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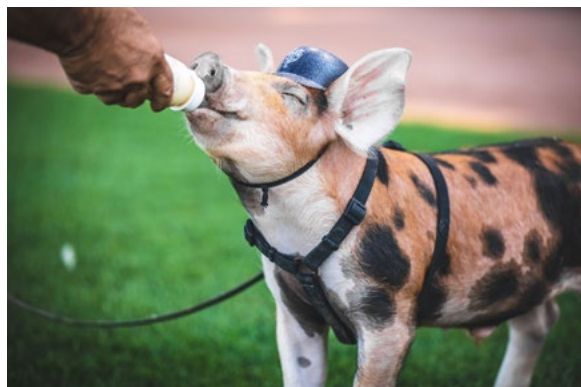
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OWNERSHIP LETTERS



FROM MIKE

I have often quoted Groucho Marx, who in his resignation letter to the Friars' Club said, "I don't want to belong to any club that will accept me as a member." Since 1993, that's how it's been for the St. Paul Saints. We marched to the beat of our own drum. We poked, prodded and took jabs at everything from politicians, religion, to Major League Baseball. Of course, we took more shots at ourselves than anyone else. If you can't laugh at yourself, who can you laugh at? Since we've accepted that invitation to join the club, what does that mean for all of those hilarious moments at CHS Field?

If you read no other sentence I write, please read this one and let me make it perfectly clear: We Will Not Change. We've built a brand for 28 years. We've built the foundation of a successful organization since 1993. I've spent many a nights out at the ballpark listening to you, the fans, tell me what you enjoy and what we can do better. I take each of those conversations to heart. I know that none of you want to see the entertainment vanish into thin air just because we're the Triple-A affiliate of the Minnesota Twins. The good news is the Twins don't want us to change. We don't want to change. And you don't want us to change. Sounds like we're all on the same page.

This partnership with the Twins is an historic moment for the Saints organization, but not unprecedented for myself and Marv Goldklang. When the two of us owned the Fort Myers Miracle, we were the High-A affiliate of the Twins. I've gotten to know many of their front office members over the years and their philosophy is not that dissimilar from ours. As Derek Sharrer said during the partnership press conference, "Let's give the Twins credit for coming closer to the anti-establishment."

I would be remiss if I didn't bring up the one negative of this partnership. For the past 18 seasons George Tsamis has been at the helm of our ballclub. None of us will forget his nearly 1,000 wins in a Saints uniform, the playoff appearances, and the magical championship moments in 2004 and 2019. But baseball aside, George is an incredible human being. He will ALWAYS be family. While he may not be making managerial decisions, George remains a part of the Saints organization running our youth baseball camps. I have no doubt he will don another uniform soon

and should Marv and I purchase another Independent team, I promise you George will be offered that job.

I understand change makes many people uncomfortable, but this is still your team, your organization. If you have ideas for a promotion, let me know. If you want to see a certain giveaway, tell me. If you feel like we can get better, then I'm here to listen. While the players on the field and coaching staff may change, we, the St. Paul Saints, won't.

Fun Will Always Be Good,
- Mike Veeck

FROM MARV

Saints fans,

While a lucky few were able to enjoy a limited amount of games in person last year at CHS Field, for many the most recent Saints memory is the dogpile at the mound celebrating our 2019 Championship, the fifth in Saints history.

Much has changed in the 20 months since. We've fought through a pandemic, and the club has made the leap to affiliated Triple-A baseball. There will be more openings, cameos by future MLB stars (both on their way up as well as the oft-needed rehab assignment), and for the first time an official connection to our respected partners, the Minnesota Twins, across town. But I can promise you this- one thing will never change. The Saints will forever be who we were on that overcast night in 1993, unsure whether we'd still be in business by October. We're quirky, we're outsiders, and we'll never cave or bend to fit in with the masses. We are the St Paul Saints, minor league baseball's pre-eminent franchise. We achieved that status because YOU love who we have always been, and we're excited to bring you along with us on this new journey. The names between the lines might be more recognizable, the quality of baseball will be world-class, and the entertainment will still be that of the Saint Paul Saints.

So stand up, shout, explore CHS Field, and experience the wonder of a typical Saints game. Oh, and Go Twins!

- Marv Goldklang

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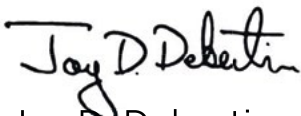
A letter from CHS

Welcome to CHS Field! At CHS, we understand the value of teamwork and fun. That's why we're proud to team up with the St. Paul Saints for another exciting season of baseball, especially in their first season as a Minnesota Twins affiliate.

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President and CEO, CHS



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MARV GOLDKLANG
Chairman

Although a lawyer by profession, he enjoys working around the ballpark more than in a courtroom or the boardroom. A part-owner of the New York Yankees, Marv has served as the Saints Chairman of the Board since the team's inception in 1992. He played a key role in the formation of the "new" Northern League in 1992 and

moved to the forefront again in 2006 with his leadership in the formation of the "new" American Association. Most recently, he helped negotiate the Triple-A partnership between the Saints and Minnesota Twins.

In addition to the Saints, Marv is the principal owner of Charleston (SC), the Yankees affiliate in the Class A South Atlantic League and Hudson Valley (NY), the Rays team in the short-season New York-Penn League.

Marv serves as Chairman of the Board for the Goldklang Group, which he co-founded in 1999, whose members provide management and consulting services. In addition to working with the teams in which he has a direct interest, the Group has several major and minor league sports franchises among its clients. It also has participated in the construction of sparkling new stadiums in St. Paul, Charleston, Hudson Valley and Brockton (MA) as well as assisting in the renovation of the Sioux Falls stadium.

Trademarks of his teams are their high attendance figures and national reputation for interesting, innovative, yet timely, promotions. Marv is an inductee in both the South Atlantic League and Florida State League Halls of Fame and is a member of the Board of Trustees, which oversees Minor League Baseball. He serves as Chairman of the Executive Committee for the South Atlantic League and a member of the New York-Penn League Executive Committee. Baseball America has identified Marv as among the most influential people in the industry.

Marv's interest in baseball goes back to his college days when he pitched for the University of Pennsylvania. There, he set a school record that still stands when he hit four batters with four pitches. Not only did he do it in the same inning, but he did it to consecutive batters.



MIKE VEECK
President

It is a name synonymous with FUN at the ballpark. Veeck continues to blaze new trails every baseball season. After all, who else would hire a dog or pig to deliver baseballs to the umpire, a Roman Catholic nun to give massages, mimes to perform instant replays, or lock fans out of the stadium to set an all-time attendance

record for fewest people at a game.

The Veeck family started in baseball nearly a century ago when Veeck's grandfather was president of the Chicago Cubs. Veeck's father, Bill, was a Hall of Fame owner with the St. Louis Browns, Cleveland Indians, Chicago White Sox, and the then-minor

league Milwaukee Brewers. Bill Veeck will always be remembered for signing Larry Doby, the first black man to play in the American League, and for sending 3'6" Eddie Gaedel to the plate for the Browns in a 1951 game against Detroit. It is with the belief that anything is possible and no idea too silly that Veeck operates his ballclubs.

Veeck is part owner of five baseball teams including the Charleston RiverDogs and is a consultant for one other. He has served to put fun back into baseball while proving his ideas are not specific to sport. An advertising professional, coveted public speaker, founder of the Veeck Promotional Seminar, and all-around idea man, Veeck wrote a book, entitled "Fun is Good," describing how this simple philosophy leads to success in any business.

Veeck has spoken and entertained groups at companies such as 3M, the NBA, General Mills, and NASCAR.

Veeck and his wife Libby, reside in Mt. Pleasant, S.C. He is the father of two children, William "Night Train" and Rebecca.



JEFF GOLDKLANG
Managing Director

Goldklang, a left-hander out of New Jersey, has been involved with the Group in various executive roles since his arrival in 2002. He began his career with the Charleston RiverDogs in 1994, handling the concessions and merchandise operations and was instrumental in the transition of the club into its new ballpark for 1997.

Upon leaving the RiverDogs, Goldklang joined Integrated Sports International, continuing with them through their acquisition by SFX Sports Group and subsequently Clear Channel Entertainment. During his tenure, Goldklang was part of the group that developed the Properties division of SFX Sports, managing all aspects of the merchandising program and specializing in the formation of sponsorship agreements with national brands, primarily sports related. In addition, he developed marketing programs for SFX Sports as well as the Theatrical, Radio, and Outdoor divisions of Clear Channel Entertainment.

Goldklang's current responsibilities as President within the Group center on the broad scale oversight of the Group's four franchises. This includes managing the financial operations of the Group's entities, managing the year-round use of venues, and coordinating- in tandem with the Group's marketing department- national and regional opportunities for the four Goldklang clubs.

Goldklang resides in New Jersey with his wife Erica and sons Jared and Jacob.



BILL MURRAY
Team Psychologist

A lifelong baseball fan, Bill has been a part of the St. Paul Saints since the team's inception in 1993. On Opening Night, he was stationed outside the ballpark selling programs and later tossed out a first pitch. The next night, he coached first base. He was in the coaches' box again on

August 10, 1997 when he played a major role in the biggest rally in team history. That night, the Saints trailed Sioux Falls, 9-2, after three innings. With the pennant race in full swing, manager Marty Scott turned the third base coach's box over to Murray, who had been coaching at first base that game.

St. Paul promptly began to rally, chipping away at the Canaries. It was 9-8 in the eighth inning with Lamarr Rogers on second and Dwight Smith on third and two out when things really got interesting. Lance Robbins singled to shallow left. Smith scored easily and Murray daringly sent Rogers home as well. Rogers barely beat the throw to the plate and the Saints had a thrilling 10-9 victory – and the biggest come-from-behind win in franchise history.

Among Murray's duties when he visits St. Paul: morale boosting and BP crusher.



TOM WHALEY
Executive Vice President

The St. Louis, MO native is a recovering attorney whose baseball career began accidentally in 1992 when he sold an outfield wall billboard, program ad, and four-season tickets to the general manager of a moving company as they stood on the courthouse steps following a hearing.

From 1993-98, he served as the Saints'

Director of Operations and Assistant General Manager.

He spent two seasons as the Director of Corporate Sales for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays before joining the Goldklang Group in January 2001. He was principally involved in the start-up of the Can-Am League's Brockton Rox and the construction of a new baseball stadium and conference center in the Boston suburb in 2002. A year later, he was on hand when the Rox won the league championship.

In August 2002, he returned to the Saints, assuming his current position as Executive Vice-President responsible for business development and was one of the instrumental people in making CHS Field a reality. He purchased an ownership interest in the Saints in 2005. He lives in Lino Lakes with his wife, Kathleen. Three grown children live in a galaxy far, far away. Whaley is the past Board Chair for the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce.



DEREK SHARRER
Executive Vice President /
General Manager

Since moving to the Twin Cities in 2004, Sharrer continues to make the St. Paul Saints one of the more successful Minor League baseball teams in the country. His hard work and dedication have been rewarded the last four years, receiving Executive of the Year honors in

the American Association from 2015-19. He oversaw the opening of CHS Field in what was an historic, record breaking year for the organization. The record breaking first year was topped in 2016 when the Saints finished seventh in all of minor league baseball in average attendance and number one in percent capacity, at 117%. They have topped Minor League baseball in percent capacity five straight seasons, averaging 113% capacity over that time.

Upon beginning his career in Fort Myers, FL with the Goldklang Group's Florida State League franchise, the Whiteland, IN native rose through the ranks of the Miracle quickly, ascending to the GM's chair in 1997. As part of the job there, he worked extensively with

the Miracle's parent team – the Minnesota Twins – during spring training. The Miracle consistently bucked the trend of poor Florida State League attendance and led in that department under Sharrer.

In 2001, he moved to Charleston, SC. The RiverDogs, a Tampa Bay affiliate in the Class-A South Atlantic League, set attendance records every year Sharrer was there. With the help of such interesting promotions as Nobody Night (when fans weren't allowed into the ballpark until it was an official game), the RiverDogs drew a then team record 259,007 fans in 2003. Charleston mayor Joe Riley thought so much of Sharrer that he helped organize a special day in his honor before he left to join the Saints.

The days in St. Paul have been just as magical, leading a staff that has come up with promotional ideas that have gained national attention. Everything from Bud Selig ties, to the Michael Vick Chew Toy, to the incredible Bobblefoot, to the World Record Pillow Fight in 2015, to the most recent ballpark-wide food fight in 2018.

"St. Paul is a special place to live and work – particularly if work is minor league baseball," Sharrer said. "The Saints' tradition – thanks primarily to our fans – was established long before I arrived. I'm just thrilled to be a continuing part of it."

Sharrer resides in Woodbury with his wife Kandice, sons Sullivan and Lawson. "My family and I have thoroughly enjoyed our time here," he said. "We are looking forward to many more years to come."



CHRIS SCHWAB
Senior Vice President /
Assistant General Manager

This season will mark Chris's 18th in baseball, all with the Goldklang Group. This White Bear Lake native received his Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing from Minnesota State University.

In 2004, he started as a game day intern during the Saints championship season. Following that season, he moved to Sioux Falls and began working with the Canaries. Chris had many rolls with "The Birds" including Promotions Director, Box Office Manager, Director of Sales, and Assistant General Manager. The 2008 season was a banner year for Schwab and the Canaries, while breaking attendance records, the Canaries brought home their first, and only, championship.

Following the 2009 season, Schwab found his way back home to St. Paul. He works heavily in the ticket and sponsorship sales area and can be heard every game night telling fellow staff members "smiles everyone." Chris knew that sales was in his blood when, in 1993, he set the Minnesota Cub Scout record in nut roll and Christmas wreath sales. "When you have the opportunity to work with people like Tom, Derek, Mike, Marv and Bill, it makes the 17-years go by quickly".

Schwab resides in Hugo with his wife Jocelyn, their son Hudson and their family dog Charlie.



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REACHING ACROSS THE RIVER



There is much that can be inferred from Ray Barton's iconic illustration of Minnie and Paul reaching across the Mississippi River. Originally created in 1961, the St. Paul illustrator freelanced for advertising agencies and was paid \$15 to create the design. Now 60-years later it doesn't just represent the handshake between two cities, but two organizations steeped in tradition and history coming together in a bond that no one saw coming in the early 90s.

The St. Paul Saints are the anti-establishment, the bad boys of the baseball world. When Mike Veeck, Marv Goldklang, and Bill Murray entered the Twin Cities in 1992 looking to put down roots in Saint Paul, everyone, and we mean EVERYONE, thought this wouldn't work. Their demise was written before a pitch was even thrown. There was already a baseball team in town, the Minnesota Twins, and a mere 6.0 miles separated Midway Stadium from the Metrodome. Who would be crazy enough to put a baseball team just six miles from a Major League team, a team two years removed from a World Series title?

Was there animosity between the two teams in the beginning? Not as much as one might think. Remember, no one thought this would work. The Saints were the cute, little team down the road that the Twins didn't pay much attention to because they didn't view them as a threat. All that, of course, was about to change. Veeck's mind works in mysterious ways. What seems so commonplace today, wasn't so in 1993. Everything from a live pig delivering baseballs to the umpire, to a nun giving massages, to haircuts in the ballpark. Baseball as fans knew it, not just in the Twin Cities but around the country, was about to change. Entertainment took precedence. Having fun was now the most important thing when coming to the ballpark.

Midway Stadium wasn't the hallowed grounds of Yankee Stadium or historic Wrigley Field. It wasn't even built for the Saints. It was a municipal field built for high school and college games in the early 80s. It was used for baseball, football, and soccer. It had metal bleachers, an outfield with rolling hills that would have made

the Twin Peaks in San Francisco jealous, and a wooden fence that even caused the most daredevil of outfielder to pause before racing back for a fly ball. So why would the Major League team down the road worry? It's because the people came, to the tune of nearly 170,000 in year one, or almost 95% capacity. Media from far and wide came out to cover the Saints. Over the years there was national attention for off-the-wall promotions AND the Major League talent flocking to the "other city" to play baseball. This, of course, didn't sit well with the Twins.

So, did animosity build up over time? You better believe it. Was there ever a chance these two organizations would join forces under any circumstance? Not a chance. But a funny thing happened over the course of time. In the process of owning the Saints, Mike, Marv and Bill also owned the Fort Myers Miracle, the High-A affiliate of the Twins. Over the years the Twins ownership and upper management worked with the Saints ownership and upper management on various projects at Hammond Stadium. They got to know each other. They learned to appreciate each other. The Twins started to view the Saints in a different light.

