



# THE WEEK BEFORE THE OPENER

## HITTER OF THE WEEK

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Alex Smothers (Waverly) had himself a solid week at the plate providing much offense for the Stingers this past week hitting .583 in four games, while driving in 5 runs for Waverly.

## PITCHER OF THE WEEK

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Cade Lommel (Delano) picked up the win Friday as the Athletics defeated the Shakopee Indians 14-1. Lommel threw five innings striking out 9, giving up zero runs, and surrendering just one hit. In fact, only two balls left the infield in his five innings of work.

## GAME OF THE WEEK

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We're going to go with a game that looked like it had just about everything including John Hohenstein pitching..... D-C and the St. Paul Hops squared off on Wednesday and the Saints jumped out to an 8-0 lead after one inning. The Hops bats woke up in the third and they proceeded to put up 3-3-2-0-5-0-5 to complete the comeback and defeated D-C 18-13. The game included 31 runs on 23 hits and there were 20 men left on base.

## FUTURE FEATURE GAME

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Wednesday, July 1: Maple Lake at Howard Lake

North Star League opening night features one of our league's best rivalries. The two teams made the state tournament in 2019, and matched up against each other in the first round of the playoffs. One would imagine 2019 NSL Pitcher of the Year Mike Dockendorf will be taking the ball for the Orphans.

## WHO'S HOT???

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Trevor Jaunich (Delano) 5-14 .357 BA/ 2 HR's/ 7 RBI/ 2 2B's  
Jack Paulson (Delano) 6-13 .462 BA/ 3 RBI/ 3 2B's  
Dan Van De Steeg (Hutchinson) 2-6 .333 BA/ 4 RBI  
Dylan Weber (D-C) 6-13 .462 BA/ RBI/ 2B/ 2 Runs/ 1 SB  
Jacob Kraft (Hutch) W / 6 IP/ 1 Run/ 0 ER/ 3 K's

## WEEK IN REVIEW

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The word of the week was TIE. Though Delano's game with the Cold Spring Springers was a week earlier and under the Exhibition window, the game ended after 10 innings with a 6-6 tie. Litchfield took a page out of the Athletics book and tied the Shakopee Indians on Tuesday night 6-6. And if that weren't enough, Hutchinson joined the party with a 5-5 tie in 11 innings in a State Championship rematch with the Jordan Brewers. Agenda item for the next North Star League meeting: How ties work with tiebreakers.