

# THE 2009 SPECTATOR

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*When the patient was wheeled into the emergency room, I could tell he was out of it. I asked if he knew the date. He didn't. "Do you know what season it is?" He thought a moment. "Baseball?"*

**2009 All Star Game Results**  
**North 13, South 10**  
**MVP - Chris Volkmann**

**Newest Hall of Famer**  
**Brian "Bookie" Larson** of Dassel-Cokato was inducted into the North Star League Hall of Fame before the annual All Star game played in Dassel on July 2nd.  
Brian has served in many league capacities for over 35 years, from doing the league schedule, and statistics while compiling league history records. Brian started the North Star Hall of Fame with the help of Dick Traen.

Updating the Wood Bat story. Through 2008, the most homeruns hit with a wood bat was 7, accomplished three times. The new mark is 8 as Andrew Engebretson of Maple Plain hit his seventh and eight of the year last weekend.

*The kid doesn't chew tobacco, smoke, drink, curse, or chase broads. I don't see how he can possibly make it.*

## The 16 Managers of the North Star League

A unique group of men comprise the list of managers for 2009. Two of them started managing in their teens at 19 years old, Herb Koch of Loretto and Mark Forsman with D-C. Seven started in their twenties, Five in their Thirties and 2, Dale Decker of Maple Lake and Ron Mead from Rogers in their fifties.

Six of them have managed over ten years. Paul Schumacher of Albertville in his 14th year, Mike Gagnon, Howard Lake, 15 years, Mark Foreman, 28 years, Herb Koch, 30 years, John Timpe with Maple Plain for 38 years and Ken Ott of Elk River in his 42nd year. Ken's 42 years is longer than ten of our managers have been alive and at 72 years young, Ken holds the honor of being the oldest to manage in the league's history .

No current manager has coached two different teams in the league, but there have been three who have done that- Dick Traen managed Rockford and Delano Mike Gallager managed Long Lake and Hamel and Sony Hilyar was top man in Elk River and Hamel.

Current Managers and the year they started:

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Ken Ott, Elk River 1968            | Steve Eilen, Delano, 2003      |
| John Timpe, Maple Plain 1972       | Mark Benzer, Buffalo, 2006     |
| Herb Koch, Loretto 1980            | Mike Freske, St Michael, 2007  |
| Mark Forsman, D-C 1982             | Tim Thode, Hutchinson, 2007    |
| Mike Gagnon, Howard Lake 1995      | Ron Mead, Rogers, 2007         |
| Paul Schumacher, Albertville, 1996 | Dale Decker, Maple Lk, 2008    |
| Andy Snyder, Mound, 2001           | Mike Enerson, Kingston, 2008   |
| Ryan Rassatt, Rockford, 2003       | Chris Hardie, Monticello, 2009 |



The CENTRAL



DELANO DASSEL-COKATO  
HUTCHINSON  
MAPLE LAKE ST. MICHAEL

No one ever says, "It's only a game" when their team is winning.

CENTRAL STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct	G.B.
Hutchinson	11	5	.688	....
St. Michael	11	6	.667	.5
D-C	11	7	.611	1
Maple Lake	9	8	.529	2.5
Delano	5	11	.313	6

Division title still up for grabs and Section 8 seeding race just heating up.

Hutchinson has been the most consistent staying at or near the lead in both races. Only have one more game against Section rivals, a make up game with D-C.

D-C has come on strong to be a game out of first in the division and percentage points ahead in the drive for the #1 seed.

St Michael has been near the division lead all summer because of their ability to beat the Class C teams. Their trouble with B teams has them at the bottom of the seedings, scheduled to meet Delano twice and host a game against Plato.

Maple Lake could mathematically still tie for the division championship, but a lot of things have to fall right. Their seeding spot is wide open.

Delano will finish fifth in the division, but can still earn any seed.

Plato still has six games with these B teams and the results of those six games will be the deciding factor in who gets what seed.

Central Stats (as of 7/13/09)

Player	AB	R	H	Ave
C Volkman StM	48	21	22	458
K Krzmarzick StM	68	14	29	426
C Raiche ML	64	25	27	422
N Volkman StM	56	15	23	411
B Opsahl DC	48	8	19	396
J Juergensen Hut	62	10	24	387
B Marsnik ML	63	17	24	381
M Peterson Del	72	10	25	347
T Thode Hut	59	5	20	339
T Decker ML	54	9	18	333
B Mueleners Hut	46	18	15	326
D Birkholz DC	65	10	21	323
G Brown ML	56	15	18	321
L Peterson DC	41	11	13	317
D Carlson StM	55	19	17	309