Still, a partnership between the two was never going to be easy. There are territorial rights that each Major League team has plus the fact the Twins already had their Minor League affiliates. Of course, all that was about to change with the shake-up of the Minor League Baseball (see story on p. 12 & 13). The time had now come for the improbable partnership to finally come to fruition.

Why does this partnership make sense? For the Twins it means their highest Minor League players are now just 10.6 miles away. Instead of having to put them on the first flight out of Rochester, NY, get them into Minneapolis, have these players find a place to live, and get them ready for a game that night, players can now head east on 94, or even take the Green Line, can sleep in their own beds, and be fresh to play a game that night. For the Saints, they don't have to change their identity AND they get some of the top players in all of Minor League Baseball playing at CHS Field. It's a partnership worthy of a handshake.

AND THESE WERE THE DAYS OF OUR LIVES



It was a story befitting TMZ. One expected paparazzi to hide in bushes at the MLB offices in New York, the Minor League headquarters in Florida, and at various teams across the country. If you woke up one morning in mid-December, 2020 and didn't pay attention to the soap opera drama that was the MLB-MiLB negotiations from the end of 2019 through 2020, then you probably wondered how did we get here? How did the Saints become a part of affiliated Minor League Baseball? What is this I'm hearing about teams on the cutting room floor? And is it true Minor League Baseball is now being run by Major League Baseball? If you want a great detailed explanation of the year plus saga, I implore you to read JJ Cooper of Baseball America. He seemed to have every inside scoop before any of the aforementioned participants. What follows is our best understanding of what went down.

The first inkling that the winds had shifted occurred back in October of 2019. That was the first article put out by Cooper saying that Major League Baseball was looking to revamp Minor League Baseball. They were looking to eliminate upwards of 40 teams and, in addition, two Independent Professional Baseball Teams were named as being a part of the new structure: the Sugar Land Skeeters and the St. Paul Saints. Wait, what? The Saints as part of Minor League Baseball? An affiliated team? No one had come to us. No one brought this idea up to us. Why were we being mentioned in an article about the restructuring of affiliated baseball?

It turns out, as has been discussed on numerous occasions, Major League Baseball teams were looking to do several things, but one of them was having their Minor League affiliates closer to their ballparks. There is no team closer to a Major League ballpark than the Saints are to the Twins. The 10.6 miles from front gate to front gate is as close as it gets. The Twins wanted the Saints, not only to be a part of their farm system, but the highest level, their Triple-A affiliate. In post-season meetings, when Major League teams put together their wish list, the Saints were identified as a Twins "wish." Despite being an independent team, the Twins let

it be known that if the Saints were interested, they would like to make that happen. This report by Baseball America was the first discussion of the shake-up that was about to happen.

The fact that 40+ Minor League teams may be cut off by Major League Baseball did not sit well with the public nor politicians. To say it was a bad PR hit for Major League Baseball is an understatement (what, just because we're now a part of the affiliation you expected us to change and not be open and honest. Please, we're still going to take our shots at EVERYONE). More than 100 politicians on both sides of the aisle lined up telling Major League Baseball that this would not be a good idea. If you go down this road then MLB will have its antitrust exemption removed. There was heavy pushback. Major League Baseball retorted by saying if MiLB doesn't go along with this, then MLB would walk away from the talks and start their own system.

Then, the pandemic happened. In March, as teams were getting ready for the 2020 season at their respective Spring Training ballparks, the world suddenly shutdown. Why was this important? This changed the entire landscape for the fight Major League Baseball was going to have on their hands when it came to the restructuring of the Minor League system. The pandemic would eventually cause all of MiLB to shut down for the entire year, never playing one game.

In April of 2020 MiLB, for the first time, were willing to agree to a reduction of teams as part of a broader deal. This was also the first hint that MLB was going to take over governance of the minor leagues. This is where a bigger issue arose. With MiLB understanding at least 40 teams were going to be eliminated, there was jockeying to make sure everyone had a dance partner. Many Minor League teams came out and promised to make upgrades to their facilities, which was one of the higher priorities on Major League Baseball's wish list for the new and improved Minor League system. Other organizations were attempting to make deals with Major League teams, trying to secure an affiliation. Baseball America described it as a "Wild West" scenario.

It wasn't until June that rumblings started to grow louder about which teams might be a part of the new structure. It was also at this time that a third Independent League team emerged as part of the talks. The Somerset Patriots were being talked about as a potential affiliate of the New York Yankees. For each Independent League team that entered the chat, that was one more affiliated team that needed to be eliminated. Instead of 40 teams in the beginning, the count was now up to 43. It was during that same month, that MLB informed MiLB teams that there would officially be no season because it would not provide them with the players due to the pandemic.

Just one month later, in July, it was reported by Baseball America, that Major League Baseball was looking to reorganize the minor leagues as part of a bigger and broader initiative by which it was also looking to expand its connections and reach to include the independent leagues, amateur baseball, and softball. All of this would be under the umbrella "One Baseball."

It was around this time that talks began heating up between the Twins and Saints. Major League teams were using alternate sites for their taxi squads and the Twins used CHS Field. This allowed them an inside look at the ballpark and if it would work for their Triple-A affiliate. Spoiler alert: it did.

Over a 10-day period in August, MiLB went through three separate negotiating teams: their original team which was then replaced by one MiLB President Pat O'Conner selected, and that was replaced with one the MiLB Board of Trustees felt represented their interests. It was also determined in August that MiLB had agreed to four full-season levels: Low-A, High-A, Double-A, and Triple-A.

Finally, on August 27, just 35 days before the current Professional Baseball Agreement expired, the two sides met for the first time since April so MLB could present its plan for the minor leagues. If the goal was a resolution before that 35-day window, it was not to be. Too much time passed between meetings and much still needed to be ironed out. On October 1, the two sides awoke with no deal in place and the previous agreement having expired.

Of course, not every negotiation is played out through the media and when you get "radio silence" between two sides that usually means progress is being made. That's basically what happened once the old agreement concluded. The two sides got down to business. The first major news to drop was the Rookie, Appalachian League would become a summer wood bat league, basically going from an affiliated league to an amateur league. Then it was reported that MLB asked many of the teams in the Low-A New York-Penn League to become a part of a summer amateur wood bat league.

With negative news flying left and right of those not invited to the restructuring, the first team to officially announce itself as part of the new reorganization wasn't even a current affiliated team. The Yankees came out and announced they were moving their Double-A affiliate from Trenton to Somerset. The Yankees, at that time, released the remainder of their affiliates.

Not to be outdone, the New York Mets weren't far behind. During a press conference on November 10, announcing their new owner Steve Cohen, the Mets released their four affiliates. Then nothing for a few weeks. The next domino to fall was actually the Saints.

In the first days of December, word broke in the Star Tribune that a deal was in place between the Saints and the Twins. It wasn't until December 9 that the two organizations made it official. On that day, the 120 teams that would be a part of the new

Minor League Baseball structure were announced. Of course, this left 43 teams on the outside looking in.

While the Appalachian League had already been announced, the remaining list of those on the outside looking it became painfully obvious. Some would become a part of collegiate wood bat leagues, others saddled up with an Independent League, while a few were left out in the cold and decided to close-up shop for good, like the Staten Island Yankees.

Each Major League team will now have four Minor League affiliates and everything will be overseen by Major League Baseball. Was this a good move by MLB? Is Minor League Baseball better off? Only time will tell, but like any good soap opera if you tune in tomorrow the unpredictable is bound to happen.

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MAJOR LEAGUE MINNESOTA TWINS



TRIPLE-A ST. PAUL SAINTS



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LOW-A FORT MYERS MIGHTY MUSSELS

MANAGER TOBY GARDENHIRE



The very first manager for the St. Paul Saints as a Triple-A affiliate of the Minnesota Twins. Who is Toby Gardenhire. There will be a lot of firsts in 2021 with the affiliation between the and Twins, but Gardenhire's name will forever be etched in the record books. He has eaten, breathed, and lived baseball ever since he was born in Manhasset, New York while his Dad, Ron, played for the New York Mets.

While his managerial career is just getting started, it has been extremely successful in the small sample size. In his first season at the helm he guided the 2018 the Single-A Cedar Rapids Kernels to a playoff berth in 2018 after winning the second half Western Division title. Overall, the Kernels went 77-62, fourth best

record in the 16-team league. The Kernels swept their quarterfinal series, 2-0 over the Beloit Snappers (Oakland Athletics) before losing 2-0 to the Peoria Chiefs (St. Louis Cardinals) in the semifinals.

The following year, Gardenhire was promoted to High-A Fort Myers where he was named the Florida State League Manager of the Year and once again earned a playoff berth. The Miracle won the first half title and finished 74-59, third best record in the 12-team Florida State League. The league, however, cancelled their playoffs due to Hurricane Dorian.

Gardenhire has amassed a 151-121 record in his two seasons. He was scheduled to manage the Twins Triple-A team in Rochester during the 2020 season, but COVID-19 cancelled all of Minor League Baseball. Instead, Gardenhire was sent to St. Paul where he was one of the coaches at the alternate site for the Twins Taxi squad.

This is Gardenhire's sixth season as a coach or manager in the Twins organization. He assisted the GCL Twins in 2016, began the 2017 season as the third base coach for the Red Wings before finishing the year as the hitting coach for the GCL Twins. Gardenhire began his coaching career at the University of Wisconsin-Stout where he amassed an 81-117 record in five seasons (2012-16) and helped guide the Blue Devils to a 2014 WIAC tournament berth, their first in seven years.

Gardenhire has spent his entire professional career with the Twins organization. In addition to six seasons as a coach or manager, he played seven seasons in their Minor League system. He was originally drafted by the Twins in the 38th round in 2002 out of the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith, but did not sign. In 2005, he was selected in the 41st round by the Twins out of the University of Illinois. Gardenhire played at every level from the Rookie Appalachian League up through Triple-A. In 533 games he slashed .232/.292/.274 with 156 runs scored, 44 doubles, three triples, and six home runs.

BORN: September 11, 1982, Manhasset, NY

HEIGHT: 6'1" **WEIGHT:** 210lbs

RESIDENCE: Fort Myers, FL

COLLEGE: University of Illinois

DRAFT STATUS:

38th round / 2002 (Minnesota Twins)

41st round / 2005 (Minnesota Twins)

CAREER MANAGING RECORD:

151-121 (2 seasons)

POST-SEASON APPEARANCES: 2

CAREER HITTING STATS IN MINORS:

.232 average, 6 home runs, 134 RBI in 533 games

DID YOU KNOW? Toby hit six home runs in his seven-year Minor League career. Two of those came against future Major Leaguers while he was at Triple-A in his final pro season in 2011: Mike Minor (Gwinnett) and Greg Smith (Pawtucket).

MANAGERIAL RECORD

Year	Team	League	W	L	PCT	Finish
2018	Cedar Rapids	MIDW	77	62	.554	Lost to Peoria in Semifinals
2019	Fort Myers	FSL	74	59	.556	1st Half Champions / Playoffs Canceled

MINOR LEAGUE TOTALS

151 121 .555

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**MATT
BORGSCHULTE**
Hitting Coach

The 30-year-old Borgschulte, who was scheduled to be the hitting coach in Rochester for 2020 and instead coached at the alternate site at CHS Field, begins his fourth season as a coach in the Twins organization. He began as a hitting coach with the GCL

Twins in 2018 and worked with Gardenhire in 2019 as hitting coach of the Mighty Muscles. Prior to that, Borgschulte was a coach in the St. Louis Cardinals organization in 2017 with High-A Palm Beach, eventually serving as their hitting coach over the final two months. Before joining the professional ranks, Borgschulte was a coach at his alma mater, Drury University (2014), then went on to Southeast Missouri State University (2015 & 2016), and Tusculum College (2015). He played two years at Drury and became the first All-American selection in the Panther programs seven-year history when he was named All-American Second Team as a senior in 2013. His 60 RBI and 125 total bases as a senior rank him third and tied for third, respectively, in single-season school history. His 20 home runs rank second in school history and he's third with a .577 career slugging percentage. Borgschulte attended Western Kentucky University from 2010-11.



**MIKE
MCCARTHY**
Pitching Coach

Mike McCarthy was scheduled to be the pitching coaches in Rochester in 2020 and instead coached at the alternate site at CHS Field. The 33-year-old McCarthy began in the Twins organization in 2018 and spent two seasons as the Red Wings bullpen

coach. The 2020 season was scheduled to be his first as pitching coach. McCarthy was a 14th round pick by the Boston Red Sox in 2011 out of Cal State University-Bakersfield. He spent six seasons in the Red Sox organization pitching at every level from Low-A through Triple-A. He went 28-27 with a 4.57 ERA and eight saves in 150 games (61 starts). In 496.0 innings he struck out 327 while opponents hit .275 against him. At CSU Bakersfield, he recorded a 1.62 ERA his senior season and tied for the DI regular season lead with 127.2 innings. McCarthy earned a Bachelor's Degree in pre-med at CSU Bakersfield and got his MBA from the University of Phoenix in 2016. He is currently working on a second Master's

degree in Sport and Human Performance from American Military Institute. Following his playing career, and before he landed with the Twins, he worked in marketing for Lengthwise Brewing Company in Bakersfield. He is also a field coordinator for Baseball Miracles, a non-profit that aims to bring the game of baseball to deserving children in underserved communities around the world.



**CIBNEY
BELLO**
Pitching Coach

The 38-year-old Bello is no stranger to the Twins organization. The 2021 season is his sixth as a coach in the system. He was also scheduled to be a pitching coach for Rochester in 2020, but instead was sent to the alternate site at CHS Field. He's been the pitching

coach in the organization with the Rookie GCL Twins (2016-17), Single-A Cedar Rapids (2018), and Double-A Pensacola (2019). In 2019, Bello was moved up to the Major Leagues, spending the final month of the season with the Twins. His coaching career began in 2011 when he was a pitching coach intern for the Rookie AZL Mariners, working under former Major League pitcher Gary Wheelock. He impressed during his internship and became the pitching coach for the AZL Mariners from 2012-13 and then moved up to the Single-A Clinton LumberKings from 2014-15. The Mariners were familiar with Bello having signed him as a non-drafted free agent in 2000 out of Venezuela. He pitched eight years for the Mariners organization, pitching in Venezuela from 2000-02 before pitching with the AZL Mariners in 2003. He reached High-A in both 2006 and 2007, his final season with the Mariners. Bello pitched in the Independent Can-Am and Golden Baseball Leagues from 2008-10.



**TYLER
SMARSLOK**
Infield Coach

The 28-year-old Smarslok will begin his professional career in 2021, although he was scheduled to be a coach with the GCL Twins in 2020. Despite this being his maiden voyage as a coach at the professional level, Smarslok has spent each year since

he graduated from Kean University in 2015 as a collegiate coach. He's served as an assistant coach for Marist, Seton Hall University, Heidelberg University, and Claremont-Mudd Scripps. He operated as the volunteer assistant at Seton Hall

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in 2019 where he was the infield coach, responsible for the players' development and in-game alignment. Smarslok was a three-time DIII College World Series participant, an All-Conference, and National Rawlings Gold Glove recipient in his time at Kean University. He helped lead the Cougars to two NJAC Tournament Championships.



**JASON
KIRKMAN**

Certified Athletic Trainer

The 46-year-old Kirkman, who was scheduled to begin his inaugural season in the Twins organization last year with the Red Wings, brings a bevy of experience to the Saints. Prior to being hired in 2020 by the Twins, Kirkman was with the Andrews Institute for Orthopaedics

and Sports Medicine and Nemours Children's Health System. He brings 16-years of baseball experience as an athletic trainer. Kirkman began in the Phillies system at Low-A Batavia (2003), moved to Single-A Lakewood (2004-05), Double-A Reading (2007), Triple-A Lehigh Valley (2008-11), and High-A Clearwater (2012-13). From there, he landed with the Atlanta Braves and was the Athletic Trainer at the Rookie-level Gulf Coast Braves (2014). His final stop in the baseball world was with the Los Angeles Dodgers organization. He was with High-A Rancho

Cucamonga (2015-16), where he was the California League Athletic Trainer of the Year in 2016. He spent 2017 at Double-A Tulsa and 2018 at Triple-A Oklahoma City. In addition to his time in baseball, Kirkman has professional hockey experience in the West Coast Hockey League with the Tacoma Sabercats (2000-2002) as the head athletic trainer. He got his start as an intern athletic trainer in the ECHL with the Idaho Steelheads (1998-2000). Kirkman earned his Bachelors of Science with an athletic training option from Boise State University in 2000 and Master of Health Science with an athletic training option from Nova Southeastern University in 2007.



