



WEEK TWO - THINGS ARE HEATING UP

HITTER OF THE WEEK

JD O'Donnell not only had a two-homerun week, he hit them when the Bulldogs needed it most. Wednesday at Loretto O'Donnell left the park in extra innings to put Buffalo up for good. On Friday night in Delano, Buffalo led 9-8 in the 7th inning, and O'Donnell finished the Athletics off with a 3-run bomb to centerfield helping them win 14-11. O'Donnell's week: 7-14/ .500 BA/ 2 HR/ 7 RBI/ 5 runs/ 2 Doubles

PITCHER OF THE WEEK

We had some great pitching performances this week as guys started throwing complete games, while giving up minimal runs and keeping their teams in the win column. Jordan Flick of Dassel-Cokato gets the nob as he reached the double digit strikeout mark in Friday nights Bike Path Series game against Cokato. Flick threw all nine, giving up only two runs, while striking out 11 and picking up the win for the Saints.

GAME OF THE WEEK

Litchfield and Maple Plain combined for 17 runs on 30 hits Sunday afternoon at Don Timple Field. The Blues jumped out to a 6-2 lead going in to the 8th inning. They ran Maple Plain starter Max Marshall after 6 innings, and looked to be in control. They added one to make it 7-2 in the top of the 8th, the Diamond Devils got one back to make it 7-3 going in to the ninth. Lance Reynolds kept the Blues off the scoreboard in the top of the 9th and the Diamond Devil bats work up in the 9th putting up a 4 spot to tie and send it to the tenth. The Blues then took the lead back by getting one off of Reynolds in the 10th. However, the Diamond Devils got the run back and won it with a Tommy Traen walk off base hit for a 9-8 win.

FUTURE FEATURE GAME

Sunday, July 19 Buffalo at Hutchinson – 2:00pm

Currently both teams are 5-0 tied for first place in the league, both will be the odds-on favorite to win their Wednesday/Friday games this week, even if that doesn't happen this game looks to lock in the league title down and the number 1 seed in the Regions. So what's your favorite breed of dog?

WHO'S HOT???

Kyle Bode (MP) 8 IP/ 1 ER/ 8K's
Owen Boerma (Litch) 9 IP/ 1 ER/ 9 K's/ Win
Dan VanDeSteeg (Hutch) 9 IP/ 1 ER/ 9 K's/ Win
JT Weiman (Waverly) 9 IP/ 6 K's/ 167 pitches/ Win
Andrew Loch (Litch) 6-9 .666 BA/ 2 RBI/ 4 runs
Colton Haight (Buffalo) 6-13 .461 BA/ HR/ 3 RBI/ 4 runs
Hunter Hart (Delano) 6-13 .461 BA/ 7 RBI/ 2 2B
Trevor Jaunich (Delano) 6-10 .600 BA/ 3 RBI/ 7 runs/ 2 2B/ 3B
Toby Hanson (Delano) 6-11 .545 BA/ 5 RBI/ 7 runs/ HR/ 2 2B

WEEK IN REVIEW

Talking to Mike Kutter out of Hutchinson, he's noticed that early on in this condensed season that the hitting has been way a head of the pitching; which has not always been the case in the North Star League. This was surely the case for Buffalo and Delano this past week as both teams scored 34 runs in their three games, not combined, each team scored 34 on their own. The Athletics and Bulldogs did throw blow after blow at one another on Friday night with Buffalo coming out on top 14-11. The Athletics put up 34 runs in 25 innings which is good enough for 1.36 runs per inning, while Buffalo did it in 28 innings for an average of 1.25 runs per inning. However, the Athletics went 1-2 on the week while the Bulldogs remained unbeaten going 3-0.

JT Weiman picked up the first league win of the year for the Waverly Stingers. Weiman had a solid start and gave up some runs early on before the Stingers stormed back for 7-6 win on Friday night at Howard Lake. The big stat that jumps out is that he threw all nine and his pitch count was 167!! Little League dads everywhere are getting jealous of Weiman's rubber arm. (You know, because crazy little league dads don't believe in pitch counts) There is something to be said about the Stingers going anywhere and everywhere to play games, it has surely helped Weiman build himself up to that number. Side note: He was not available for a relief appearance on Sunday.

FROM THE ARCHIVES - 1952

The Wright Star League (The leagues former name for you youngsters) started the 1952 season with the town ball team from Monticello dropping out due to lack of organization to run a team. Ron Meyers, the owner of the Red Wing shoe store in Buffalo became league secretary by unusual means at the annual meeting. Ron had agreed to go to the league meeting at Delano simply to accompany the Buffalo representative. Ron sat in the back of the room and watched as many heated debates took place during the league meeting. On the way home Ron was asked what he thought of the meeting. Ron replied "I think you boys can work everything out if you try" The Buffalo rep then told Ron that he (Ron) had just been voted league secretary and was happy that he had a plan to keep everyone in line. As Ron was quoted upon his retirement "I knew nothing about baseball but I must have done something right to have lasted 19 years."

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1-Winsted	14	5
2-Maple Lake	12	8
3-Watertown	11	9
4-Delano	8	12
5-Buffalo	4	15

Maple Lake won the league playoffs by taking down Winsted in a best of three series. Maple Lake won game one 15-5, and game two 7-3. They then advanced to the regions where they lost to Bird Island to end their season. Fairbanks of Maple Lake won the league batting title hitting .381, followed by Hermes out of Winsted who hit .378