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**'If you watch a game, it's fun.
If you play it, it's recreation.
If you work at it, it's golf.'**

This edition of the Spectator covers the early part of the season for the North Star League and includes a schedule full of non-division and non-league games. The 'B' teams are just starting to play their Division and Section games and for that reason the paragraph on each 'B' Team covers their overall games and no statistics column has been included on the Central division page. The West division statistics are still minimal as only three players have 20 or more AB's and none have 10 hits yet. The East teams have played a few more games and some of the players are starting to separate themselves from the field as individuals get more AB's, the leaders are beginning to emerge in hits, runs, doubles, HRs and RBIs. Pitching stats show some good early ERA's, but only a few have pitched many innings during the first month of the season.

EAST Standings thru June 6

	W	L	Pct	GB
Loretto	4	1	.800	...
Maple Plain	5	2	.714	...
Mound	3	3	.500	1.5
Albertville	3	4	.429	2
Elk River	3	4	.429	2
Rogers	0	4	.000	3.5

WEST Standings thru June 6

	W	L	Pct	GB
Howard Lake	4	0	1.000
Monticello	4	2	.667	1
Buffalo	3	2	.600	1.5
Rockford	2	4	.333	3
Cokato	0	5	.000	4.5



Pain is only temporary but victory is forever.

CENTRAL Standings thru June 6

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Michael	2	0	1.000	...
Maple Lake	1	0	1.000	.5
Delano	1	1	.500	1
D-C	0	0	.000	1
Hutchinson	0	3	.000	1.5

Section 8 Seedings thru June 6

	W	L	Pct	GB
Winsted	3	0	1.000	...
Maple Lake	1	0	1.000	1
Plato	1	0	1.000	1
St Michael	2	1	.667	1
Delano	1	2	.333	2
D/C	0	1	.000	2
Hutchinson	0	4	.000	3.5

The CENTRAL



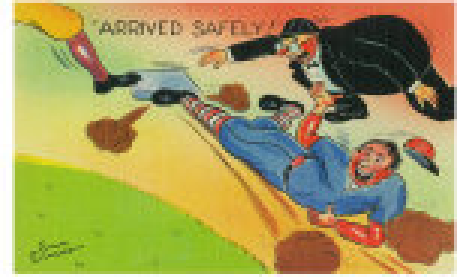
ST. Michael (7-3 Overall)

The Saints' offense has come roaring out of the gate as they have won 7 games so far and scored between 9 and 15 runs in each win. Hitting leaders are Chris Volkmann .469, Nick Volkmann .433 and 3 HR, Bobby Kneefe .429, Travis Enger .364 and Jason Dehmer .333. Blaine Barthel is the leader on the mound with a 4-0 record and 2.13 ERA. The Saints losses are unusual in that two have come at the hands of East division rivals Rogers and Albertville plus a Section 8 loss to Plato.



MAPLE LAKE (6-2 Overall)

The Lakers early schedule has been filled with North Star teams from the East and West divisions. Maple Lake came out victorious over Elk River, Maple Plain, Albertville and Buffalo and losses to Howard Lake and Cokato. Their one division game ended as a 9-4 victory over Hutchinson. The Lakers roster includes four players hitting .400 – Darin Decker .500, Riley Decker .469, Bert Marsnik .437 and Nate Johnson at .400. Three more are over .300 – Graham Brown .393, Cody Decker .382 and Tyler Decker at .360. On the mound, the leading hurler has been Jeremy Schmidt 3-0 with a 1.54 ERA.



HUTCHINSON (3-7 Overall)

The defending champs have gotten off to a slow start, beating non-division Loretto 13-11 and non-league foes Glencoe 8-5 and New Ulm 6-2, but they have lost all three of their division games plus one to Section rival Winsted. The hitting has been reliable with five players hitting over .300. Luke Klitzke at .400, Brian Mueleners .395, Josh Wendland .375, Ryan Kaping .323 and Eric Katzenmeyer at .314. Runs given up has been a problem as 5 opponents have scored in double digits this year. Adam Katzenmeyer leads the staff statistically with a 1-0 record and 3.86 ERA.



Dassel-Cokato (7-1 Overall)

The Saints have come out of the gate winning their non-league games including wins over traditional powerhouses Miesville and Cold Spring by identical 5-4 scores. Unfortunately, the Saints lone loss came at the hands of Section 8 opponent Winsted 10 to 3.

**Losers quit
when they're
tired.**

**Winners quit
when they've
won.**



DELANO (5-5 Overall)

The A's have had some early season success with close wins over the Mpls Angels 6-5, Mpls River Rats 8-7, Rockford 4-2, Winthrop 5-4 and a 12 inning win over Hutchinson 12-11 highlighted by a three run HR by Tony Greibel. Blake Danielson, Josh Muckenhirn and Andy Brown have also contributed offensively.



A word to the wise ain't necessary - it's the stupid ones that need the advice.