**JACOB
DEAN**
Strength Coach

The 28-year-old Dean begins his fourth season as a strength coach with the Twins organization after spending 2017-18 with the Mighty Muscles and 2019 with the Red Wings. He was scheduled to return to Rochester in 2020. He is a Certified Strength and

Conditioning Specialist and studied Human Performance and Exercise Science at the University of Alabama, earning his Master's Degree in December, 2016.



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THE PANDEMIC SEASON

It was supposed to be a season of celebration. The pomp and circumstance of Opening Day, scheduled for Tuesday, May 19 would include a banner raising ceremony and the players receiving their championship rings. The St. Paul Saints had waited 15 years to end a title drought, capping of an incredible 2019 season with the organizations first championship since 2004. The start of the 2020 season would commemorate that joyous occasion. That, of course, didn't happen like many envisioned.

The American Association season was pushed back from that May 19 start time until July 3. The league went from 12 teams down to six and the original plan was to have three separate hubs: Fargo-Moorhead (RedHawks and Winnipeg Goldeyes), Milwaukee (Milkmen and Chicago Dogs) and Sioux Falls (Canaries and Saints). Just before the season was to begin Chicago was given the go ahead to play in their ballpark. The Saints would open the season in Sioux Falls, where they spent a full month utilizing Sioux Falls Stadium as their home field. There was no reason to honor the previous championship season in a ballpark 240 miles away from their actual home. The Saints finished 8-10 in games played in Sioux Falls, either against the Canaries or as the home team against the Canaries or other teams in the league. Overall during that first month, the Saints went 12-15.

The Saints finally returned to CHS Field on August 4, with five weeks left in the season. A team used to playing in front of an overflow crowd was limited to just 1,500. They hit that 1,500 mark

in 13 of their 18 home games and 16 of the 21 games played at CHS Field (the Saints and Goldeyes played three games at CHS Field where the Goldeyes were the home team). In that first game, the Saints finally had the opportunity to honor their championship team, but under very different circumstances than initially hoped. The Saints flew in one of the top players in franchise history, and the leader of the 2019 team, Brady Shoemaker. He was given the honor of raising the championship banner. There was no ring ceremony, however, as most players and staff received their jewelry during a luncheon just before the team departed for Sioux Falls in July. While it was great to celebrate the championship there was a rather anticlimactic feeling in the way it all unfolded. Visions of a packed house cheering on George Tsamis and his team just wasn't possible.

The Saints would win that first game back at CHS Field, 3-2 over the RedHawks, but went 9-9 as the home team at CHS Field. Overall the Saints finished 30-30, in what turned out to be their final season in the American Association, and out of the playoffs for just the second time in the six years at CHS Field.

While the Saints may no longer be a part of Independent Professional Baseball there is still discussion of giving that 2019 team the party they so rightfully deserve. Whenever ballparks can return to full capacity expect the Saints to bring back Tsamis and his 2019 team for a proper celebration.

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37 ANDREW ALBERS



POSITION: Pitcher **BORN:** 10/6/85 **PROFESSIONAL SEASONS:** 12 Years
BATS: L **THROWS:** L **COLLEGE:** University of Kentucky
HEIGHT: 6'1 **WEIGHT:** 200 **RESIDES:** Goodyear, AZ

YR	Club	W	L	%	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	WHP
17	2 Teams	17	4	.809	2.84	35	23	0	0	1	161.2	163	60	51	12	29	152	1.181
18	Orix (Japan)	11	2	.846	2.88	21	21	0	0	0	128.1	121	42	41	10	22	91	1.114
19	Orix (Japan)	2	7	.222	4.86	16	16	0	0	0	83.1	96	48	45	12	16	57	1.344
20	Orix (Japan)	5	8	.385	3.66	17	17	0	0	0	96.0	98	43	39	12	24	70	1.271
Career Totals		84	66	.560	3.67	299	203	9	4	22	1311.0	1406	590	534	116	283	1003	1.288

41 SHAUN ANDERSON



POSITION: Pitcher **BORN:** 10/29/94 **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:** 5 Years
BATS: R **THROWS:** R **COLLEGE:** University of Florida
HEIGHT: 6'4 **WEIGHT:** 228 **RESIDES:** Fort Lauderdale, FL

YR	Club	W	L	%	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	WHIP
16	Lowell	0	0	.000	30.38	2	2	0	0	0	2.2	12	9	9	1	0	4	4.50
17	3 Teams	9	6	.600	3.44	23	23	0	0	0	123.0	102	55	47	9	33	107	1.10
18	2 Teams	8	7	.533	3.69	24	24	0	0	0	141.1	141	69	58	14	33	127	1.23
19	Sacramento	2	1	.667	3.76	8	8	0	0	0	38.1	36	18	16	3	13	41	1.28
Career Totals		19	14	.578	3.83	59	57	0	0	0	305.1	291	151	130	27	79	279	1.21

9 KEON BROXTON



POSITION: Outfield **BORN:** 5/7/90 **PROFESSIONAL SEASONS:** 11 Years
BATS: R **THROWS:** R **COLLEGE:** Santa Fe (FL) JC
HEIGHT: 6'3 **WEIGHT:** 200 **RESIDES:** Lakeland, FL

YR	Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HB	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
16	2 Teams	.262	122	385	58	101	21	8	17	45	1	0	1	56	148	31	12	.491	.358
17	2 Teams	.230	150	440	70	101	17	4	21	56	1	2	7	47	183	25	7	.430	.313
18	3 Teams	.237	136	389	63	92	18	4	14	48	0	3	2	43	154	34	5	.411	.320
19	3 Teams	.167	100	204	24	34	4	0	6	16	1	2	1	20	104	10	6	.275	.242
Career Totals		.246	1341	4429	684	1090	188	77	133	502	20	30	32	514	1557	261	87	.413	.327

26 DANNY COULOMBE



POSITION: Pitcher **BORN:** 10/26/89 **PROFESSIONAL SEASONS:** 9 Years
BATS: L **THROWS:** L **COLLEGE:** Texas Tech University
HEIGHT: 5'10 **WEIGHT:** 190 **RESIDES:** Scottsdale, AZ

YR	Club	W	L	%	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	WHP
17	OAKLAND	2	2	.500	3.48	72	0	0	0	0	51.2	46	22	20	4	22	39	1.32
18	2 Teams	3	2	.600	3.46	50	0	0	0	0	52.0	54	24	20	8	17	54	1.37
19	2 Teams	4	2	.667	4.71	31	0	0	0	1	36.1	39	20	19	9	17	61	1.54
20	MINNESOTA	0	0	.000	0.00	2	0	0	0	0	2.2	2	0	0	0	3	3	1.88
Career Totals		22	11	.667	3.59	393	0	0	0	10	434.1	368	195	173	40	210	552	1.33

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16 LUKE FARRELL



POSITION: Pitcher **BORN:** 6/7/91 **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:** 8 Years
BATS: L **THROWS:** R **COLLEGE:** Northwestern (IL) University
HEIGHT: 6'0 **WEIGHT:** 200 **RESIDES:** Niceville, FL

YR	Club	W	L	%	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	WHIP
17	5 Teams	8	6	.571	4.86	32	21	0	0	0	129.2	119	75	70	17	56	126	1.35
18	2 Teams	4	8	.333	4.21	32	14	0	0	0	85.2	70	44	40	11	44	100	1.33
19	3 Teams	1	0	1.000	3.30	18	8	0	0	0	27.1	16	12	10	3	8	34	0.88
20	TEXAS	0	0	.000	8.82	4	0	0	0	0	5.1	5	5	5	1	5	8	1.89
Career Totals		30	36	.455	4.40	168	104	0	0	3	631.2	595	347	309	71	255	622	1.35

57 IAN GIBAUT



POSITION: Pitcher **BORN:** 11/19/93 **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:** 6 Years
BATS: R **THROWS:** R **COLLEGE:** Tulane (LA) University
HEIGHT: 6'3 **WEIGHT:** 250 **RESIDES:** Houston, TX

YR	Club	W	L	%	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	WHIP
16	2 Teams	2	2	.500	2.53	34	0	0	0	4	57.0	51	22	16	2	20	63	1.25
17	2 Teams	7	1	.875	2.21	48	0	0	0	12	61.0	38	23	15	6	27	77	1.07
18	Durham	4	3	.571	2.09	48	0	0	0	14	56.0	35	18	13	3	21	75	1.00
19	3 Teams	1	2	.333	4.50	19	1	0	0	4	18.0	20	15	9	1	15	23	1.94
Career Totals		17	9	.653	2.44	161	1	0	0	35	221.2	167	86	60	14	91	276	1.16

1 NICK GORDON



POSITION: Infield **BORN:** 10/24/95 **PROFESSIONAL SEASONS:** 6 Years
BATS: L **THROWS:** R **COLLEGE:** Olympia (FL) HS
HEIGHT: 6'0 **WEIGHT:** 160 **RESIDES:** Winter Garden, FL

YR	Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HB	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
16	Fort Myers	.291	116	461	56	134	23	6	3	52	1	0	8	23	87	19	13	.386	.335
17	Chattanooga	.270	122	519	80	140	29	8	9	66	0	2	4	53	134	13	7	.408	.341
18	2 Teams	.248	141	544	62	135	23	7	7	49	1	5	7	34	109	20	5	.355	.298
19	Rochester	.298	70	292	49	87	29	3	4	40	0	5	4	18	65	14	4	.459	.342
Career Totals		.276	626	2532	372	698	133	35	25	293	5	20	34	178	528	102	44	.385	.329

44 IAN HAMILTON



POSITION: Pitcher **BORN:** 6/16/95 **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:** 5 Years
BATS: R **THROWS:** R **COLLEGE:** Arizona State University
HEIGHT: 6'1 **WEIGHT:** 200 **RESIDES:** Peoria, AZ

YR	Club	W	L	%	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	WHIP
17	2 Teams	4	6	.400	2.64	44	0	0	0	7	71.2	59	26	21	1	16	74	1.05
18	2 Teams	3	2	.600	1.74	43	0	0	0	22	51.2	38	11	10	12	16	62	1.05
19	Charlotte	0	2	.000	9.52	16	0	0	0	3	16.1	28	18	18	14	3	20	1.90
20	CHICAGO WHITE SOX	0	0	.000	4.50	24	0	0	0	0	4.0	4	52	2	0	5	4	2.25
Career Totals		9	13	.409	3.32	139	0	0	0	40	184.1	157	75	68	12	57	194	1.16

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48 GRIFFIN JAX



POSITION: Pitcher **BORN:** 11/22/94 **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:** 4 Years
BATS: R **THROWS:** R **COLLEGE:** US Air Force (CO) Academy
HEIGHT: 6'2 **WEIGHT:** 195 **RESIDES:** Tuscon, AZ

YR	Club	W	L	%	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	WHIP
16	Elizabethton	0	1	.000	4.15	4	0	0	0	0	8.2	15	4	4	2	1	8	1.85
17	2 Teams	2	2	.500	2.61	5	5	0	0	0	31.0	25	12	9	2	7	20	1.03
18	Fort Myers	3	4	.429	3.70	15	14	0	0	0	87.2	93	44	36	3	15	66	1.23
19	2 Teams	5	7	.417	2.90	23	23	0	0	0	127.1	117	48	41	7	27	94	1.13
Career Totals		10	14	.417	3.18	47	42	0	0	0	254.2	250	108	90	14	50	188	1.18

27 RYAN JEFFERS



POSITION: C **BORN:** 6/3/1997 **PROFESSIONAL SEASONS:** 4 Years
BATS: R **THROWS:** R **COLLEGE:** UNC Wilmington
HEIGHT: 6'4 **WEIGHT:** 235 **RESIDES:** Wilmington, NC

YR	Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HB	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
18	2 Teams	.344	64	241	48	83	17	0	7	33	0	0	9	34	46	0	1	.502	.444
19	Fort Myers	.256	79	281	35	72	11	0	10	40	0	2	4	28	64	0	0	.402	.330
19	Pensacola	.287	24	87	13	25	5	0	4	9	0	0	3	9	19	0	0	.483	.374
20	MINNESOTA	.273	26	55	5	15	0	0	3	7	0	0	2	5	19	0	0	.436	.355
Career Totals		.264	193	664	101	195	33	0	24	89	0	2	18	79	148	0	1	.453	.383

36 ROBINSON LEYER



POSITION: Pitcher **BORN:** 3/13/93 **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:** 9 Years
BATS: R **THROWS:** R **COLLEGE:** N/A
HEIGHT: 6'2 **WEIGHT:** 185 **RESIDES:** Loma De Cabrera, DR

YR	Club	W	L	%	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	WHIP
17	Birmingham	2	4	.333	3.55	38	0	0	0	4	58.1	49	29	23	2	33	62	1.41
18	Pensacola	6	3	.667	2.59	42	0	0	0	2	59.0	43	19	17	4	28	65	1.20
19	4 Years	2	3	.400	5.24	40	1	0	0	1	56.2	56	36	33	3	37	71	1.64
20	BOSTON	0	0	.000	21.21	6	1	0	0	0	4.2	12	11	11	3	8	9	4.29
Career Totals		28	43	.394	4.37	242	85	3	0	19	628.0	658	371	305	41	288	531	1.51

8 TZU-WEI LIN



POSITION: Infield **BORN:** 2/15/94 **PROFESSIONAL SEASONS:** 12 Years
BATS: L **THROWS:** R **COLLEGE:** N/A
HEIGHT: 5'9 **WEIGHT:** 180 **RESIDES:** Kaohsiung County, Taiwan

YR	Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HB	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
17	3 Teams	.367	108	356	50	95	14	6	7	30	5	2	1	40	72	11	7	.399	.341
18	2 Teams	.295	105	342	48	101	26	3	6	31	1	0	1	31	81	3	5	.442	.356
19	2 Teams	.242	72	244	33	59	13	1	4	23	3	2	0	23	64	7	3	.352	.305
20	BOSTON	.154	26	52	2	8	1	0	0	3	2	1	0	2	17	0	0	.173	.182
Career Totals		.247	729	2562	340	632	117	25	23	240	27	20	3	266	509	80	41	.339	.316

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4 DREW MAGGI



POSITION: Infield **BORN:** 5/16/89 **PROFESSIONAL SEASONS:** 10 Years
BATS: R **THROWS:** R **COLLEGE:** Arizona State University
HEIGHT: 6'0 **WEIGHT:** 192 **RESIDES:**

YR	Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HB	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
16	2 Teams	.289	110	336	49	97	18	2	4	24	4	0	11	30	66	16	9	.390	.366
17	Oklahoma City	.271	84	255	40	69	16	0	5	29	1	2	5	35	63	7	3	.392	.367
18	Colorado Springs	.272	64	232	37	63	12	1	1	14	5	1	1	21	57	11	5	.345	.333
19	2 Teams	.258	119	427	176	110	23	4	11	47	3	1	21	64	105	10	4	.407	.380
Career Totals		.259	957	3206	485	830	155	16	29	279	45	21	63	396	654	187	82	.344	.352

32 JUAN MINAYA



POSITION: Pitcher **BORN:** 9/18/90 **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:** 11 Years
BATS: R **THROWS:** R **COLLEGE:** N/A
HEIGHT: 6'4 **WEIGHT:** 210 **RESIDES:** Maimon, DR

YR	Club	W	L	%	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	WHIP
16	3 Teams	6	6	.500	3.76	45	0	0	0	1	62.1	58	32	26	5	25	53	1.33
17	2 Teams	4	2	.667	3.59	53	0	0	0	9	62.2	55	25	25	7	25	66	1.28
18	2 Teams	3	5	.375	3.60	71	0	0	0	3	70.0	57	31	28	7	37	85	1.34
19	2 Teams	4	3	.571	3.80	46	0	0	0	6	61.2	63	31	26	8	27	68	1.46
Career Totals		33	47	.413	4.38	392	55	0	0	30	713.2	676	359	347	53	349	685	1.44

20 BAILEY OBER



POSITION: Pitcher **BORN:** 7/12/95 **PROFESSIONAL SEASONS:** 3 Years
BATS: R **THROWS:** R **COLLEGE:** College of Charleston (SC)
HEIGHT: 6'9 **WEIGHT:** 260 **RESIDES:** Cornelius, NC

