

The 2009 SPECTATOR

July 1, 2009

"It's a mere moment in a man's life between the All-Star Game and an old timer's game."



The EAST

EAST STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct	GB
Loretto	12	3	.800
Maple Plain	12	4	.750	.5
Elk River	4	8	.333	6.5
Mound	4	9	.308	7
Rogers	4	11	.267	8
Albertville	0	14	.000	11.5

The CENTRAL

CENTRAL STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct	G.B.
Hutchinson	9	4	.692
St. Michael	8	4	.667	.5
D-C	8	7	.533	2
Maple Lake	6	7	.462	3
Delano	5	9	.385	4.5

The WEST

WEST STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct	GB
Howard Lake	10	4	.714
Buffalo	7	4	.636	1.5
Monticello	8	6	.571	2
Kingston	5	6	.455	3.5
Rockford	6	8	.429	4

(All Standings are thru games of 6/30/09)

Loretto and Maple Plain own the top two won-loss records in the league and the division crown could easily come down to their match up on the final Sunday of the season. At the other end of the spectrum, the other four teams in the East have the worst four won-loss records in the whole league. With four wins each, Elk River, Mound and Rogers will contend for the third seed right down to the end. Albertville, still looking for their first win, will hope to repeat last year's hot streak in the playoffs to turn their season around.

The East hitters have been lighting up the scoreboards as 24 players are hitting over .300 going into July.

In the Central division race, Hutch has been the most consistent.

St. Michael has been streaky, hitting into a bad spell for four or five games. D-C and Maple Lake go back and forth near the .500 mark. Delano and their youth movement are picking up some nice wins also as the season moves along.

In the important seeding games, everyone is bunched together and the race remains wide open. Most of the teams still have 2 games with Plato, a tough competitor replacing Hamel in Section 8 this year.

SECTION 8 SEEDINGS

	W	L	Pct	G.B.
Hutchinson	4	2	.667
Plato	2	1	.667	.5
D-C	3	2	.600	.5
Maple Lake	2	3	.400	1.5
Delano	1	2	.333	1.5
St. Michael	1	3	.250	2

The West division is strongest top to bottom with five teams within four games of each other.

The 36 wins and 28 losses of the five teams also represents the best winning percentage of any division.

Howard Lake remains in first, but of their four losses, three have been from division rivals. Buffalo started slow and has risen to second place. Monticello, Kingston and Rockford all have wins against some of the best teams in the league and are searching for the consistency that will help a team get deep into the playoffs.

"I couldn't see well enough to play when I was a boy, so they gave me a special job - they made me an umpire."

A baseball fan is a spectator sitting 500 feet from home plate who can see better than an umpire standing five feet away.



"They expect an umpire to be perfect on Opening Day and to improve as the season goes on."

Name Pos. BA/ERA

From... *Albertville*

18 Todd Klaers 3B .400

From... *Buffalo*

2 Dan Wackler SS .250

5 Derek Bauer OF .314

8 Corey Braun P 0.00 9

Nate Hill 3B .333

20 Brooks Bielke C .300

From... *Elk River*

11 Jason Rusch 2B .345

22 Dan Ebner SS .283

23 Bob Tokar 1B .295

From... *Kingston*

15 Rob Swendra DH .293

16 Willie Bayuk 1B .289

47 Eric Pokornowski P 2.59



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Name Pos. BA/ERA

From... *Maple Lake*

5 Graham Brown OF .293

8 Ben Jungers P 3.22

21 Bret Marsnik 3B .367

From... *Monticello*

7 Chris Hardie 3B .310

17 Jason Holker P 2.25

31 Greg Holker 1B .375

From... *Rogers*

24 Josh Vidor 3B .340

33 Beau Musgjerd 1B .452

41 Marshall Nelson P 3.86

From... *St. Michael*

3 Kyle Krzmarzick SS .417

7 Blaine Barthel P 2.49

17 Chris Volkmann OF .484

- ALBERTVILLE
- BUFFALO
- ELK RIVER
- KINGSTON
- MAPLE LAKE
- MONTICELLO
- ROGERS
- ST. MICHAEL



In the 2008 game played at Maple Plain, the North ended its three game losing streak to the South with a 13 - 6 victory in the North Star League's annual All Star game series . The South now leads the series 4 to 3 since the rebirth of the All Star game in 2002. The 2009 game, hosted by Dassel-Cokato, features 51 players nominated by their coaches.

