7th)

Five Lakers hit over .300; Fuller .469, Jerpseth .344, Raiche and Tyler Decker each at .343 and Zahn .333. Ryan Klingelhofer was 4-0 on the hill.

St Michael - Batting Ave .308 (1st) ERA 2.62 (2nd)

The Saints romped through the North with seven players scoring over 10 runs each and nine players collecting 11 or more hits and nine players hitting over .300. Adam McGrane topped the league with 6 wins.

Section 8 B Playoff Schedule

Round One: All games in Delano

- Game 1: Delano vs Maple Lake - Wed. 7/30 at 7:30
- Game 2: Hamel vs Dassel-Cokato - Thur. 7/31 at 7:30
- Game 3: Winners of Games 1 & 2 - Sat. 8/2 at 4:00
(Winner of Game 3 is #3 Seed in Round Two)
- Game 4: Losers of Games 1 & 2 - Sat. 8/2 at 6:30
- Game 5: Winner Game 4 vs Loser Game 3 - Sun. 8/3 at 2:00
(Winner of Game 5 is #4 Seed in Round Two)

Round Two:

- Game 1: Seed #3 vs St Michael - Tue 8/5 at 7:30
- Game 2: Seed #4 vs Hutchinson - Wed. 8/6 at 7:30
- Game 3: Winners of Games 1 & 2 - Fri 8/8 at 7:30
- Game 4: Losers of Games 1 & 2 - Sat 8/9 at 4:00
- Game 5: Winner Game 4 vs Loser Game 3 - Sat 8/9 at 6:30
- Game 6: Winner Game 3 vs Winner Game 5 - Sun 8/10 at 2:00
- Game 7: Repeat Game 6 if Necessary - Sun 8/10 at 4:30.

Final League Leaders

<u>Player</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>Ave</u>
L Klitzke Hut	56	21	26	.464
B Opsahl DC	56	13	26	.464
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P Sycks Md	64	14	26	.406

<u>Hits Leader</u>	<u>Runs Leader</u>
A Gregg MP 32	Br Scanlon Lor 22

<u>2B Leader</u>	<u>3B Leader</u>
A Gregg MP 9	T Maher Lor 4

<u>HR Leader</u>	<u>RBI Leader</u>
C Volkman StM 7	C Volkman StM 29

Top Pitchers Stats

ERA	T Traen Lor	0.62
WINS	A McGrane StM	6-0
K'S	A Gregg MP	54
INNINGS	J Lesser Roc	75



Quitters never win, winners never quit, but those who never win and never quit are idiots.