2B Leaders

T Thode Hut 7

3B Leader

10 at 1

HR Leaders

C Volkman StM 3  
B Opsahl DC 3  
C Raiche ML 3

RBI Leaders

K Krzmarzick StM 21  
B Marsnik ML 21

Team Pitching Leaders

Name	IP	W-L	SO	ERA
D Birkholz DC	35	3-0	41	1.77
C Rycks Hut	55	5-2	53	1.80
B Muckenhirm Del	30	2-1	26	2.93
A McGrane StM	56	5-2	40	2.88
J Schmidt ML	42	4-1	29	3.00

CLASS B SEEDINGS

	W	L	Pct	GB
D-C	5	2	.714	....
Hutchinson	6	3	.667	....
Plato	2	2	.500	1.5
Maple Lake	3	4	.429	2
Delano	2	4	.333	2.5
St. Michael	2	5	.286	3



Section 8B Playoffs

First Games: Wednesday 8/5

Game 1: Seed 6 at Seed 3

Game 2: Seed 5 at Seed 4

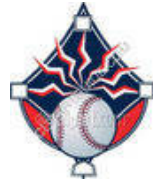
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You don't realize how easy this game is until you get up in that broadcasting booth.



**The EAST**



**EAST STANDINGS**

ALBERTVILLE  
ELK RIVER      LORETTO  
MAPLE PLAIN  
MOUND          ROGERS

	W	L	Pct	GB
Maple Plain	15	4	.789	.....
Loretto	13	5	.722	1.5
Mound	6	11	.353	8
Elk River	5	11	.313	8.5
Rogers	6	14	.300	9.5
Albertville	2	15	.118	12

**EAST Stats (as of 7/13/09)**

Player	AB	R	H	Ave
N Maher Lor	62	19	30	484
A Engebretson MP	72	30	31	431
J Rusch ER	32	7	13	406
J Jarvis Alb	35	7	14	400
P Harrell Md	69	18	27	391
E Schutte Lor	62	19	24	387
T Klaers Alb	62	12	24	387
A Snyder Md	76	20	29	382
T Mather Lor	82	16	31	378
Br Scanlon Lor	77	23	29	377
J Vidor Rog	76	11	28	368
B Musgjerd Rog	63	7	23	365
P Sycks Md	74	9	26	351
K Koch Lor	81	22	28	346
A Pratt MP	75	11	25	333
B Mazer MP	33	10	11	333
A Gregg MP	55	23	18	327
A Halverson ER	56	8	18	321
D Brant Alb	50	6	16	320
E Smith Rog	72	10	23	319
N Triplett Lor	47	18	15	319
C Harrell Md	61	3	19	311
L Gregg MP	59	12	18	305

2B Leaders		3B Leader	
A Engebretson MP	8	K Koch Lor	4
A Snyder Md	8		
Br Scanlon Lor	8		

HR Leader		RBI Leader	
Engebretson MP	8	Engebretson 27	
L Gregg MP	5	T Maher Lor	21

Team Pitching Leaders				
Name	IP	W-L	SO	ERA
T Aalid MP	40	5-0	16	2.21
Klingelhofer Alb	49	1-5	28	2.94
N Maher Lor	38	3-1	21	3.52
D Wold Rog	43	1-2	14	4.12
D Ebner ER	26	2-1	22	4.50
C Harrell Md	60	2-6	41	4.75

**We can't all be heroes because someone has to sit on the curb and clap as they go by.**

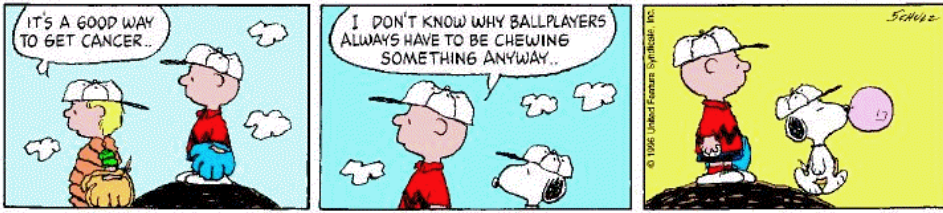
Maple Plain – clinched tie for division, win it with victory Sunday vs Loretto.  
Loretto – can tie with wins over Hutch and MP, would win tiebreaker for #1 seed by beating MP for the second time this year.  
Mound & Elk River – one will be 3 seed other will be seed.  
Rogers – best they can do is finish tied for third or fourth, but they lose tiebreakers to both Mound and Elk River meaning they will be the 5 seed.  
Albertville – 6th seed with a three game winning streak. Looking to roll into playoffs. Albertville became the second team this year to score double digits when they scored 11 runs in their first victory of the year. Maple Plain scored 12 first inning runs in an early game, the only other time it happened

