

Batter's Box

North Star League News

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Game of the week

Loretto banged out 12 hits on Sunday, and they had 10 different players contribute to that total in defeating Hutchinson and VMF 5-0 on Sunday evening. A solid performance by the offense was overshadowed by the outing Colton Petron gave them on the mound. Petron threw 6 innings, struck out 8 Husky batters, gave up only 2 hits and 0 runs. Petron had a no hitter through five innings. Nicholas Kaye came in and picked up the traditional 3 inning save (He entered the game with a 1-0 lead in the 7th). Kaye struck out 3 batters and only gave up one lone hit. Loretto's staff had a solid week giving up only 1 run in 14 innings. With Petron, Kaye, Faue, and Schroder leading the staff, Loretto is going to be a force near the top of the standings all summer.



Colton Petron (Loretto) kept the Hutchinson Huskies hitless through 5 innings on Sunday. Picking up the win throwing 6 innings and striking out 8.

Standings

	LEAGUE			OVERALL	
	W	L		W	L
Buffalo	2	0	2	0	
Delano	2	0	4	2	
Maple Lake	3	1	5	2	
Dassel-Cokato	2	1	4	5	
Hutchinson	2	1	3	2	
Loretto	2	1	2	2	
Litchfield	2	1	3	3	
Cokato	1	3	2	3	
Howard Lake	0	2	2	4	
Waverly	0	2	3	7	
Maple Plain	0	3	1	3	

Future Game(s) to Watch

Buffalo at Dassel-Cokato – Wednesday, May 26-7:30pm

We are not quite in to the grind of the summer just yet, so league games are still limited, especially heading in to Memorial Day weekend. We'll get that dial turned come June for sure. But in the meantime, we do have a heck of a



Kirby Moynagh (Waverly) went 5-9 this past week with a homerun and 3 RBI (4-4 vs. Kimball). Kirby also collected his 300th base hit as a Stinger.

Jeremy Maschino (Delano) picked up a win over the Loretto Larks last week in a rain shortened win. Maschino struck out 10 allowing 0 runs and 1 hit.



Pitcher/Hitter of the Week:

Ben Reilley (Maple Lake) was borderline unhittable on Friday night as the Lakers slapped around D-C for a 17-0 win. Reilley threw all 7 in a slaughter rule shortened game striking out 12 Saints batters, giving up 0 runs and only allowing 4 hits and 2 walks. In a week where we had games rained out, and most teams only getting two games in. Reilley will also be crowned our hitter of the week going four for eight at the plate and

pitcher's duel on tap when Buffalo travels to Saints Field in Dassel on Wednesday night. Rumor has it that veteran staff leader Jon Euerle will toe the rubber for the Bulldogs while D-C will counter with Jordan Flick who has been lights out early on in 2021. Flick has picked up a few early wins this season while Euerle will be making his first start of the year.

BLT's top 10'ish Power Rankings

2020 North Star League Fan of the Year 'BLT will bring us weekly power rankings in 2021. These will be based on the combination of games recently played plus league standings.

1. Maple Lake - Put up 28 runs over the weekend defeating the Bike Path partners; D-C, and Cokato. Outstanding outing from Ben Reilley on the mound Friday night.
2. Buffalo - Rained out on Wednesday, came back Sunday and beat picked up where they left off in 2020 beating Maple Plain 12-5.
3. Delano - Tough loss to a solid class A team in St. Anthony on Saturday night, but defeated Loretto and Monticello last week in one run games.
4. Loretto - Beat Hutch 5-0, and lost to Delano in a rain shortened game. Pitching looks to be very solid (1 run scored on them in the last 14 innings against two of the leagues better lineups). Finished strong last year and getting back to that pace right away in 2021.
5. Hutchinson - Lost to Watertown Friday (Top 2-3 CRVL team), and Loretto took them down on Sunday (Trending upward) They drop to #5 due to tough schedule last week.
6. Litchfield - Went out to Brookings, South Dakota. Played some tough ball losing to two really good teams in the Moorhead Brewers and Brookings. Picked up a win against Roscoe. (Credit for a strong schedule)
7. Dassel-Cokato - Able to save face defeating Waverly in a come from behind win on Sunday 8-5, after taking a good whooping on Friday 17-0 at the hands of Maple Lake.
8. Cokato - Won a high scoring match vs. 2019 State Champ Jordan 13-12 before falling to Maple Lake 11-7 on Sunday. Kernels have been starting to score piles of runs.
9. Howard Lake. Rained out on Wednesday v. Buffalo, so only played one game this week, and took the loss to Anoka Bucs. 15-4.
- 10 - Waverly - Lost to a few solid teams. First loss to 2017 State Champion Kimball Saturday afternoon 11-4. and then lost a tough one to D-C 8-5.

Pitcher of the week cont.

driving in 9 runs in two games. My sources tell me Reilley is only 19; so maybe he'll do Shoe Soft Drink to celebrate his POTW honor.

BLT's Rankings cont.

11 - Maple Plain. Had one game this week against Buffalo on Sunday. Lost 12-5. Diamond Devils are young, and will improve as their high school guys start to get in the lineup.

Who's Hot?

Kirby Moynagh (Waverly) 5-9 .555/HR/3 RBI

Cole Hansen (Waverly) 4-9 .444

Jim Althoff (D-C) 5-7 .714/2 runs/3 RBI

Ethan Niemala (Cokato) 4-9 .444/3 runs

Isaac Nelson (Cokato) 5-8 .625/4 runs/2 RBI

Trevor Jaunich (Delano) 5-11 .454

Ben Goelz (Maple Lake) 5-11 .454/4 runs/2 2B

Matt Bergstrom (Maple Lake) 4-8 .500/3 runs/3 RBI

Ben Reilley (Maple Lake) 4-8 .500/9 RBI

Ben Reilley (Maple Lake) 7 IP/12 K's/0 runs/4 hits/WIN

Colton Petron (Loretto) 6 IP/8 K's/ 0 runs/2 hits/WIN

Jeremy Maschino (Delano) 5 IP/ 10 K's/ 0 runs/ 1 hit/WIN