YR	Club	W	L	%	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	WHP
17	Elizabethton	2	2	.500	3.21	6	4	0	0	0	28.0	24	10	10	2	3	35	0.96
18	Cedar Rapids	7	1	.875	3.84	14	14	0	0	0	75.0	71	32	32	7	9	88	1.07
19	3 Teams	8	0	1.000	0.69	14	13	0	0	0	78.2	55	12	6	2	9	100	0.81
Career Totals		17	3	.850	2.38	34	31	0	0	0	181.2	150	54	48	11	21	223	0.94

56 ROBERTO PEÑA



POSITION: Catcher **BORN:** 6/8/92 **PROFESSIONAL SEASONS:** 10 Years
BATS: R **THROWS:** R **COLLEGE:** Eloisa Pascual (PR) HS
HEIGHT: 6'0 **WEIGHT:** 250 **RESIDES:** Caguas, PR

YR	Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HB	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
16	2 Teams	.235	74	255	33	60	12	0	8	25	6	2	3	11	42	0	0	.376	.273
17	Charlotte	.210	60	200	11	58	7	0	3	17	1	0	2	11	29	0	0	.290	.258
18	Durham	.279	13	43	2	13	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	10	0	1	.302	.311
19	2 Teams	.255	59	200	30	82	13	0	6	29	0	0	1	28	40	1	0	.410	.349
Career Totals		.237	662	2347	264	805	114	1	44	264	29	19	19	153	413	6	6	.343	.287

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2 ROB REFSNYDER



POSITION: Utility **BORN:** 3/26/91 **PROFESSIONAL SEASONS:** 9 Years
BATS: R **THROWS:** R **COLLEGE:** University of Arizona
HEIGHT: 6'0 **WEIGHT:** 205 **RESIDES:** Phoenix, AZ

YR	Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HB	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
17	4 Teams	.265	94	238	31	63	14	3	2	14	0	2	5	26	49	6	2	.374	.347
18	2 Teams	.246	91	268	41	66	13	0	6	20	0	1	4	36	72	0	2	.362	.343
19	3 Teams	.312	88	311	43	97	22	2	10	46	0	4	2	31	88	0	2	.492	.374
20	TEXAS	.200	15	30	4	6	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	11	0	0	.233	.265
Career Totals		.285	846	2845	417	811	178	17	55	306	4	26	43	344	572	71	25	.418	.368

7 BRENT ROOKER



POSITION: Outfield **BORN:** 1/1/94 **PROFESSIONAL SEASONS:** 4 Years
BATS: R **THROWS:** R **COLLEGE:** Mississippi State University
HEIGHT: 6'3 **WEIGHT:** 225 **RESIDES:** Franklin, TN

YR	Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HB	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
17	2 Teams	.281	62	228	42	64	11	0	18	52	0	2	4	27	68	2	2	.566	.364
18	Charlotte	.254	130	503	72	128	32	4	22	79	0	4	5	56	150	6	1	.465	.333
19	2 Teams	.282	67	234	43	66	16	0	14	47	0	1	10	36	95	2	0	.530	.399
20	MINNESOTA	.316	7	10	4	6	2	0	1	5	0	0	2	0	5	0	0	.579	.381
Career Totals		.268	266	984	161	264	61	4	55	183	0	7	21	119	313	0	3	.506	.357

12 JT RIDDLE



POSITION: Utility **BORN:** 10/12/91 **PROFESSIONAL SEASONS:** 8 Years
BATS: L **THROWS:** R **COLLEGE:** University of Kentucky
HEIGHT: 6'1 **WEIGHT:** 190 **RESIDES:** Lexington, KY

YR	Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HB	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
17	2 Teams	.258	86	291	29	75	17	2	5	37	2	5	0	13	58	1	2	.381	.285
18	4 Teams	.253	127	404	46	102	15	5	12	55	4	2	0	29	85	2	3	.403	.301
19	3 Teams	.213	85	258	38	55	16	1	10	32	1	2	3	11	65	3	0	.399	.252
20	PITTSBURGH	.149	23	67	8	10	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	13	1	0	.224	.174
Career Totals		.259	689	2481	335	643	109	18	48	285	26	24	14	146	438	31	11	.376	.301

39 CHANDLER SHEPHERD



POSITION: Pitcher **BORN:** 8/25/92 **PROFESSIONAL SEASONS:** 6 Years
BATS: R **THROWS:** R **COLLEGE:** University of Kentucky
HEIGHT: 6'1 **WEIGHT:** 215 **RESIDES:** Louisa, KY

YR	Club	W	L	%	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	WHP
16	2 Teams	2	3	.400	2.81	40	1	0	0	7	64.0	42	22	20	6	18	62	0.94
17	Pawtucket	1	5	.167	4.07	34	1	0	0	2	59.2	59	31	27	5	18	68	1.29
18	Pawtucket	7	10	.411	3.89	25	25	0	0	0	129.2	142	66	56	13	34	107	1.36
19	3 Teams	3	10	.231	7.36	27	22	1	0	0	121.0	151	99	84	24	45	120	1.62
Career Totals		20	33	.377	4.27	177	50	1	0	16	474.2	491	264	225	55	133	450	1.32

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38 GLENN SPARKMAN



POSITION: Pitcher **BORN:** 5/11/92 **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:** 8 Years
BATS: R **THROWS:** R **COLLEGE:** Wharton County (TX) JC
HEIGHT: 6'0 **WEIGHT:** 215 **RESIDES:** Wimberly, TX

YR	Club	W	L	%	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	WHIP
17	5 Teams	2	4	.333	4.31	12	6	0	0	1	31.1	36	19	15	3	11	18	1.50
18	3 Teams	8	6	.571	3.88	33	21	0	0	0	139.1	158	65	60	13	27	101	1.33
19	2 Teams	4	11	.267	3.09	33	24	1	1	0	142.1	168	97	91	30	42	85	1.48
20	KANSAS CITY	0	0	.000	5.76	4	0	0	0	0	5.0	9	6	3	0	1	2	2.00
Career Totals		27	33	.450	3.88	151	89	1	1	4	556.0	577	270	240	56	135	456	1.28

18 TOMÁS TELIS



POSITION: Catcher **BORN:** 6/18/91 **PROFESSIONAL SEASONS:** 9 Years
BATS: S **THROWS:** R **COLLEGE:** N/A
HEIGHT: 5'8 **WEIGHT:** 220 **RESIDES:** El Tigre, VZ

YR	Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HB	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
16	2 Teams	.304	101	349	47	106	16	3	7	49	1	2	2	27	44	4	2	.427	.355
17	2 Teams	.268	121	384	52	103	19	5	5	40	2	4	6	21	39	5	0	.383	.313
18	2 Teams	.299	99	311	38	93	8	3	4	48	1	1	2	22	38	3	2	.383	.346
19	Rochester	.330	82	306	44	101	21	2	8	46	0	3	2	16	33	0	0	.490	.364
Career Totals		.292	1108	4032	529	1179	208	26	60	528	33	38	41	210	431	74	21	.402	.331

11 LEWIS THORPE



POSITION: Pitcher **BORN:** 11/23/95 **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:** 6 Years
BATS: R **THROWS:** L **COLLEGE:** N/A
HEIGHT: 6'1 **WEIGHT:** 218 **RESIDES:** Melbourne, AU

YR	Club	W	L	%	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	WHIP
17	2 Teams	4	4	.500	2.93	17	16	0	0	0	83.0	67	31	27	5	33	91	1.20
18	2 Teams	8	7	.533	3.54	26	25	0	0	0	129.2	125	68	51	16	36	157	1.24
19	2 Teams	8	6	.571	4.94	32	19	0	0	0	124.0	129	70	68	16	35	150	1.32
20	MINNESOTA	0	1	.000	6.06	7	2	0	0	0	16.1	24	12	11	4	10	10	2.08
Career Totals		27	21	.563	3.78	110	87	0	0	0	464.2	439	231	195	50	156	552	1.28

55 ANDREW VASQUEZ



POSITION: Pitcher **BORN:** 9/14/93 **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:** 5 Years
BATS: L **THROWS:** L **COLLEGE:** Westmont (CA) College
HEIGHT: 6'4 **WEIGHT:** 228 **RESIDES:** Alto Loma, CA

YR	Club	W	L	%	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	WHIP
16	2 Teams	3	0	1.000	1.41	17	0	0	0	2	38.1	9	19	6	0	16	51	0.91
17	2 Teams	4	1	.800	1.55	37	0	0	0	6	58.0	47	47	10	0	21	85	1.17
18	4 Teams	2	2	.500	1.57	49	1	0	0	3	74.1	55	22	13	2	23	115	1.05
19	4 Teams	2	3	.400	6.15	31	1	0	0	4	36.2	31	27	25	1	37	51	1.86
Career Totals		11	6	.647	2.38	146	2	0	0	20	219.2	162	81	58	3	112	324	1.25

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23 ZANDER WIEL



POSITION: Infield **BORN:** 1/11/93 **PROFESSIONAL**
BATS: R **THROWS:** R **COLLEGE:** Vanderbilt (TN) University **SEASONS:**
HEIGHT: 6'3 **WEIGHT:** 220 **RESIDES:** Murfreesboro, TN **5 Years**

YR	Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HB	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
16	Cedar Rapids	.359	128	501	75	130	27	8	19	86	3	6	3	55	125	7	1	.459	.333
17	Fort Myers	.250	128	452	59	113	30	6	13	67	0	6	6	62	104	8	2	.429	.344
18	2 Teams	.297	116	437	58	130	27	3	10	65	0	5	8	43	95	9	4	.442	.367
19	Rochester	.254	126	469	86	119	40	5	24	78	0	5	8	40	158	2	1	.514	.320
Career Totals		.263	511	1895	283	499	126	22	67	304	3	23	26	207	495	26	8	.459	.340



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THE SAINTS ARE BACK IN FULL SWING AS THEY HOST THE IOWA CUBS



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The Saints have reached the halfway point of their second two-week homestand at CHS Field. Omaha is out back chasing storms in Nebraska, while the young bears of Iowa have arrived in Lowertown, St. Paul for a new series. The Saints may have lost the series last week, but a new week has dawned upon us as St. Paul will look to build on the sweep they completed over the Cubs last time the two teams met at Principle Park at the end of May.

Let's take a trip down into the Cubs' den. Iowa travels to CHS Field with a record of 11-23. They were 9-8 last time the Saints saw them, but then St. Paul brought out the brooms in Des Moines. Since the beginning of that series in Iowa, have gone 2-16. That's what we call "not ideal" in the industry. It's not all their fault though, the Iowa Cubs that we have gotten to know look a lot different now than they did at the end of May. Some of the top names now play their home games at Wrigley Field. The likes of Sergio Alcantara, Raphael Ortega and Patrick Wisdom, who were some top prospects in the system, are now playing with Chicago, and the domino effect has done its damage in Iowa.

Now there are some players who have taken advantage of this situation with Iowa now, most notably Michael Hermosillo. The outfielder has played the last nine games with Iowa, and has gone 11-29 for a .379 average. He's got two homers and nine RBIs in those nine games. Abietal Avelino has been leading the

way for Iowa over the course of the season, hitting a respectable .266 with a team-best 23 RBIs.

As for the Saints end of things, Brent Rooker has started to heat up again, currently on a five-game hitting streak. Since May 20th, Rooker has hit .270, with 17 hits in his last 17 games. He's gotten a hit in 15 of his last 17 contests, and has been on base in all but four games this season. He's got nine homers this season, which ranks tied for third in the Triple-A East.

On the mound, there have been some arms in the bullpen that have really stepped their game up. Ian Hamilton hasn't given up an earned run in eight appearances, spanning 12.0 innings of work. It's been over a month, back in the Ice Age of early May, since Hamilton allowed a batter he's responsible for to cross the plate. The same can be said for Danny Coulombe, who has not allowed an earned run since May 23rd. It's been five consecutive appearances for him since he's given up an earned run. It'll be a tall task for them against an Iowa squad that is hitting .270 over the last seven days, which is fifth-best in the Triple-A East.

To follow this week's games on television and radio, because of course you do, follow this schedule: Monday-Thursday, watch on the Saints Cable Network. Friday will be on FOX 9+, Saturday will be on the Saints Cable Network and Sunday's contest will be on 45TV. On the radio side, catch Monday-Saturday on KFAN+, and Sunday's game will be on KFAN.

ST. PAUL SAINTS ROSTER

#	PLAYER	B/T	HT	WT.	DOB	RESIDES	2020 CLUB	40-MAN
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PITCHERS (13)

37	Albers, Andrew	R/L	6'1	200	10/6/85	Goodyear, AZ	Orix, Japan	No
25	Barnes, Charlie	L/L	6'2	190	10/1/95	Sumter, SC	Fort Myers/Pensacola/Rochester (19)	No
26	Coulombe, Danny	L/L	5'10	190	10/26/89	Scottsdale, AZ	MINNESOTA	No
46	Duran, Jhoan	R/R	6'5	230	1/8/98	Esperanza, D.R.	Fort Myers/Pensacola (19)	Yes
57	Gibaut, Ian	R/R	6'3	250	11/19/93	Houston, TX	TEXAS	No
44	Hamilton, Ian	R/R	6'1	200	6/16/95	Peoria, AZ	CHICAGO (AL)	No
54	Law, Derek	R/R	6'3	225	9/14/90	Pittsburgh, PA	TORONTO/Buffalo (19)	No
36	Leyer, Robinson	R/R	6'2	185	3/13/93	Loma De Cabrera, DR	BOSTON	No
32	Minaya, Juan	R/R	6'4	210	9/18/90	Maimon, DR	Charlotte/CHICAGO (NL) (19)	No
45	Sammons, Bryan	L/L	6'4	235	4/27/95	Wilmington, NC	Fort Myers/Pensacola (19)	No
39	Shepherd, Chandler	R/R	6'1	215	8/25/92	Louisa, KY	Pawtucket/Norfolk/BALTIMORE (19)	No
55	Vasquez, Andrew	L/L	6'6	228	9/14/93	Alto Loma, CA	GCL Twins/Pensacola/Rochester/MINNESOTA (19)	No
52	Whalen, Rob	R/R	6'2	220	1/31/94	Kissimmee, FL	SEATTLE/Tacoma/Arkansas/Everett	No

CATCHERS (3)

53	Bañuelos, David	R/R	6'0	205	10/1/96	Ontario, CA	Cedar Rapids/Fort Myers (19)	No
56	Peña, Roberto	R/R	6'0	250	6/8/92	Caguas, PR	Mobile/Salt Lake	No
18	Telis, Tomás	S/R	5'8	220	6/18/91	El Tigre, VZ	Rochester (19)	No

INFIELDERS (5)

13	Descalso, Daniel	L/R	5'10	190	10/19/86	Danville, CA	CHICAGO (NL)/Iowa	No
21	Johnson, Sherman	L/R	5'10	190	7/15/90	Tampa, FL	Louisville (19)	No
11	Maggi, Drew	R/R	6'0	192	5/16/89	Phoenix, AZ	Pensacola/Rochester (19)	No
23	Tomscha, Damek	R/R	6'2	200	8/27/91	Sioux City, IA	Sioux Falls Canaries (American Association)	No
12	Riddle, JT	L/R	6'1	190	10/12/91	Lexington, KY	PITTSBURGH	No

OUTFIELDERS (4)

9	Broxton, Keon	R/R	6'3	200	5/7/90	Lakeland, FL	New York (NL)/Baltimore/Seattle (19)	No
8	Contreras, Mark	L/R	6'0	195	1/24/95	Moreno Valley, CA	Fort Myers/Pensacola (19)	No
45	Kerrigan, Jimmy	R/R	6'1	215	3/16/94	Philadelphia, PA	Pensacola/Rochester (19)	No
19	Rooker, Brent	R/R	6'3	225	11/1/94	Franklin, TN	MINNESOTA	Yes

COACHES & STAFF

33	Toby Gardenhire	Manager
30	Matt Borgschulte	Hitting Coach
35	Mike McCarthy	Pitching Coach
24	Cibney Bello	Pitching Coach
51	Tyler Smarslok	Infield Coach
	Jason Kirkman	Athletic Trainer
	Jason Ellenbecker	Athletic Trainer
	Jacob Dean	Strength & Conditioning Coach
	Harry Welsh	Video Coordinator

POSITION

HOMETOWN

YEARS WITH TWINS

Oakdale, MN	6th Season
Fort Myers, FL	4th Season
Walnut Creek, CA	4th Season
Gilbert, AZ	6th Season
Fort Myers, FL	1st Season
Boise, ID	1st Season
Athens, WI	1st Season
Bay Minette, AL	4th Season
Minneapolis, MN	4th Season