The North team will be managed by Mike Freske of St Michael with assistance from Ken Ott of Elk River and Ron Mead of Rogers.

The South team managers are Mike Gagnon of Howard Lake and Tim Thode of Hutchinson



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Previous Winners

- 2002 - South 4-2
- 2003 - North 7-2
- 2004 - North (score ??)
- 2005 - South 5-4
- 2006 - South 9-5
- 2007 - South 6-1
- 2008 - North 13-6
- 2009 -

"The best umpired game is the game in which the fans cannot recall the umpires who worked it."

DASSEL-COKATO
 DELANO
 HOWARD LAKE
 HUTCHINSON
 LORETTO
 MAPLE PLAIN
 MOUND
 ROCKFORD

#	Name	Pos.	BA/ERA
<i>From... Dassel-Cokato</i>			
1	Brent Opsahl	3B	.371
17	Jordan Danielson	P	1.63
22	Dan Birkholz	OF	.309
<i>From... Delano</i>			
6	Mark Peterson	1B	.333
13	Eric Sandberg	OF	.294
23	Joe Nielson	P	1.93
<i>From... Howard Lake</i>			
1	Tim Sonnek	3B	.333
11	Jesse Berg	SS	.320
<i>From... Hutchinson</i>			
3	Adam Padrnos	P	2.45
10	Brian Meuleners	2B	.462
17	Corey Ryks	P	0.85
33	Justin Juergenson	C	.380

#	Name	Pos.	BA/ERA
<i>From... Loretto</i>			
4	Brandon Scanlon	OF	.385
7	Kent Koch	SS	.388
10	Nathan Maher	2B	.462
19	Joe Althoff	P	2.76
21	Tyler Maher	OF	.379
<i>From... Maple Plain</i>			
4	Lee Gregg	OF	.314
5	Adam Gregg	OF	.340
9	Paul Kunz	P	3.50
24	Andy Engebretson	OF	.407
27	T.J. Aalid	P	2.25
<i>From... Mound</i>			
8	Joe Wood	OF	.283
22	Peter Sycks	C	.368
<i>From... Rockford</i>			
10	Jason Lesser	P	3.50
14	Ben Fontana	SS	.263
33	Ryan Rassatt	1B	.362

From the BLEACHERS ...

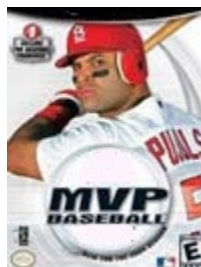


Statistical Highlights of 2009:

- Pitching**—Complete game shutouts (6) - Jordan Danielson (D-C), Cole Hanson (Rockford), Jake Duske (Buffalo), Jeremy Schmidt (Maple Lake), Nathan Maher (Loretto), and Corey Ryks (Hutch).
- Combined shutouts (4) - Jason Holker & Trent Bestland (Monticello), Carter Vogt & Casey Druar (Buffalo), Joe Althoff, Matt Kolander & Todd Roth (Loretto), Perry Thineson & Dan Birkholz (D-C)
- Most Strikeouts in a game** - Corey Ryks - 14 Ks, 5 others have struck out 11 in a game and 3 more have 10.
- Batters (highest in one game)**
- Most hits** - 5 Andy Snyder (Mound), Ryan Rassatt and Ian Keen (Rockford)
- Most Runs scored** - 4 Dane Carlson (St Michael), Chad Raiche (Maple Lake), Luke Gagnon (HL), Snyder (Mound), and Adam Gregg (Maple Plain)
- Most RBIs** - 6 John Stueven (Howard Lake), Greg Holker (Monticello), Snyder (Mound)
- Most HRs** - 2 Logan Kingren (Rockford), Andrew Engebretson (MP), Jake Duske (Buffalo), Lee Gregg (MP)

MVPs

- 2003 - Shane McLaughlin, Albertville
- 2004 - Nate Hill, Buffalo
- 2005 - Jon Wilson, Delano
- 2006 - Luke Klitzke, Hutchinson
- 2007 - Lee Gregg, Maple Plain
- 2008 - Greg Holker, Monticello



Where Lou still starts
 And Babe still swings
 Where Johnny still sees
 and Leo still screams
 Where Don still throws
 and Mickey still hits
 Harry still sings





Oh, somewhere in this favored land the sun is shining bright;
 The band is playing somewhere, and somewhere hearts are light,
 And somewhere men are laughing, and somewhere children shout,
 But there is no joy in Mudville--mighty Casey has struck out!