North Star East Through Games of June 6, 2010

BATTING LEADERS

NAME	AB	R	H	AVE.
E Smith Rog	10	2	6	.600
S Levine ER	17	4	9	.529
A Gregg MP	30	12	15	.500
KC Johnson MP	34	10	16	.471
P Sycks Md	15	2	7	.467
K Koch Lor	16	4	7	.438
L Johnson ER	26	3	11	.423
B Porter Alb	13	4	5	.385
Br Scanlon Lor	21	6	8	.381
D Brant Alb	16	3	6	.375
E Schutte Lor	16	5	6	.375
T Jarmoluk ER	24	8	8	.333
R Dwyer MP	22	7	7	.318
R Schaust Lor	16	0	5	.313
T Klaers Alb	23	2	7	.304
P McPherson MP	20	3	6	.300

2B Leaders

KC Johnson MP 6

3B Leader

Br Scanlon Lor 2

HR Leader

A Gregg MP 2

RBI Leader

A Gregg MP 9

J Braun ER 9

GWRBI Leader

K Koch 2
P Sycks 2
C Hess Alb 2

Team Pitching Leaders

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Name	IP	W-L	SO	E.R.A.
J Althoff Lor	13	1-0	17	0.69
C Harrell Md	26	3-0	22	2.36
P McPherson MP	24	2-1	19	2.63
J Wood Alb	19	1-1	20	2.84
J Braun ER	17	1-0	12	4.76

L LORETTO

The Larks are 3-0 at home, giving up only 2 runs, while they are 1-1 on the road, allowing 5 runs in those two games. Pitching and defense have moved Loretto into the east division lead and the top of the order, Brandon Scanlon, Kent Koch and Eric Schutte have led the way on offense.

 MAPLE PLAIN

The Diamond Devils won the longest game of the year and second longest in North Star league history when they pulled out a 19 inning game 4-3 over Monticello. The top of the MP order, Ryan Dwyer, KC Johnson and Adam Gregg have been red hot early on to lead the attack. Paul Kunz, Pat McPherson and Gregg have been workhorses on the mound in the early going.

A ALBERTVILLE

The Villains have always scored runs, but this year the pitching and defense have greatly improved leading to a 3-0 record at home and 4 close losses on the road. The pitching of Jason Wood, Jeff Jarvis and Ryan Klingelhofer have kept the Villains competitive. Top Villain hitters have been Billy Porter, Dan Brandt and Todd Klaers.

Slump? I ain't in no slump. I just ain't hitting."

m MOUND

The Mallards picked up a 4-3 road victory in Cokato and two home wins against Rogers and Maple Plain. Chris Harrell and Noah Waterhouse have carried the pitching load while Peter Sycks has been the most consistent hitter with more top of the order contributions also coming from Pete Harrell and Andy Snyder.

 ELK RIVER

The Pioneers have not had trouble scoring averaging seven runs per game, but they have given up nine runs per game. Scott Levine and Lance Johnson carry the best averages on the team and Pat McCarthy picked up a grand slam in their home game against Maple Plain.

 ROGERS

The Red Devils have struggled out of the gate scoring only 7 runs in five games. Statistically, Eric Smith is leading the division with a .600 average, but some improvement is needed if Rogers is going to make a move in the division.

Never interrupt your opponent while he's making a mistake.





"A team is where a boy can prove his courage on his own. A gang is where a coward goes to hide."

HOWARD LAKE
 The Orphans have taken the early lead in the West by not giving up runs. Four games, three shutouts and a total of three runs allowed. Shane Heber and Adam Koch have thrown the majority of the shutout innings. Luke and Andy Gagnon lead the offensive attack.

MONTICELLO
 The Polecats have played five of their first six games at home winning four. Their lone road game was a nineteen inning loss at Maple Plain. Chris Hardie leads the staff with a 0.45 ERA and Eric Schreifels has been the hottest hitter for Monticello. The success of their season will be determined in how they do as they go on the road during the second half.

BUFFALO
 The Bulldogs erupted for 16 runs highlighted by 4 hits from Randy Bethke and 3 hits from Steven Kiphuth and Derek Bauer who also picked up 4 RBI. They also scored 14 in a win and eked out a 3-2 win at home. Their two losses came on the road by scores of 4-1 and 3-2.

ROCKFORD
 The River Bandits started slowly losing close games to Maple Plain, Elk River and Monti along with one big loss to Howard Lake. Their two wins coming by a 12-1 score over Rogers and by 6-4 against Albertville. Mound duties have been shared by Jason Lesser, Nate Hochmuth and Cole Hanson. Leading hitters have been Andy Jorges, Dusty Littlefield and Jordan Williams.

KOKATO
 The Kings begin their first season as the Cokato Kings with five losses, two by one run and three by wide margins. Vinnie and Eric Pokornowski spend the most innings on the mound. Hitting leaders have been Billy Aho and Rob Swendra.

BATTING LEADERS

NAME	AB	R	H	AVE.
D Wackler Buf	12	4	7	.583
L Gagnon HL	14	7	7	.500
D Littlefield Roc	19	4	8	.421
N Hill Buf	12	3	5	.417
J Williams Roc	12	2	5	.417
A Jorges Roc	12	1	5	.417
A Gagnon HL	12	3	5	.417
Kloepfner Mon	17	3	7	.412
R Rassatt Roc	22	5	9	.409
C Hansen Roc	18	8	7	.389
R Bethke Buf	13	2	5	.385
B Aho Cok	19	4	7	.368
S Boger HL	11	3	4	.364
D Bauer Buf	20	3	7	.350
R Swendra Cok	18	2	6	.333
E Scheifels Mon	29	6	9	.310

2B Leaders
 7 tied at 2

3B Leaders
 6 tied at 1

HR Leaders
 5 tied at 1

RBI Leader
 D Littlefield Roc 7

GWRBI Leader
 S Iano Mon 2

Team Pitching Leaders

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A Koch HL	11	1-0	13	0.00
C Hardie Mon	20	2-0	13	0.45
J Eurlle Buf	19	2-1	20	2.37
J Lesser Roc	28	2-0	20	2.89
V Pokornowski Cok	18	0-3	10	6.87



Play until the ball is worn, the bat has cracked, the glove is loose, and the grass and dirt have become one.



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