**East Division Class C Playoff Schedule**

- Game 2: Tuesday 7/21/09, 7:30 PM in Loretto  
Seed 6 vs Seed 3 (home)
- Game 1: Wednesday 7/22/09 7:30 PM in Loretto  
Seed 5 vs Seed 4 (home)
- Game 3: Friday 7/24/09 (Loretto) or Sat. 7/25/09 (Maple Plain)  
Winner Game 1 at Seed #1
- Game 4: Friday 7/24/09 (Loretto) or Sat. 7/25/09 (Maple Plain)  
Winner Game 2 at Seed #2
- Game 5: Sunday 7/26, Loser Game 2 vs Loser Game 3 (High seed is home)
- Game 6: Sunday 7/26, Loser Game 1 vs Loser Game 4 (High seed is home)
- Game 7: Sunday 7/26, Winner Game 3 vs Winner Game 4 (High seed home)  
*Winner of Game 7 qualifies for Regional*
- Game 8: Friday 7/31, Winner of Game 5 vs Winner Game 6
- Game 9 Saturday 8/1, Loser Game 7 vs Winner game 8  
*Winner of Game 9 qualifies for Regional*
- Game 10: Sunday 8/2, Winner of Game 7 vs Winner Game 9
- Game 11: Sunday 8/2, if necessary, rematch of Game 10  
**Winner is #1 seed & Runner-up is #2 seed at Regions.**



**Our hometown baseball team is called the Possums. They get killed on the road.**



*Hit the ball over the fence and you can take your time going around the bases.*

BUFFALO KINGSTON      HOWARD LAKE  
MONTICELLO            ROCKFORD



**WEST STANDINGS**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Howard Lake	12	5	.706	....
Monticello	10	7	.588	2
Buffalo	9	7	.563	2.5
Rockford	7	10	.412	5
Kingston	5	11	.313	6.5

WEST Stats (as of 7/13/09)

Player	AB	R	H	Ave
I Keen Roc	65	7	25	385
L Gagnon HL	55	16	21	382
R Rassatt Roc	59	4	21	356
J Duske Buf	55	13	19	345
C Hardie Mon	70	16	24	343
E Schreifels Mon	63	9	21	333
D Littlefield Roc	52	3	17	327
A Hendrickson Kin	49	7	16	327
J Stueven HL	69	12	22	319
N Hill Buf	63	10	20	317
J Berg HL	60	10	19	317
W Bayuk Kin	60	8	19	317
A Koch HL	49	6	15	306

Howard Lake – clinched a tie for the division title, need to beat Mound or Rockford to win outright.  
 Monticello – could tie HL, could be seeding or title hopes on the line Sunday.  
 Buffalo – plays Monticello Sunday, will finish 2nd or 3rd .  
 Rockford – could tie for third or fifth, but get 4 seed due to tiebreaker rules.  
 Kingston – # 5 seed, would need multiple things to happen to tie for fourth and they lose that tiebreaker.

**2B Leaders**      **3B Leaders**

I Keen Roc	10	A Gagnon HL	4
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**HR Leaders**      **RBI Leader**

J Duske Buf	3	C Hardie Mon	22
J Stueven HL	3	J Stueven HL	18

West Division Class C Playoff Schedule

- Game 1: Wednesday 7/22/09 7:30 PM  
**Seed 5 at Seed 2**
- Game 2: Wednesday 7/22/09 7:30 PM  
**Seed 4 at Seed 3**
- Game 3: Friday 7/24/09  
**Winner Game 1 vs Winner Game 2 (High seed home team)**
- Game 4: Friday 7/24/09  
**Loser Game 1 vs Loser Game 2 (High seed home team)**
- Game 5: Sunday 7/26, **Winner Game 3 at Seed 1**  
*Winner of Game 5 qualifies for Regional*
- Game 6: Sunday 7/26, **Loser Game 3 vs Winner Game 4 (High seed home)**
- Game 7: Friday 7/31, **Loser Game 5 vs Winner Game 6 (High seed home)**  
*Winner of Game 7 qualifies for Regional*
- Game 8: Saturday 8/1, Winner of Game 5 vs Winner Game 7
- Game 9 Sunday 8/2, if necessary, rematch of Game 8  
**Winner is #1 seed & Runner-up is #2 seed at Regions.**



Team Pitching Leaders

Name	IP	W-L	SO	ERA
S Heber HL	49	5-1	47	1.84
J Holker Mon	52	3-1	43	2.25
C Vogt Buf	47	3-2	21	2.66
E Pokornowski Kin	62	3-4	52	3.30
C Hansen Roc	67	3-5	49	3.63

