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AMATEUR BASEBALL

Lakers, Saints advance; Hutch, Delano out

Newman helps Lakers in 4-0 win over Milroy; A's, Huskies eliminated

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One team from Region 12 advanced, while two others were eliminated during the opening weekend of the Class C Amateur Baseball State Tournament.

Delano battled back from a 2-0 deficit, only to blow a late lead in a 4-3 loss in 11 innings last Saturday to the Spring Hill Chargers.

The Athletics led 3-2 heading into the ninth inning, but Spring Hill scored one run in the ninth, and two more in the 11th for a 4-3 victory in 11 innings.

The Chargers tied the score in the ninth on a fielding error on a ground ball hit to the shortstop. With the bases loaded and one out, Delano reliever Jake Nelson struck out the next two hitters to force extra innings.

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David Deminsky struck out 13 Hutchinson batters. The Huskies were held to just six hits. Jon DeRock suffered the loss. Buffalo draftees Jon Euerle and Ethan Hansen each pitched in relief for Hutchinson.



Ben Goelz (middle) and the Lakers advanced to round two of the state tourney with a 4-0 win over Milroy on Sunday at Hamburg. (Photo by Rob LaPlante)

struck out three over 1.2 innings. Hansen pitched a perfect ninth inning. The Huskies finished the season 26-9 overall.

Maple Lake 4, Milroy 0

Maple Lake will join Loretto as the lone remaining teams from Region 12 in the second round of the state tourney.

The Larks were idle as all No. 1 seeds from each region receive a first-round bye. The Lakers advanced with a 4-0 victory this past Sunday against the Milroy Irish.

Three different pitchers: Ben Reilley, Grant Mergen and Eric Newman, combined for a six-hit shutout. Reilley pitched five shutout innings to record the win. Mergen pitched a perfect sixth. Newman, one of six Buffalo players drafted from the region, allowed just two hits and struck out five in three scoreless innings.

The Lakers were held to just five hits, but a combination of Milroy miscues led to three of Maple Lake's runs. Two errors in the first inning gave the Lakers a 1-0

lead. Maple Lake added an insurance run in the fifth when Riley Decker scored from third on a wild pitch. Donnie Mavencamp's RBI double made it 3-0 in the sixth. Ben Reilley made it 4-0 in the seventh when he scored from third on a balk.

The game was played Sunday night as a makeup date from last Friday's rain-out.

Maple Lake, the No. 4 seed from the Region 12, will face Region 6 champion Jordan on Saturday, Aug. 28 at 4:30 p.m. in Chaska. Loretto will face Dumont at 7:30 p.m. on

Friday, Aug. 27 at Chaska.

St. Michael 2, Moorhead 1

In the Class B State Tournament, the St. Michael Saints scored two runs in the sixth inning and brothers Jordan and Marcus Krupke combined to earn a win and save in a 2-1 Saints victory last Saturday over the Moorhead Brewers.

The game was scoreless until Jack Carroll hit an RBI in the sixth. Later that inning, they made it 2-0 on a bases loaded walk to Zachary Stamp.

Jordan Krupke scattered

seven hits over 7.1 innings, but only allowed one run. Marcus Krupke pitched the final 1.2 innings to record the save.

The Brewers were last year's Class B state runner-up. The Saints will look to advance to the double-elimination part of the tournament as one of eight teams still standing. St. Michael faces the New Market Muskies on Friday, Aug. 27 at 7:30 p.m. in Hamburg.

2021 Class C Baseball State Tournament Bracket

A comprehensive tournament bracket and statistics page. It includes:
1. Tournament Sites table with columns for City and Address (Chaska, Waconia, Hamburg).
2. Additional Information table with Class C State Tournament Website (http://classc.leagues.mnbaseball.org/).
3. Class B State Tournament section for St. Michael 2, Moorhead 1, including a stats table for pitchers and batters.
4. Class C State Tournament section for Sartell 5, Hutchinson 1, including a stats table for pitchers and batters.
5. A large bracket diagram showing the progression of 64 teams through rounds G1 to G15, with dates and times for each game.
6. Class C State Tournament section for Spring Hill 4, Delano 3, including a stats table for pitchers and batters.
7. Class C State Tournament section for Maple Lake 4, Milroy 3, including a stats table for pitchers and batters.
8. Class C State Tournament section for Maple Lake 2, Milroy 3, including a stats table for pitchers and batters.