IOWA CUBS ROSTER

#	PLAYER	B/T	HT	WT.	DOB	RESIDES	2019 CLUB
PITCHERS (15)							
18	Abbott, Cory	R-R	6-2	220	9/20/95	San Diego, CA	Tennessee (AA)
35	Biagini, Joe	R-R	6-5	235	5/29/90	Santa Clara, CA	TORONTO, HOUSTON, Round Rock (AAA)
37	Effross, Scott	R-R	6-2	202	12/28/93	--	Tennessee (AA), Myrtle Beach (A+), AZL Cubs (RK)
40	Jewell, Jake	R-R	6-2	215	5/16/93	Norman, OK	LOS ANGELES-AL, Salt Lake (AAA)
24	Kellogg, Ryan	R-L	6-6	230	2/4/94	--	Myrtle Beach (A+)
39	Leeper, Ben	R-R	6-0	195	6/15/1997	--	Oklahoma State University (NCAA)
32	Meisinger, Ryan	R-R	6-4	235	5/4/94	Dunkirk, MD	Memphis (AAA)
36	Mekkes, Dakota	R-R	6-7	275	11/6/94	Jenison, MI	Iowa (AAA)
41	Morgan, Adam	L-L	6-1	200	2/27/90	Marietta, GA	PHILADELPHIA, Reading (AA)
27	Rucker, Michael	R-R	6-1	200	4/27/94	Lake Tapps, WA	Iowa (AAA), Tennessee (AA)
34	Ryan, Kyle	L-L	6-5	215	9/25/91	Auburndale, FL	CHICAGO-NL, Iowa (AAA)
13	Sampson, Adrian	R-R	6-2	210	10/7/91	--	TEXAS
22	Stock, Robert	L-R	6-1	214	11/21/89	Bellevue, WA	SAN DIEGO, El Paso (AAA), AZL Padres (Rk)
19	Swarmer, Matt	R-R	6-5	195	9/25/93	Mohnton, PA	Iowa (AAA)
38	Wieck, Brad	L-L	6-8	255	10/14/91	Amarillo, TX	SAN DIEGO, CHICAGO-NL, El Paso (AAA), Iowa (AAA)
CATCHERS (2)							
28	Gushue, Taylor	S-R	6-1	235	12/19/93	West Palm Beach, FL	Fresno (AAA)
12	Wolters, Tony	L-R	5-10	195	6/9/92	Scottsdale, AZ	COLORADO
INFIELDERS (5)							
2	Avelino, Abiatal	R-R	6-0	210	2/14/95	San Pedro De Macoris, D.R.	SAN FRANCISCO, Sacramento (AAA)
16	Ladendorf, Tyler	R-R	5-11	190	3/7/88	Des Plaines, IL	Durham (AAA)
33	Olson, Jacob	R-R	6-0	200	5/21/97	--	Eugene (A-)
7	Romine, Andrew	S-R	6-1	190	12/24/85	Queen Creek, AZ	Lehigh Valley (AAA)
3	Strange-Gordon, Dee	L-R	5-11	166	4/22/88	Windermere, FL	SEATTLE, Tacoma (AAA)
OUTFIELDERS (5)							
11	Hermosillo, Michael	R-R	6-0	205	1/17/95	Ottawa, IL	LOS ANGELES-AL, Salt Lake (AAA), Inland Empire (A-)
4	Martini, Nick	L-L	5-11	205	6/27/90	Crystal Lake, IL	SAN DIEGO, OAKLAND, Las Vegas (AAA)
9	Miller, Ian	L-R	6-0	170	2/21/92	Downingtown, PA	MINNESOTA, Tacoma (AAA), Rochester (AAA)
25	Thompson, Trayce	R-R	6-3	225	3/15/91	Portland, OR	Columbus (AAA)
17	Vizcaino, Vance	L-R	6-3	215	8/01/94	Wake Forest, NC	Hartford (AA)
INACTIVE (1)							
INF	Giambone, Trent	R-R	5-8	175	12/20/93	Metairie, LA	Iowa (AAA)
INJURED (1)							
LHP	Holmes, Ben	L-L	6-1	195	9/12/91	Phoenix, AZ	Oklahoma City (AAA), Tulsa (AA)
COACHES & STAFF							
30	Marty Pevey	Manager					
47	Ron Villone	Pitching Coach					
45	Desi Wilson	Hitting Coach					
20	Griffin Benedict	Bench Coach					
8	Thomas Boucher	Development Coach					
--	Ed Halbur	Trainer					
--	Toby Williams	Trainer					
--	Dallas Lopez	Strength Coach					
--	Matt Rabe	Video Coordinator					

HAMILTON: AN AMERICAN STORY



Between a car accident and a line drive to the face, Saints pitcher Ian Hamilton has faced some painful bumps in the road to becoming an MLB pitcher. He made his major league debut in 2018 with the Chicago White Sox, and was in The Show again in 2020 pitching in the South side of Chicago. Now with the Saints, Hamilton has new scenery to try to get back into the Majors.

Hamilton had a rocky start to his 2021 season with St. Paul, giving up two runs in an inning in his second outing of the season, and walked three without recording an out in his third trip to the mound. Since that second start on May 11th though, he has not allowed an earned run since then, stretching 12.0 innings of shutout baseball across eight appearances.

Part of the success that the 25-year-old (who turns 26 on Wednesday) has been attributed to his impressive fastball. On the 20-80 grading scale, Hamilton's fastball lands at an 70, which is considered to be a major-league caliber pitch. His slider is also considered a "plus" pitch in his arsenal that has gotten him to a 1.23 ERA with the Saints this season.

Leading in to this year, it was a transaction-filled offseason. Hamilton was designated for

assignment near the end of the 2020 season by the Chicago White Sox, and was claimed off of waivers by the Seattle Mariners. He was recalled from their Alternate Training Site, but never appeared in a game for them. Following the season, he was claimed by the Philadelphia Phillies in December, and then finally claimed by the Twins in February of 2021, and has hung on with Minnesota since then.

It hasn't all been smooth sailing for Hamilton over the course of his career either. Before the 2019 season began, Hamilton and fiancée were in a car crash, that luckily left them mostly unharmed. Naturally, there was some soreness that came from that, and impacted Ian's pitching abilities after he opened the season on the injured list with a sore right shoulder. It wasn't much longer before Hamilton had yet another scary run-in, but this time on the field. It was a June game between the Triple-A Charlotte Knights and the Gwinnett Stripers. Hamilton was in the dugout as he was recovering from a quad injury he had sustained when a foul line drive came screaming into the dugout and hit him in the face.

Five surgeries later, the Dover, New Hampshire native had replaced six teeth, and had multiple facial

fractures repaired. It was a long recovery for him, that lasted the duration of the 2019 season, ending his year after the injury.

It was a season that Hamilton was hoping to build on, because he was coming off of one of the best years of his career in 2018, stretching from Double-A Birmingham all the way to the majors. He pitched in 43 games in the 2018 season, going 3-2 with a slim 1.74 ERA. Those numbers resulted in a Southern League All-Star nod. It also resulted in Hamilton getting to make his Major League debut. The Chicago White Sox selected his contract on August 31st, 2018, leading the hard-throwing righty to make his debut against the Boston Red Sox. He threw a scoreless inning of relief, facing just three batters and retiring them all on a total of six pitches. That was the scenario for the vast majority of his big league outings. He threw more than one inning just once in the 2018 season, and his highest number of pitches he threw was 26. The mission when he got in was simple: get in, throw it hard, throw it for strikes, and get out.

As the mission continues to be to get back to the big leagues for Hamilton, that is something that he continues to work on: throwing strikes. In his time with St. Paul, the walks have reared their ugly head into some of his outings, He's walked at least

one batter in eight of his 10 appearances, totaling 13 free passes, compared to his 18 strikeouts. On the bright side, he does have his velocity back up from his prior injuries, regularly pumping that high-90s fastball into the catcher's glove. He's also been stretched out to going multiple innings several times this season, pitching at least 2.0 innings three times, and has gone as 2.1 innings this season. Batters are hitting just .184 against Hamilton this season, and in a time where arms may be running thin, there's someone in Hamilton who's already logged some Major League time sitting on the Triple-A roster, ready to dial up the heat.



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THE A-TO-Z OF CHS FIELD



As **CHS Field** enters its seventh season, we realize there are many new people walking through our gates this season. To those that haven't enjoyed a game at this award-winning ballpark, we say welcome. For those making a return trip, we're glad to have you back. This will either be much needed information or a refresher course for our fans during the 2021 season, so here is the A-to-Z information about the ballpark.

ART – Lowertown is the epicenter for art in the Twin Cities. There are artists' lofts around the ballpark and a major art crawl held in the spring and fall. Art has always been a big part of the Saints identity, even employing resident artist Andy Nelson to paint murals around Midway Stadium. Look behind home plate on the concourse. The Gallery is a pre-game picnic spot and will be utilized by local artists to display their work. In addition, the mural that was on the wall inside the front gate at Midway Stadium can now be seen on a wall in The Gallery area.

BERM – The Treasure Island Berm in left field is the perfect spot to bring out a blanket, kick back and catch some rays while enjoying the ballgame. This unique grass hill is the most affordable ticket at CHS Field. For just \$5 you can enjoy the perfect vantage point from just over 300 feet away. A select amount of tickets are available prior to each games. Once those are gone the only way to purchase the berm tickets are on the day of each game, in person at the box office.

CONCOURSE – The 360-degree concourse lets fans walk around CHS Field and take in all the sights, sounds and smells. Whether it's the Craft Beer Bullpen in the left field corner, The Gallery behind home plate, or the various concession stands, the concourse is your key to getting anywhere inside the ballpark.

DOG PARK – While technically not inside CHS Field the Chuck & Don's Dog Park is 17,210 square feet of pure bliss for our four-legged canine friends. Bring your pet to the dog park, let them lap from the fountain, run around, and make friends with other dogs or enjoy the view of the ballpark. It might be one of the nicest dog parks in the state.

ELEVATORS – That's right CHS Field has elevators. There is a second floor at the ballpark, so instead of taking stairs you can ride the elevator. There are four elevators in CHS Field.

One is in the Saints front office. Two are located next to each other in the club level that gets fans up to the Securian Financial Club and suites. The final elevator is at the east entrance. For those needing assistance you can take the elevator from the first floor up to the concourse.

FOOD – The moment the Saints stepped foot into CHS Field the concession keys were handed to Levy Restaurants and Pro Sports Catering (PSC). PSC took over the operation (Levy Restaurants purchased PSC) and has taken the food experience to the next level. Expect the traditional ballpark fare like hot dogs, hamburgers, French fries and nachos, but try some of the more unique items. Last year we had favorites like the Tater Keg Poutine, Rotating Chicken Sausage, Cherry Bomb Sausage, and Funnel Cake Fries.

GREEN – As in the Greenest Ballpark in America. The Saints were awarded numerous awards for their sustainability efforts in 2015 and once again in 2016. They have set the standard for sports facilities and continue to improve upon them in 2021. The Saints plan to accomplish this in various ways: recycling, composting, a rain water cistern that will recycle rainwater which will be used to flush toilets and water the field, and solar panels that will supply 12% of the ballparks energy.

HAMLIN – While CHS Field is home to the St. Paul Saints it's also home to the Hamline Pipers Baseball team. They were the very first team to play at CHS Field in April, 2015. The Division III MIAC school has their own clubhouse and signage around the ballpark denoting that this is also home to the Pipers.

INTIMATE – From home plate to the first row of seats is about 40 feet. From home plate to the last row of seats is only 100 feet. There isn't a bad seat in the house and you are close enough to the playing field you can almost reach out and touch the players.

JOKES – We spend all off-season coming up with the perfect promotions for each night during the season. Our goal is to make you laugh with our humorous jokes during the game. Whether it's from our Masters of Ceremonies, the on-field promotions gone awry, or just ideas we come up with on the fly, there are plenty of hilarious moments at Saints game.

KIDS ZONE – The PowerUp PlayZone offers fun for the youths in your group. Behind the center field batter's eye, kids can enjoy four different areas: Power Up Peak, a 12' high climbing wall, Veggieland, based off the classic board game of a sweeter name, the Fruit Chute, chutes and slides decked out in cute, fruity friends, and Club Clementine, a large bounce house for your jumping needs.

LAWN – A full 10,000 square feet of lush grass over the left field wall is designed for 1,000 people to enjoy a picnic before the ballgame. The Cub Lawn is a group picnic area, for groups of at least 40 or more, and has a buffet-style serving station with ballpark fare.

MUSEUM – The past meets the present in this 2,000 square foot museum honoring the history of baseball in Saint Paul and the St. Paul Saints. The City of Baseball Museum will take fans through the late 1800s, to the present, and will represent five different eras: St. Paul Sandlot (late 1800s), On The Map (showing locations of significant Saint Paul baseball landmarks and people), River Rivals (Saints and Minneapolis Millers rivalry), Heavy Hitters (Saints in the 20s, 30s, and 40s), and Comeback Kids (Modern Day Saints). The museum is free of charge and will be open during the summer.

NEIGHBORHOOD – The St. Paul Saints are a part of a neighborhood with apartments, artists' lofts, restaurants, a transportation hub, and all the amenities one would want when in a thriving Lowertown area.

OFFICES – The Saints offices are located down the right field line. The main entrance is just off Broadway Street located between the souvenir shop and the ticket windows. On the top floor are two offices, a conference room (with a mural that can be seen from the concourse) and the front desk. On the bottom floor are five individual offices and a "bullpen" area with desks for the front office.

PICNICS – If you have a group of friends, we offer pre-game picnics in various specialty seating areas throughout the ballpark. From The Cub Lawn area in left field to the Star Tribune Sky Box on the Club level your group can sit back and relax while we take care of your pre-game meal.

QUESTIONS? – We're here to answer all your pressing questions, but if you find yourself at CHS Field needing answers there is one place to go: Fan Services Booth. Located behind Section 105 under the "?" on the wall, our Director of Community Partnerships & Fan Services, Eddie Coblentz, is there along with his team to help you out. Whether it's how to take part in a promotion, where certain foods can be found, or just general issues and concerns, all of your questions are answered at the Fan Services Booth.

RESTROOMS – There are restrooms all over CHS Field. They are along the concourse, in the Securian Financial Club, in the press box, near the suites, out beyond centerfield. There are even restrooms in the bullpen, although fans can't use those. All told, there are 14 stalls and 31 urinals for men, 73 total stalls for women and six total family restroom stalls. We've also added a lactation station located on the third base side.

SUN DECK – This SPIRE Sun Deck opened in 2019 and is located atop the City of Baseball Museum. The outdoor space features high top and low top tables with incredible views of the field and the downtown Saint Paul skyline. This nightly group rental area is perfect for a company outing looking for a unique space to mix and mingle while enjoying the Saints game. The SPIRE Sun Deck can accommodate two groups of 80-100 guests or one group of 150-200 guests. A pre-game meal will be served along with soda and water.

TERRACE – The Treasure Island Terrace, down the right field line, is a perfect area for groups of 125-150. This multi-level space is great for large groups interested in an exclusive area to eat and drink. This area is perfect for networking and entertaining guests while you enjoy a ballgame and a themed menu. It's not hard to miss, just find the giant ship with the cannons.

USHERTAINERS – We understand baseball can be a little too leisurely for some people. That's why there is entertainment throughout the ballpark during a game. We bring the fun directly to your seat with our ushertainers. These are actors and actresses who create characters for your enjoyment. From pocket protector fun with the Nerd and Nerdette, to being smacked on the rear end with an inflatable bat by Gert the Flirt, to learning a new recipe from The Chef, our ushertainers will leave you laughing all night long.

VIDEBOARD – The videoboard in left-center field measures 49'6" X 27'11" and is a full HD screen. It's used for player headshots, stats, sponsor logos, videos and the ability to show the on-field promotions in between innings.

WEBSITE – The Saints recently re-designed their website. While many teams change names or logos, we made sure our website was clean, fresh and easy to navigate. Saintsbaseball.com has all the information you need regarding schedule, promotions, videos, news and community appearances.

X-FACTOR – The entire ballpark is a game changer for the St. Paul Saints. Let it be known, however, while the address has changed the Saints are still the same quirky bunch. Fans can expect hilarious promotions, an entertaining time, but a different experience. The experience will be different because the ballpark is better, and fans will be more comfortable.