EAST Stats

<i>Player</i>	<i>AB</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>Ave</i>
N Maher Lor	52	16	24	462
B Musgjerd Rog	42	5	19	452
J Jarvis Alb	28	4	12	429
A Engebretson MP	59	26	24	407
T Klaers Alb	50	8	20	400
A Snyder Md	59	17	23	390
K Koch Lor	67	17	26	388
Br Scanlon Lor	65	18	25	385
T Mather Lor	66	12	25	379
P Sycks Md	57	8	21	368
P Harrell Md	58	15	21	362
J Vasseur Rog	28	6	10	357
B Mazer MP	28	8	10	357
E Smith Rog	48	7	17	354
J Rusch ER	29	7	10	345
J Vidor Rog	53	8	18	340
A Gregg MP	47	21	16	340
D Brant Alb	39	4	13	333
E Schutte Lor	49	15	16	327
N Triplett Lor	38	14	12	316
L Gregg MP	51	11	16	314
A Pratt MP	62	8	19	306
R Moynaugh Md	53	8	16	302
M Mitchell Md	40	4	12	300

2B Leaders

Engebretson MP	7
A Snyder Md	7
Br Scanlon Lor	7

3B Leader s

K Koch Lor	4
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HR Leaders

Engebretson MP	6
L Gregg MP	4

RBI Leader

Engebretson MP	20
T Maher Lor	16

Top Pitchers by team

Name	IP	W-L	SO	ERA
J Althoff Lor	42	4-0	26	2.76
R Klingelhofer Alb	36	0-5	23	3.22
P Kunz MP	46	5-1	34	3.50
M Nelson Rog	46	2-3	26	3.86
C Harrell Md	47	1-5	35	3.96
D Ebner ER	24	2-1	22	4.88

**Statistics through
 games of
 June 28, 2009**

WEST Stats

<i>Player</i>	<i>AB</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>Ave</i>
I Keen Roc	52	7	20	385
R Rassatt Roc	47	3	17	362
L Gagnon HL	47	14	17	362
J Stueven HL	56	10	19	339
T Sonnek HL	45	13	15	333
A Koch HL	42	6	14	333
N Hill Buf	42	7	14	333
J Berg HL	50	10	16	320
D Littlefield Roc	44	3	14	318
C Lehner HL	22	4	7	318
D Bauer Buf	35	10	11	314
C Hardie Mon	58	14	18	310
S Kiphuth Buf	39	7	12	308
B Bielke Buf	30	3	9	300

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HR Leaders

J Duske Buf	3
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RBI Leader

C Hardie Mon	18
J Stueven HL	15

Top Pitchers by team

Name	IP	W-L	SO	ERA.
S Heber HL	42	5-0	44	1.50
J Duske Buf	31	2-1	18	1.99
C Hansen Roc	53	2-3	44	2.21
J Holker Mon	44	3-1	39	2.25
Pokornowski Kin	55	3-3	47	2.59

CENTRAL Stats

<i>Player</i>	<i>AB</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>Ave</i>
C Volkmann StM	31	13	15	484
C Raiche ML	49	19	22	449
K Krzmarzick SM	48	8	20	417
J Juergensen Hut	50	9	19	380
T Thode Hut	48	4	18	375
B Opsahl DC	35	5	13	371
T Decker ML	38	8	14	368
B Marsnik ML	49	12	18	367
N Volkmann StM	41	9	15	366
M Peterson Del	63	7	21	333
T Queck ML	44	6	14	318
D Carlson StM	38	15	12	316
E Hanson DC	26	7	8	308

2B Leaders

T Thode Hut	7
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HR Leaders

C Volkmann StM	2
B Opsahl DC	2
C Raiche ML	2

RBI Leaders

Krzmarzick StM	18
T Thode Hut	16

Top Pitchers by team

Name	IP	W-L	SO	E.R.A.
C Rycks Hut	53	5-1	52	0.85
J Danielson DC	27	2-2	33	1.63
J Schmidt ML	24	2-1	16	1.88
B Muckenhirn Del	30	2-1	26	2.93
A McGrane StM	38	4-1	25	3.05



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