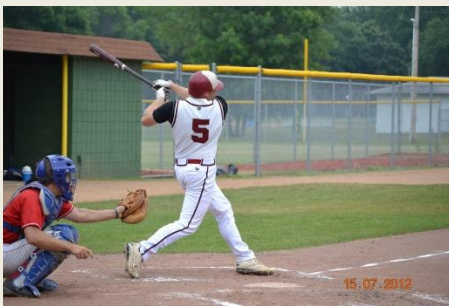


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The Montrose/Waverly Stingers have gotten off to a solid start and have won three in a row after dropping their first two games of the season. Mark Ricke has found the fountain of youth picking up two wins on the mound logging 10 1/3 innings. Bill Aamodt has pitched 21 innings already, striking out 23 with a 2.14 ERA and has accounted for the other win for Montrose/Waverly. Brady Boedekker has led the way for the Stingers at the plate hitting .333 (7 for 21), scoring 6 runs and stealing 4 bases. D-C and Maple Lake each played their first two games over the weekend both earning splits. Jordan Flick earned the win on the mound for the Saints over the Saints of Elrosa throwing 6 innings, striking out 9, and giving up 0 earned runs. Maple Lake took down the Roscoe Rangers 13-2 and Hunter Malachek made his return to the mound striking out 8 in 3 innings of work. Howard Lake picked up a win a few weeks back defeating Clearwater 9-1.



Gregg at the plate during a home game in July of 2012 against rival Loretto Larks.

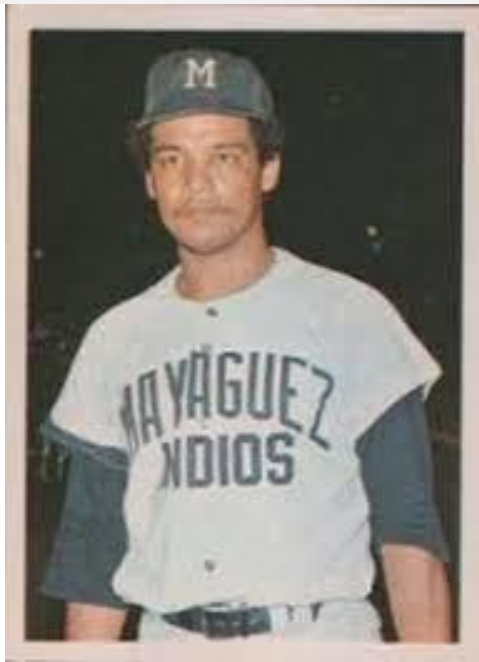


Snyder, back row, second from the right with his Mallards teammates.

2021 League Hall of Fame Class

Adam Gregg (Maple Plain)-Gregg joined the Diamond Devils in 2004 after a short stint with the St. Boni Saints of the CRVL, and made one of the biggest impacts in league history. His first year with Maple Plain he hit .377 with 24 RBI and 2 HR's. That would be enough for most teams, but he also contributed on the mound going 3-0 with a 0.47 ERA. Gregg followed up his first season by winning the Most Valuable Pitcher Award in 2005, and 2006 and adding a league MVP award to his arsenal in 2007. He played 15 seasons in the NSL and has the lowest career ERA in league history at 1.67. He finished with 33 wins (plus 18 in the playoffs) on the mound and 322 strikeouts in 333 innings. At the plate his career league average finished at .390 adding 28 HR's and 217 RBI. Many current league players who had the pleasure of competing with and against Gregg consider him the best player in the NSL during his tenure. Adam led the Diamond Devils to state appearances six times while being drafted to pitch and catch the years Maple Plain did not qualify. Gregg will be inducted in to the league HOF on Sunday, June 20 before the 4:00pm game between Loretto and Maple Plain at Don Timpe Field.

Andy Snyder (Mound)-Snyder started his career with the Mound Mallards back in the aluminum bat days of the 90's. His career spanned 21 seasons between 1996 and 2017 while taking the 1999 year off. Snyder ended his career with a lifetime .336 batting average with 44 HR's and 254 RBI. His best season came in 1997 when he hit .485/8 HR's/31 RBI. Andy was also the league MVP in 2006 and was drafted several times by North Star League teams for the state



A young Ramon before his days playing in the San Francisco Giants organization.

Opsahl tagging out a runner playing short stop before he made the A-Rod/Ripken move to third base later in his career.

tournament as a catcher. Snyder also served as the manager for the Mallards for numerous years leading them to regions many times and within reach of the state tournament on a few occasions. Snyder will be inducted in to the league HOF on Friday, June 11 before the 6:00pm game between Waverly and Maple Plain at Don Timpe Field.

Brent Opsahl (Dassel-Cokato)-Opsahl was an integral part of the 6 straight class B state tournaments the Saints made between 2002-2007 manning third base and hitting in the middle of the lineup. As well as being part of state tourney teams in 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2011. Brent won league MVP in 2008 while also winning the league batting title that same season. .420 Avg/4 HR's/29 RBI. He was a member of the Class B State All-Tournament team in 2000. Opsahl was a great leader for D-C and had a great approach at the plate never taking an at bat off. His lifetime average was .338 with 44 HR's and 406 RBI.

Opsahl will be inducted in to the league HOF on Friday, June 18 before the 7:00pm Bike Path tilt between Cokato and Dassel-Cokato at Saints Field.

Ramon Vega (Buffalo/Albertville)- Ramon was one of those players who everyone knew who you were talking about when you just mentioned him by first name only. Between 1995 and 2016 Ramon played a total of 15 years with Buffalo, and 2 with Albertville. Ramon was the League MVP in 1998 and 2000 hitting .508/11 HR's/33 RBI and .510/3 HR's/13 RBI respectively. (11 HR's is a NSL single season record) Vega is one of seven players who has won the triple crown leading the league in batting average, homeruns, and RBI. Ramon was finally able to make it to a state tournament with his Bulldogs in 2010, and was pulled out of retirement to be on the team in 2017 when Buffalo got back to state once again. Ramon finished his long career in the league with a .313 batting average, 37 homeruns, and 179 RBI.

Ramon will be inducted in to the league HOF on Friday, June 18 before the 7:30pm game between Loretto and Buffalo at Historic Bentfield Mills Park.