YOUTH BASEBALL CAMPS – Boys and girls ages 6-13 have a chance to learn from the pros during the St. Paul Saints Youth Baseball Camps. There are regular camps and advanced camps where kids can learn the fundamentals, while having fun, from Saints players and coaches. The camps reinforce the fundamentals of hitting, catching, and throwing. Plus, the kids get to step foot on the award-winning CHS Field. Visit saintsbaseball.com for more information.

ZANY – World's largest pillow fight. Most people doing squats in one place. The World's Largest Twister game. A ballpark-wide food fight. A ballpark-wide mooning. I know, we're now the Triple-A affiliate of the Twins, but we're still the same zany Saints. We've built our brand on being unique and just because there is a new affiliation with the Twins doesn't mean we're going to forget our roots.



Admission into the City of Baseball Museum is free during St. Paul Saints home games with the purchase of your Saints ticket. If you'd like to set up a time to visit the museum outside of St. Paul Saints home games, please reach out to museum@saintsbaseball.com to schedule an appointment.

The City of Baseball Museum is located on the concourse behind the left field bleachers at CHS Field.

Visit www.cityofbaseballmuseum.com for more information.



A WHOLE NEW WORLD

We are not the new kids on the block not to be confused with the New Kids on the Block, although we can't confirm nor deny if our players can sing and dance. After 28 years of Independent Professional Baseball, the St. Paul Saints are taking their show to the world of affiliated baseball as the new Triple-A affiliate of the Minnesota Twins. That's right, we're now a direct pipeline for the Major Leagues. The Saints are a part of the International League, a 20-team league that spans as far west as Des Moines, Iowa (Iowa Cubs) and as far east as Worcester, Massachusetts (Worcester Red Sox). The season begins on May 4 and runs through September 19 with 120 games played this season..

The International League will consist of three divisions: Midwest, Northeast and Southeast. The Saints find themselves in the Midwest Division with the Columbus (OH) Clippers (Cleveland Indians), Indianapolis (IN) Indians (Pittsburgh Pirates), Iowa Cubs (Chicago Cubs), Louisville (KY) Bats (Cincinnati Reds), Omaha (NE) Storm Chasers (Kansas City Royals), and Toledo (OH) Mud Hens (Detroit Tigers). The Northeast Division has six teams with the Buffalo (NY) Bisons (Toronto Blue Jays), Lehigh Valley (PA) Iron Pigs (Philadelphia Phillies), Rochester (NY) Red Wings (Washington Nationals), Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (PA) RailRiders (New York Yankees), Syracuse (NY) Mets (New York Mets), and Worcester (MA) Red Sox (Boston Red Sox). The Southeast Division has seven teams with the Charlotte (NC) Knights (Chicago

White Sox), Durham (NC) Bulls (Tampa Bay Rays), Gwinnett (GA) Strippers (Atlanta Braves), Jacksonville (FL) Jumbo Shrimp (Miami Marlins), Memphis (TN) Redbirds (St. Louis Cardinals), Nashville (TN) Sounds (Milwaukee Brewers), and Norfolk (VA) Tides (Baltimore Orioles).

For the 2021 season, no post-season champion will be crowned as Major League organizations want to assure their affiliates the most number of games possible. Have no fear, the team that finishes with the best overall record, a la the English Premier League in soccer, shall be declared the top International League team for 2021. While there was no 2020 season, the last time the International League played, back in 2019, the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders (New York Yankees) claimed the North Division, the Gwinnett Strippers (Atlanta Braves) claimed the South Division, and Columbus Clippers (Cleveland Indians) took the West Division. The Durham Bulls (Tampa Bay Rays) got the lone wild card spot. In the playoffs, Durham knocked out Scranton in a three-game sweep while Columbus took out Gwinnett three-games-to one. In the Championship, it was Columbus with a three-game sweep over Durham. Columbus went on to the Triple-A Baseball National Championship, losing in the one game showdown, 4-0 to the Sacramento River Cats (San Francisco Giants).

TRIPLE-A EAST MILEAGE CHART

	BUF	CHA	COL	DUR	GWN	IOWA	IND	JAX	LHV	LOU	MEM	NASH	NOR	OMA	ROC	STP	SWB	SYR	TOL	WOO
BUF	x	660	332	691	870	854	504	1042	352	535	917	704	644	998	74	933	288	150	308	418
CHA	660	x	427	142	210	1058	576	384	560	476	619	420	325	1143	725	1166	594	730	614	795
COL	332	427	x	458	575	647	175	812	451	205	589	378	572	793	397	754	474	473	144	724
DUR	691	142	458	x	360	1079	654	471	455	541	727	515	185	1231	651	1186	490	626	646	659
GWN	870	210	575	360	x	923	550	376	770	440	425	270	540	1006	935	1139	800	940	670	1005
IOWA	854	1058	647	1079	923	x	472	1249	1051	588	619	655	1192	147	920	242	1017	645	562	1262
IND	504	576	175	654	550	472	x	881	625	114	464	288	768	618	569	582	647	645	226	911
JAX	1042	384	812	471	376	1249	881	x	898	767	698	596	615	1332	1082	1466	938	1075	1008	1104
LHV	352	560	451	455	770	1051	625	898	x	652	1012	801	323	1197	289	1130	74	205	503	271
LOU	535	476	205	541	440	588	114	767	652	x	385	174	656	692	601	696	677	676	301	942
MEM	917	619	589	727	425	619	464	698	1012	385	x	212	917	637	981	798	1043	1056	690	1268
NASH	704	420	378	515	270	655	288	596	801	174	212	x	706	739	771	873	847	846	472	1057
NOR	644	325	572	185	540	1192	768	615	323	656	917	706	x	1344	600	1282	381	515	657	534
OMA	999	1144	793	1231	1006	147	618	1332	1197	692	637	739	1344	x	1065	392	1163	1140	708	1408
ROC	74	725	397	651	935	920	569	1082	289	601	981	771	600	1065	x	998	226	87	373	354
STP	933	1166	754	1186	1139	242	582	1466	1130	696	798	873	1282	392	998	x	1096	1072	641	1341
SWB	288	594	474	490	800	1017	647	938	74	677	1043	847	381	1163	226	1096	x	141	471	256
SYR	150	730	473	626	940	994	645	1075	205	676	1056	846	515	1140	87	1072	141	x	448	273
TOL	308	614	144	646	670	562	226	1008	503	301	690	472	657	708	373	641	471	448	x	714
WOO	418	795	724	659	1005	1262	911	1104	271	942	1268	1057	534	1408	354	1341	256	273	714	x

2019 INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FINAL STANDINGS

NORTH

TEAM	Affiliate	W	L	PCT	GB
*Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders	NY Yankees	76	65	.539	--
Syracuse Mets	NY Mets	75	66	.532	1.0
Buffalo Bisons	TOR Blue Jays	71	69	.507	4.5
Rochester Red Wings	MIN Twins	70	70	.500	5.5
Lehigh Valley IronPigs	PHI Phillies	66	74	.471	9.5
Pawtucket Red Sox	BOS Sox	59	81	.421	16.5

SOUTH

TEAM	Affiliate	W	L	PCT	GB
*Gwinnett Stripers	ATL Braves	80	59	.576	--
#Durham Bulls	TBR Rays	75	64	.540	5.0
Charlotte Knights	CHW White Sox	75	64	.540	5.0
Norfolk Tides	BAL Orioles	60	79	.432	20.0

WEST

TEAM	Affiliate	W	L	PCT	GB
*Columbus Clippers	CLE Indians	81	59	.579	--
Indianapolis Indians	PIT Pirates	66	74	.471	15.0
Toledo Mud Hens	DET Tigers	66	74	.471	15.0
Louisville Bats	CIN Reds	59	81	.421	22.0

*Division Winners
#Wild Card

PLAYOFFS

League Championship Series

Columbus 5 / **Gwinnett 4**
Columbus 7 / **Gwinnett 3**
Gwinnett 10 / **Columbus 6**
Columbus 5 / Gwinnett 4
(Columbus wins series, 3-1)

Durham 9 / Scranton/Wilkes-Barre 3
Durham 4 / Scranton/Wilkes-Barre 2
Durham 17 / **Scranton/Wilkes-Barre 2**
(Durham wins series, 3-0)

International League World Series

Columbus 8 / Durham 3
Columbus 7 / Durham 4
Columbus 6 / **Durham 2**
(Columbus wins series, 3-0)

Triple-A National Championship Game

Sacramento 4 / Durham 0 (@)
@Game played at AutoZone Park in Memphis

Home Teams In Bold

SAINTS COMMUNITY ART PROGRAM



Art and creativity have always been an important part of the St. Paul Saints' culture. When the Saints relocated to the historic Lowertown Arts District, they seized the opportunity to collaborate with the local art community and infuse the new park with the artistic spirit of Lowertown. The result was the development of a "Community Art Program" that combines public art, community art activities and opportunities for local artists to display and sell their work.

MINOR LEAGUE TERMS AND PHRASES



40-MAN ROSTER:

In a typical season, the 40-man roster includes a combination of players on the 26-man roster (it was 25, prior to 2020), the 7-, 10- and 15-day injured lists, the bereavement/family medical emergency list and the paternity leave list, as well as some Minor Leaguers. In order for a club to add a player to the 26-man roster, the player must be on the 40-man roster. If a club with a full 40-man roster wishes to promote a Minor League player that is not on the 40-man roster, it must first remove a player from the 40-man roster -- either by designating a player's contract for assignment, trading a player, releasing a player or transferring a player to the 60-day injured list. The 40-man roster is an important distinction in the offseason, as players who are on the 40-man roster are protected from being selected by another organization in the annual Rule 5 Draft, held each year in December at the Winter Meetings. Players signed at age 18 or younger need to be added to their club's 40-Man roster within five seasons or they become eligible for the Rule 5 Draft. Players who signed at age 19 or older need to be protected within four seasons.

NON- ROSTER INVITE (NRI):

A player signed to a Minor League contract, but invited to Major League Spring Training. This player is not on the 40-man roster.

DESIGNATED FOR ASSIGNMENT (DFA):

A DFA'd player is immediately removed from his club's 40-man roster. Within seven days of the transaction (had been 10 days under the 2012-16 Collective Bargaining Agreement), the player can either be traded or placed on irrevocable outright waivers. If the player is claimed off said waivers by another club, he is immediately added to that team's 40-man roster, at which point he can be optioned to the Minor Leagues or assigned to his new team's 26-man roster. If the player clears waivers, he may be sent outright to the Minor Leagues or released. Players with more than three years of Major League service time or who have been previously outrighted may reject the outright assignment in favor of free agency.

MINOR LEAGUE OPTIONS (OPTIONS):

Players on a 40-man roster are given three Minor League "options." An option allows that player to be sent to the Minor Leagues ("optioned") without first being subjected to waivers. Players who are optioned to the Minors are removed from a team's active 26-man roster but remain on the 40-man roster. Only one Minor League option is used per season, regardless of how many times a player is optioned to and from the Minors over the course of a given season. Out-of-options players must be designated for assignment -- which removes them from the 40-man roster -- and passed through outright waivers before being eligible to be sent to the Minors. Players typically have three option years.

RULE 5 DRAFT:

Held each December, the Rule 5 Draft allows clubs without a full 40-man roster to select certain non-40-man roster players from other clubs. Not every club will make a selection, but those that do pick a player must pay \$100,000 to the club from which said player was selected. Rule 5 Draft picks are assigned directly to the drafting club's 26-man roster and must be placed on outright waivers in order to be removed from the 26-man roster in the subsequent season. Should the player clear waivers, he must be offered back to his previous team for \$50,000 and can be outrighted to the Minors only if his original club does not wish to reacquire him.

TAXI SQUAD:

A taxi squad is an informal name for the group of substitute players who shuffle between the major league team and its AAA affiliate depending on short-term needs. The term is also used to refer to the 26th Man Rule.

RECALLED & CONTRACT PURCHASED:

These terms can be easily mixed up because they mean very similar things but are distinctly different. If a player is already on the 40-man roster and playing for a minor league team, he would be "recalled" to the MLB parent club because he is already a member of the 40-man. However, if a player from the minor leagues is called up to the MLB parent club and is not on the 40-man, the MLB club must "purchase his contract" and place him on the 40-man roster. If there are no spots on the 40-man, then they must DFA (designate for assignment) a current member of the 40-man to make room.

MAJOR LEAGUE REHABILITATION ASSIGNMENT:

Any MLB player can be assigned to any minor league affiliate for the purpose of rehabbing an injury for a maximum of 20 days (non-pitchers) and 30 days (pitchers). The player will still continue to get his MLB salary while on his rehab assignment. The rehabilitation assignments do not count against the minor league affiliates roster or as an "optional assignment."

INJURED LIST OR "IL":

In the minor leagues there is only one IL and that is the seven-day IL. If a minor league player is placed on the seven-day IL, he must remain there for at least seven days before he can once again be activated. Players that are on the seven-day IL, therefore, can be on it for anywhere from seven days to the entire season since that is MiLB's only IL.

INSIDE THE MIND OF MANAGER TOBY GARDENHIRE

After 28 seasons as an Independent Professional Baseball Team, the St. Paul Saints will spend their first season as the Triple-A affiliate of the Minnesota Twins. The Twins are responsible for providing the Saints with the players, coaching staff, and manager. For the first time in 18 seasons the Saints will have a new manager as Toby Gardenhire becomes the first manager under the new affiliation.

Q: What does it mean to you that you're the first manager in Saints history as the Triple-A affiliate of the Minnesota Twins?

A: It is pretty special. I have been with the Twins for a long time. First as a kid with my dad coaching and managing, then as a player, and now as a coach. I go way back with so many people in this organization. Getting the chance to be a part of something like the Saints first season with the Twins is pretty surreal.

Q: You've managed at Single-A and High-A, and were scheduled to be the manager at Triple-A in 2020 before COVID. What is the biggest difference between managing at the lower levels vs. Triple-A?

A: The low levels is all about development. You have a group of young players that you are trying to find ways to help them figure out who they are. It is a real teaching environment with lessons both on and off the field. By the time these guys get to Triple-A, they have learned a lot and come a long way. Many of them have big league experience and have played with different teams. Some of them are still on the way up. Figuring out ways to help all these guys either get to or get back to the big leagues is the challenge I'm excited to take on.

Q: The biggest complaint we've heard from fans is that now winning won't be the most important thing. Why is winning important in your opinion?

A: You can't develop players without winning games. Players can develop bad mindsets and work habits if there is no emphasis on winning. I do think that development is something every player is trying to do, no matter what level they are at. Teams win games and players get hungry for the feeling of that win. We want guys to be able to find ways to win games. That's what the best players do.

Q: What was it like being a part of the alternate site last year?

A: It was different. I think it was pretty tough on the players because we weren't able to play games. We did the best we could with scrimmage games during the week to keep them ready, but in the end they just aren't the same as playing real games in front of fans. We really enjoyed working in St Paul though and the guys are excited that we get to come back up.

Q: Do you ever get tired of being called Ron Gardenhire's son and what has he meant to your career?

A: I don't really get tired of it. I think it's just something I have become very used to. It's given me a different look in my career than most people probably have. Because I grew up with a lot of people that work in this organization, it really feels like a family for me. Having my dad there when I was a player was a nice bonus. Plus it gave the fans a lot of ammo if they wanted to go after me which was fun most of the time.

Q: What did you learn from your playing days that you will use to help your players?

A: I learned a lot from my playing days. Patience is very important as a professional baseball player. Development takes time, which is hard to understand for kids who have been the best players on every team they played on growing up. Dealing with and handling the ups and downs that every player has during a season is another thing that I think I have some pretty good knowledge about. Baseball is a hard game.

Q: Each Major League team has a philosophy they pass down to their Minor League teams. What would you say is the Twins philosophy?

A: Passion Hustle Heart Fun is something we have written on the walls at our complex down in Fort Myers. I think it is a good philosophy for the players. As long as they work hard and push themselves to get better, I think they are doing a good job. We try to have fun every day at the ballpark. I think that is somewhat of a learned skill as well. It's easy to look at baseball players and say "they should be having fun, they are playing a game", but when that game is what you have worked at your entire life that can be hard sometimes. I try and enjoy every second I have at the ballpark.

Q: Minor League teams offer fun and entertainment, but few do it as well as the Saints. How will you balance the antics of the Saints with the baseball side, not just for you, but for your players?

A: The players love all the antics because they put fans in the seats. Playing in front of good crowds is a huge motivator for players. It makes the game more fun to play.

Q: It's tough enough to manage a team in normal times, how will you handle your first year as manager under COVID-19 protocols?

A: We will do the best we can. The Twins staff does a great job of making sure we are following protocols to keep everyone safe. We are all learning as we go with COVID-19. We will continue to do the best we can at making sure we stay responsible.

Q: When you're away from the field, what do you enjoy doing on your off-days?

A: I like playing golf and fishing. Living in Florida in the off seasons helps that out a lot. I also really enjoy getting out for runs and bike rides. Spending time with my wife Sara and my cat Steven Tyler.

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CHS FIELD IN CAPABLE HANDS

The two most important people, and perhaps the unsung heroes of CHS Field, return once again this season. Both have years of baseball experience and often spend countless hours at the ballpark, long past the time everyone else has gone home. The two of them will continue the upkeep of CHS Field.



Marcus Campbell begins his fourth year as head groundskeeper after working under Nick Baker since the spring of 2017. Campbell wasted no time making his own mark on CHS Field. During his first full season at the helm, in 2018, CHS Field was awarded one of the highest honors in the industry, Sports Turf Managers Association Professional Baseball Field of the Year. Campbell's award-winning work is on display each day and in 2019 the league's main event, the American Association All-Star Game, took place at CHS Field. Not only that, but he also oversaw Destination Winter Saint Paul, where the Wells Fargo WinterSkate and Securian Financial SuperSlide spent more than two months on the field. He oversees developing and maintaining a first-rate playing surface for the facilities many users. He is also responsible for the care of CHS Field's many landscape highlights in and around the ballpark.



Curtis Nachtsheim made sure fans at Midway Stadium had enough to eat and drink from 2005-14. Now he is responsible for an entire ballpark as the Operations Manager of CHS Field. He oversees everything from the lights to the toilets and everything in between. His responsibility is to make sure the ballpark runs flawlessly for every event that takes place in CHS Field. Curtis oversees a staff that is responsible for the upkeep of the ballpark during the season, staffing the parking lots on game day, hiring the crew to clean up the ballpark following each game, and is Mr. Fixit when any issue occurs.

In addition to serving as the Saints' home, CHS Field is the home of Hamline University, amateur and high school baseball, concerts, festivals, weddings and much more. With a year-round space in the Securian Financial Club, CHS Field will be one of the hottest venues in 2021.

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CHS FIELD CONTINUES TO SET THE SUSTAINABILITY STANDARD

When you look around CHS Field there are plenty of “sexy” areas in the Lowertown ballpark: the state-of-the-art Securian Financial Club, the beautiful Western Red Cedar on various overhangs and ceilings, the lush Treasure Island Berm beyond the left field wall, and the most recent addition, the City of Baseball Museum, to name a few. These are areas that add to the aesthetics and comfort for fans entering CHS Field. There are, however, many valuable assets around the ballpark that fans may not pay close attention to but are extremely valuable for the organization in becoming the Greenest Ballpark in the country.

The ballpark was universally lauded when opened in 2015, winning numerous awards. During that season, the Saints and their partners were recognized at every turn. While it's easy to celebrate the design and architecture of CHS Field, it was the unsung parts of the ballpark receiving honors that made many in the organization thrilled.

Prior to its opening, CHS Field was touted as The Greenest Ballpark in America. That bold prediction came to fruition when CHS Field was named the Greenest New Ballpark courtesy of GreenSportsBlog, one of the top read blogs in Sports + Green initiatives. CHS Field is the product of a private-public partnership between the City of Saint Paul, the State of Minnesota, and the St. Paul Saints Baseball Club. It's one of four awards the Saints received touting the sustainability efforts of the Saints and, at the time, Ecolab.

CHS Field was up against heavy competition, including Levi's Stadium, home of the San Francisco 49ers and host of Super Bowl 50. According to GreenSportsBlog, however, “small projects can sometimes be very influential.” The blog goes on to say CHS Field “dotted a myriad of green I's and crossed many green t's, often in innovative fashion.” “The Greenest Ballpark in America” addresses several sustainable objectives, including building construction and operations best practices, waste disposal, water conservation, and alternative power generation and use.

At the heart of the initiative is an effort to make CHS Field a Zero Waste facility. A robust recycling and composting program were designed by the Saints and Minnesota Waste Wise, an initiative of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce that works with private businesses throughout the state to minimize and creatively dispose of waste. The ballpark received a Minnesota Pollution Control Agency grant to further the effort, providing more than 30 different color-coded recycling and composting stations within the concourse, ensuring that fans didn't need to walk far to find a place to recycle or compost. The message was driven home to fans through a partnership with the Ramsey and

Washington County Resource Recovery Project, Biz Recycling, in communicating and marketing the program to fans at all games in fun and entertaining ways.

Levy Restaurants/ProSportsCatering, the company running CHS Field's food and beverage operation, recycle and compost from the back of house. The company also purchases recyclable or compostable material for food and drink containers, utensils, and napkins. Working through its waste hauler, Walter's Recycling, the team is able to collect data and track performance from homestand to homestand throughout the season.

Energy efficiency, and the use of alternative energy, is also a key theme. In left field, a 102.5 kW solar array supplies 12% of the ballpark's energy demand, in addition to acting as a shade pavilion in The Cub Lawn group sales area. The project competed for, and received, a grant through Xcel Energy's RDF program covering much of the cost of one of the largest in-stadium arrays in professional sports. In addition, the ballpark utilizes the City's District Energy system, which uses alternative fuels to heat and cool businesses and dwellings in the city's downtown core.

Sports stadia historically have been significant water wasters. The ballpark houses a 27,000-gallon cistern, capturing rainfall from the 30,000-square-foot roof of the Met Transit Operations and Maintenance Facility next door. When fans flush toilets the water used has been recycled from the cistern. Additionally, 25% of the ballpark's irrigation needs are met by re-used rainwater. This will save 450,000 gallons of domestic water each year. CHS Field is one of the first ballparks to reuse rainwater for field irrigation and fixture flushing. The rainwater re-use system was funded through grants from the Minnesota Clean Water Legacy Fund, the Metropolitan Council, and the Capitol Region Watershed District.

Tree trenches at the Broadway entrance capture and filter storm water from the city streets and adjacent sidewalks before releasing it off-site. A rain garden at the 4th Street entrance similarly captures and filters storm water. A sub-grade filtration system below the playing field also captures and filters storm water. The ballpark is located less than a quarter-mile from the Mississippi River.

To make room for CHS Field, a massive, vacant concrete warehouse was demolished, and 82,000 yards of contaminated soil were removed from the site. In addition, 95% of the building was recycled, including keeping 20% of the material on-site as part of new construction.

All-together, a site that was virtually 100% water impervious, now boasts 55.9% pervious greenspace. A site with virtually no trees now contains 135 trees and 36,000 square feet of planting.

None of this work happens overnight nor did it end after year one. The Saints continue to build upon their award-winning first year in educating their fans through humorous videos, informational signs around the ballpark, and interactive kiosks at various areas along the concourse. The goal is for fans, and Saints staff, to recycle and compost 90% of the materials used at CHS Field. With everyone's help CHS Field will continue to be the Greenest Ballpark in America.

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WHAT'S IN A NAME

As the Saints enter their first season as the Triple-A affiliate of the Minnesota Twins in 2021, fret not fans the pig isn't going anywhere. During the entire off-season people kept asking if we would keep the pig. Despite the fact we said over and over that we weren't going to change, not everyone believed us. Hopefully, this will make you feel a little more at ease. Even during a pandemic season in 2020, we had a pig. We're not giving up on the little swine just because we're a part of affiliated baseball. From the beginning of the season until the end, fans get a chance to watch the pig grow right before their eyes. Here is a look back at all the Saints pigs. The 2021 name was unveiled just before the Opening Day.



PIG NAMES

1993	The Saint
1994	St. Paula
1995	St. Patrick
1996	Tobias
1997	Hamlet
1998	The Great Hambino
1999	Hamilton
2000	Hammy Davis Jr.
2001	Kevin Bacon
2002	Wilbur
2003	The Notorious P.I.G. – Piggy Smalls
2004	Squeal Diamond
2005	Ham Solo
2006	Bud Squealig
2007	Garrison Squeallor
2008	Boarack Ohama
2009	Slumhog Millionaire
2010	Brat Favre
2011	Justin Bieboar
2012	Kim Lardashian & Kris Hamphries
2013	Mackleboar
2014	Stephen Colboar
2015	Pablo Pigasso
2016	Little Red Porkette
2017	Alternative Fats
2018	Porknite
2019	Daenerys Hoggaryen
2020	This Little Piggy Stayed Home (pictured left)



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CREW

David Arrieta Quintero	10.0
Travis Godec	10.0
Sean Shafer-Markle	8.0

CREW

Paul Clemmons	11.0
Jacob Metz	8.0
Ben Sonntag	8.0

CREW

Alex Mackay	10.0
Mike Wiseman	10.0
Taka Matsuda	10.0

CREW

Randy Rosenberg	10.0
Richard Riley	9.5
Brock Ballou	8.0

CREW

Junior Valentine	11.0
John Mang	9.0
Matt Bates	9.0

CREW

John Bacon	14.0
Jonathan Parra Ortega	8.0
Cody Clark	8.0

CREW

Nestor Ceja	10.0
Sean Ryan	12.0
Derek Thomas	8.0

CREW

Charlie Ramos	11.0
Rich Grassa	9.0
Tom Hanahan	7.0

CREW

Alex Tosi	11.0
Matt Winter	9.0
Jose Matamoros	7.5

CREW

Clint Vondrak	10.0
Cody Oakes	10.0
Chris Marco	8.0



WHAT'S ON THE MENU?

#101 / BURGER DEPOT

New Items:

- Corn Dog

Returning Favorites:

- Cajun Burger: half pound burger, pepper jack cheese, ham, spicy creole sauce, LTO
- Black Bean Veggie Burger: black bean based meatless patty, LTO
- California Burger: half pound burger, guacamole, jalapeno cheese sauce
- Beer Cheese Bacon Burger: half pound burger, beer cheese spread, bacon, LTO
- Saints Cheese Burger: half pound burger, American cheese, LTO
- Grilled Chicken: chicken breast, LTO

#104 / SANDWICH LOT

Returning Favorites:

- Smoked Turkey Sandwich: smoked turkey, cheese, basil aioli, lettuce, tomato, bacon, served on ciabatta bread
- Spicy Hummus Vegetable Tortilla Wrap (gluten free wraps available) V/Vegan/GF
- Grilled Cheese
- Cuban Panini: Pork loin, Dijon mustard, pickles, ham, swiss cheese

#108 / GALLERY GRILL

Returning Favorites:

- Slugger Cheese Burgers: Single, Double, Triple, Home Run, Grand Slam
- Quarter Pound Hot Dogs
- Chicken Tenders with Fries

STEAKADELPHIA

Returning Favorites:

- Philly Steak Sandwich
- Philly Steak Nacho
- Philly Steak Nacho Helmet

#111 / CHUCK & DON'S DOG PARK

Returning Favorites:

- Vegan Italian Sausage: A true vegan Italian sausage (from Herbivorous Butcher in Minneapolis)
- Chicago Dog
- Chili Mac Dog
- Chili Cheese Dog
- Mac and Cheese Dog
- Jalapeno Cheddar Bratwurst
- Wisconsin Brat
- Saints Quarter Pound Dog

VON HANSENS:

New Item:

- Polish Sausage

#114 / PIES AND FRIES:

New Items:

- Funnel Cake Fries: with powdered sugar

Returning Favorites:

- House Made Pizza: Cheese, Pepperoni, Home Stand Special
- Battered Walleye Pike: Tartar Sauce
- Chicken Tenders
- Jalapeno Cheddar Brat
- Saints Quarter Pound Hot Dog

#600 / MUDDS DAIRY AREA/BBQ

Returning Favorites:

- Stadium Dog
- Chopped Smoked Brisket (for sandwich)
- Smoked Pull Pork (for sandwich)

SAINTS TRIVIA QUESTIONS



As the St. Paul Saints move forward in their affiliation with the Minnesota Twins, a brand-new record book will be written, playoff berths earned, and championships won. Players will don a Saints uniform one day and a Twins jersey the next. And down the road there will be a quiz page in the program to test your knowledge about all of that, but before we move forward, let's test your knowledge about the first 28 seasons of the St. Paul Saints as an Independent Professional Baseball team.

- 1.** The current version of the American Association began in 2006. Which teams, along with the Saints, played in every season from 2006-2020 and put them in order from most to least wins in that time?
- 2.** The St. Paul Saints had the second best one year turnaround in American Association history. What year was their improvement and by how many games did they exceed the previous seasons win total?
- 3.** Name the five Saints managers during their time in Independent Professional Baseball and put them in order from most to fewest victories?
- 4.** The Saints won five championships. Name the five teams they beat to claim the title.
- 5.** Name the two pitchers in franchise history that tossed a no-hitter.
- 6.** Billy Munoz did this 20 times in a nine-inning game on July 2, 2005 at Sioux Falls, a Northern League record. What record did he set?

7. What was the longest game, in terms of time, in Saints history? What was the longest game, in terms of innings, in Saints history?

8. Cory Harris set this Northern League record in 2003, it's also the longest in Saints franchise history. Kyle Barrett nearly eclipsed it in 2018. What is that record?

9. How many players played for the Saints and then went on to the Major Leagues?

10. The Saints hit 49 grand slams in franchise history. Three came in the playoffs. Two came in the Championship Series in which the Saints won the title in those games. Name those two players.

ANSWERS ON PAGE 52



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SAINTS TRIVIA ANSWERS

QUESTIONS ON PAGE 50

1. There are only two teams that played in each season. The Saints (788 wins) and the Sioux Falls Canaries (645 wins). The Lincoln Saltdogs and Sioux City Explorers were also part of the inaugural season in 2006, but neither played in 2020.

2. In their final season at Midway, 2014, the Saints went 48-52. Playing in front of more than 8,100 people per game reinvigorated the 2015 club as they went a franchise record 74-26, a 26-game improvement. The only team with a better turnaround were the Sioux City Explorers that same season going from 47-53 the year before to 75-25 in 2015.

3. George Tsamis (954 wins), Marty Scott (264 wins), Tim Blackwell (85 wins), Jimmy Johnson (39 wins), and Doug Sisson (37 wins).

4. Rochester Aces (1993), Winnipeg Goldeyes (1995), Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks (1996), Schaumburg Flyers (2004), and Sioux City Explorers (2019).

5. Joe Miller, August 25, 1996 and Eddie Medina, May 31, 2019.

6. First baseman Billy Munoz recorded 20 putouts in a nine-inning game.

7. On May 29, 2017 the Saints played a four hour and 59-minute game at The Depot against the Cleburne Railroaders, winning in 15 innings 8-3. That wasn't the longest game by innings, however, as the Saints played an 18-inning game at Midway Stadium on June 25, 1994 against the Winnipeg Goldeyes, a 4-3 loss in four hours and 56-minutes.

8. Cory Harris hit safely in 28 consecutive games from May 27-June 25, 2003 going 45-114 (.395) during the streak. Kyle Barrett could have tied, or passed that streak, but his inability to get into Canada cost him. Barrett hit safely in his final 27 games (also 45-114) played from August 4-September 3, 2018. Unfortunately, he missed the two-game series in Winnipeg on August 27 and 28.

9. The final total count of players that donned a St. Paul Saints uniform and then went on to play in the Majors after wearing the jersey is 19. Both Brandon Kintzler and Caleb Thielbar are the most recent Saints players in the Bigs.

10. Marc Mirizzi hit the walk-off, title clinching grand slam in the fifth and deciding game of the 2004 Northern League Championship Series. With the Saints down by two runs in the sixth inning of Game 3 in the 2019 American Association Championship Series, Chesny Young gave the Saints the lead for good with a grand slam in the sixth inning. The Saints would win 6-3 and sweep the Sioux City Explorers.

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The state of Minnesota has more actors and actresses per capita than any other in the U.S. OK, maybe that isn't entirely true, but add up the comedy clubs, theatres, improv studios and you will find a ton of talent. Each year we search near and far to find the best of the best and bring them into one venue for the summer. While the players produce the entertainment on the field our staff of talent produces the entertainment in the stands and between innings. There is one person who oversees all the hilarity and it's our Director of Promotions and Marketing **Sierra Bailey**. Her job is to make sure each of our actors is on point and that everything runs like a well-oiled machine.

Our actors and actresses, or as we affectionately refer to them, Ushertainers, are overseen by Entertainment Director **Joshua Will**. Joshua begins his fourth season in that role with the Saints and will make sure that our Ushertainers hit their marks.

Our three-headed Master of Ceremonies, **Lee Adams**, **Nicholas Leeman**, and **Rita Boersma** return for their sixth season together. Lee is back for year number nine, while Nicholas turned his Stadium Correspondent gig in years past into the co-leading role. Rita did some fill-in work in year number one of CHS Field and has brought her dry and acerbic sense of humor into a full-time role ever since. Their voices are the ones you hear throughout the ballpark and provide the hilarious commentary throughout the game. Their banter, quick wit, and talent as actors and actresses help engage the crowd each night.

The musical mood is set by organist **Andrew Crowley**. Crowley returns for his 19th season and his knowledge of various

musical genres keeps fans of all ages entertained. He has a feel for each moment. Whether it's getting kids on their feet dancing in the aisles or bringing back nostalgic memories for parents, Crowley is on top of it from his perch on the third base side of the Club Level. He is also in charge of hiring the nightly pre-game bands playing at the Farmers Market and the National Anthem singers.

The Ushertainers, the lifeblood of the entertainment at CHS Field, will be back in full force for the 2021 season. **Seigo**, the cult-like figure, will serenade the crowd with "Karaoke With a Real Japanese Guy" and don the sumo suit as he "Rides the Pony." Maybe you like feeling cooler than **The Nerd and Nerdette**, doing calisthenics with **Coach**, getting a swat on the bottom by **Gert the Flirt**, cooking up something special with **Chef**, or being among royalty with **Belle of the Ballpark**, but whatever tickles your fancy, fans will be entertained to the fullest at CHS Field.



ROCHESTER RED WINGS THROUGH THE YEARS

If you're wondering how competitive the St. Paul Saints will be this season and going forward, let's take a look back at the Minnesota Twins previous Triple-A affiliate. For 17 seasons the Twins Triple-A affiliate was the Rochester Red Wings. In 12 of those 17 seasons the Red Wings finished .500 or better, finished second place six times and finished in the top three of the division eight times. While they didn't reach the playoffs at

the same clip as the Saints over the last 17 seasons (10 times), they did reach the post-season three times including making it to the Governor's Cup (the International League's version of the Championship Series) in 2006 before losing three-games-to-two to the Toledo Mud Hens (Detroit Tigers). Below is the year-by-year breakdown of the Twins/Red Wings 17 season affiliation.

YEAR	W	L	.PCT	MANAGER	DIVISION FINISH	TOTAL TEAMS	PLAYOFFS
2003	68	75	0.476	Phil Roof	4th	6	None
2004	73	71	0.507	Phil Roof	Tied 2nd	6	None
2005	75	69	0.521	Phil Roof / Rich Miller	T2	6	None
2006	79	64	0.552	Stan Cliburn	2nd	6	Lost in Governor's Cup Final
2007	77	67	0.535	Stan Cliburn	2nd	6	None
2008	74	70	0.514	Stan Cliburn	3rd	6	None
2009	70	74	0.486	Stan Cliburn	4th	6	None
2010	49	95	0.340	Tom Nieto	6th	6	None
2011	53	91	0.368	Tom Nieto	6th	6	None
2012	72	72	0.500	Gene Glynn	4th	6	None
2013	77	67	0.535	Gene Glynn	2nd	6	Lost in Semifinals
2014	77	67	0.535	Gene Glynn	4th	6	None
2015	77	67	0.535	Mike Quade	2nd	6	None
2016	81	63	0.563	Mike Quade	3rd	6	None
2017	80	62	0.563	Joel Skinner	Tied 2nd	6	None
2018	64	76	0.457	Joel Skinner	Tied 4th	6	None
2019	70	70	0.500	Joel Skinner	4th	6	None
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THE TWINS MINOR LEAGUE SYSTEM



The world of Minor League Baseball changed this year (see pages 12 & 13 for a detailed explanation). The last time the Minnesota Twins farm system took the field it consisted of six teams in The States and one in the Dominican. Of course, that was two years ago, as no Minor League affiliates played in 2020, but when the 2021 season begins the Twins system will look far different than it would have last season. First, there are only five teams stateside along with the team in the Dominican, and only one of them is the same team and in the same class the last time they took the field. So, let's get a rundown of the top four Twins Minor League affiliates.



TRIPLE-A: ST. PAUL SAINTS

Hey, that's us. I won't go into too much detail because this program is filled with the history of the franchise, but if you're looking for an easy paragraph to digest about your favorite team, then look no further. The Saints spent

28 seasons as an Independent Professional Baseball team. They began in 1993 in the Northern League, won the league championship that season and took home the crown in three of their first four years, and helped start the American Association in 2006. In the Twin Cities, however, this is an organization known more for their off-field antics than the play on it. That's not to say the Saints haven't been successful on the field, but when you have a live pig deliver baseballs to the umpire, a nun giving massages, and a barber giving haircuts all in the first season, fans and media are going to talk more about that than the baseball. The biggest question people have asked since the affiliation is, "What happened to all the players and the coaching staff?" Don't worry, no one lost their job. Most of the players were either traded to other American Association teams (the league the Saints were a part of before the affiliation) or signed with teams as free agents. As for our manager, George Tsamis is now at the helm of the team that took our place in the league, the Kane County Cougars.

If you're looking for the history of the Twins previous Triple-A affiliate, the Rochester Red Wings, and what you might be able to expect then check out page 54 of this program for a year-by-year breakdown of their 17-year history with the Twins.



DOUBLE-A: WICHITA WIND SURGE

The Twins switched from the Pensacola Blue Wahoos to the Wichita Wind Surge and picked up nearly 700 miles of proximity in the process, making it easier to shuttle players throughout the system. The Wind Surge,

in their inaugural season last year, were scheduled to be the Triple-A affiliate of the Miami Marlins. Since there was no Minor League Baseball in 2020, the Wind Surge went from being a Triple-A team to a Double-A team without ever playing a game. I'm sure that's more than a little disappointing for a franchise, and a city, that built a brand-new ballpark, Riverfront Stadium. From 1993-2020, this organization was in New Orleans, most recently known as the Baby Cakes. This is not to be confused with the Wichita Wingnuts, the team that was in the American Association with the Saints. The Wingnuts played at Lawrence-Dumont Stadium, which was built in 1934. In order to lure an affiliated club to Wichita, the city built a new ballpark and the New Orleans organization moved west.

The Twins Double-A team was only in Pensacola for two seasons: 2019-2020, but never played there last season. In their lone season as a Twins affiliate, the Blue Wahoos went 76-63 and made the playoffs, losing in the South Division Championship Series three-games-to-two. The Twins spent four seasons in Chattanooga, 2015-18, and 18 seasons in New Britain, 1997-2013. They won the league title with Chattanooga in 2017 and were co-champions while in New Britain in 2001 (series cancelled due to 9/11).



HIGH-A: CEDAR RAPIDS KERNELS

This one isn't a new affiliate, but it's a new classification. The Cedar Rapids Kernels were the Single-A affiliate of the Twins for the last eight seasons, but they now move up a level. Many organizations

had three levels of Single-A teams: High-A, Single-A, and Low-A. The Twins only had High-A and Single-A. Now every team has a High-A and Low-A with no team in between. Got all that? Good. There will be a quiz later. Cedar Rapids has a long and storied history of Minor League Baseball, dating back to 1890. The current name of Kernels was adapted in 1993, but prior to that they had several nicknames: Canaries, Rabbits,

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Bunnies, Raiders, Red Raiders, Rockets, Indians, and Braves. Cedar Rapids has been everything from Class A to a Class D organization (Class B, C, and D no longer exist). They play in Veterans Memorial Stadium, a ballpark that replaced the old Veterans Memorial Stadium in 2002.

The last time the Kernels were in action, 2019, they reached the playoffs after going 78-62. They lost in the semifinals two-games-to-one to the Clinton LumberKings (Miami Marlins). As a matter of fact, this might be the most successful affiliate for the Twins. They have never had a losing record since becoming a Twins affiliate in 2013, made the playoffs each season, and won the Midwest League title in 2015.



LOW-A: FORT MYERS MIGHTY MUSSELS

The former home of Executive Vice President / General Manager, Derek Sharrer and TV / radio broadcaster, Sean Aronson. The former High-A affiliate of the Twins since 1992, they were known as the Fort Myers Miracle until last year when they changed to the Mighty Mussels. They never got to use that name last season, so the 2021 year will be the first under the

Mighty Mussels moniker. This is also the home of the Twins Spring Training, CenturyLink Sports Complex at Hammond Stadium. Other than the Twins, the Miami/Fort Myers franchise has been affiliated with the Philadelphia Phillies, Baltimore Orioles, and San Diego Padres. The franchise began in Fort Myers in 1926 and then moved to Miami, becoming the Miami Hustlers. The Florida State League became non-existent from 1928-36, but even when they resumed the Miami franchise stayed dormant until 1961. Interesting note: when the Miami Miracle became a Twins affiliate in 1992 it was as a co-op, not a full-fledged affiliate. The Miracle participated in the Major League Baseball draft that year under the guidance of current owner Marv Goldklang. Other Major League General Managers wondered who this team was and commented after the draft that the Miracle had a better draft than some of the Major League teams. The team became the Twins full High-A affiliate the following season, perhaps to prevent it from dominating the draft.

The Miracle have been highly successful since the affiliation, but even more so over the last dozen seasons. The organization won its first Florida State League title in 2008, won again in 2014, and have made the playoffs five of the last seven years (they would have made the playoffs in 2019, but they were canceled due to Hurricane Dorian).



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From TV, to radio, to streaming platforms there won't be any excuses not to follow the Saints in 2021.

Three different TV stations will carry the Saints, in addition to their traditional Saints Cable Network broadcasts, this season. Each Friday night home game will be carried on FOX 9+ (Comcast 10/807, DirectTV 29, Dish 29, Mediacom 10/803, Over the Air 9.2 and Spectrum 10). The Saints have a total of 10 Friday night home games, beginning with May 14. In addition to the broadcast of the games, FOX 9+ will also carry the post-game fireworks show. Each Friday night fireworks show is set to a different musical theme.

For the third full season, all Sunday home games will be carried on 45TV, the only fully independent station in Minneapolis/St. Paul. The Saints have a total of 10 Sunday home games beginning with May 16.

The Saints will also have 10 home games on Bally's Sports North/Bally's Sports North PLUS beginning with the Wednesday, May 19 game on BSN (would move to BSN Plus if there is a Minnesota Wild playoff game). The other nine games are: May 20 (BSN Plus), May 22 (BSN, unless there is a Wild playoff game then BSN Plus), June 12 (BSN Plus), July 1 (BSN), July 15 (BSN), July 28 (BSN Plus), July 31 (BSN Plus), August 18 (BSN), and August 21 (BSN).

A total of 30 of the Saints 60 home games are broadcast on over the air channels with the remaining 30 on the Saints Cable Network, cable access channels in and around the Twin Cities Metro Area. The channel in your area can be found at saintsbaseball.com.

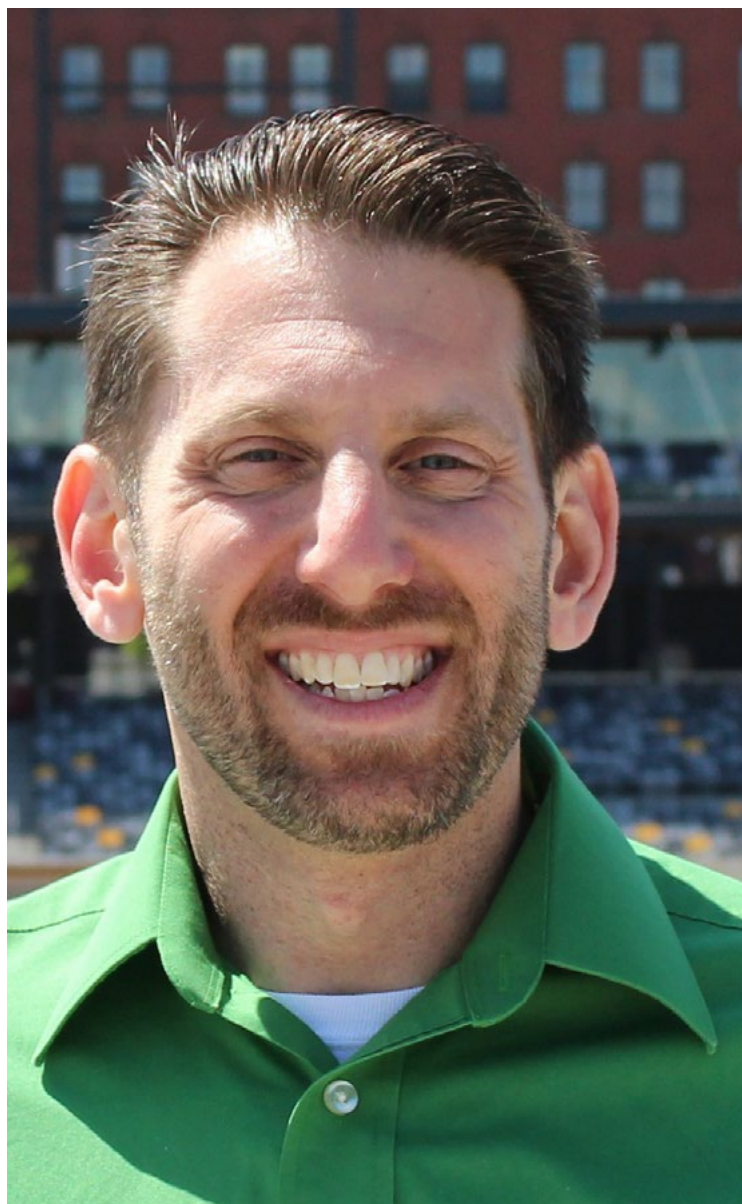
The Saints will broadcast all 60 home games at MiLB. TV. A subscription is required and includes the broadcast of all Minor League teams.

In addition to TV, the Saints will broadcast all 120 games via radio through KFAN Plus (96.7 FM) and for the first time in franchise history the Saints will appear on KFAN (100.3 FM). All Sunday games will be carried on KFAN, as well as on KFAN Plus (the Saints will be bumped off of KFAN if any scheduling conflicts arise i.e. Wild playoff games). For those that don't live in the coverage area, fans can download the iHeart Radio app and listen to games anywhere in the world.

Sean Aronson returns for his 15th season as the play-by-play broadcaster of the Saints and will handle the broadcast for all games. He will be joined by J.W. Cox who returns for his eighth season working alongside Aronson. Cox has been the part time number two broadcaster for the last seven seasons, but now steps into the full-time roll in 2021. Cox did play-by-play for St. Cloud football and currently does Huskies Men's and Women's Basketball as well as play-by-play on TV for North Metro Television and PrepSpotlight.tv. He also works for the Minnesota News Network. Joining the broadcast team is Andy Helwig, who will host a 20-minute pre- and post-game show on all radio broadcasts. Helwig spent 2019 in a similar role with the Buffalo Bisons, while also filling in on select broadcasts. He got his start in the baseball world in 2018 as the Director of Broadcasting and Media Relations for the Batavia Muckdogs. Since 2015, Helwig has been the voice of Canisius Men's Basketball.

SEAN ARONSON

Aronson begins his 15th season with the Saints and will handle all 120 broadcasts. In 2016 he was awarded the Ballpark Digest Broadcaster of the Year Award for all of minor league baseball and on the final day of that regular season he became the first broadcaster in Saints history to call 1,000 games. He was nominated for a Regional Emmy for Saints TV broadcasts in 2010. Aronson works year-round with the Saints and is also in charge of the media relations. He was with another Goldklang Group team prior to his tenure with the Saints, working for the Fort Myers Miracle (Single-A Twins) from 2003-06. Prior to his stint with the Miracle, he spent two seasons with the Allentown Ambassadors of the then Northern League. Minnesota is the fifth state Aronson has lived. He graduated from the University of Colorado-Boulder with a B.S. in Journalism. He got his start as a broadcaster doing high school baseball in Colorado. Aronson, 44, was raised in Northridge, CA.



AN ODE TO GEORGE TSAMIS



If there were 100 parts to the affiliation between the St. Paul Saints and Minnesota Twins, 99 of them were positive, but there was one glaring negative. For 18 seasons he picked the players, oversaw the team, lived and died with every win and loss, shook hands with fans, signed autographs, and took part in numerous tailgate parties. It's rare to find a man who cared so much AND was around for nearly two decades. To be honest, if there was one thing that would have prevented the partnership between the Saints-Twins from happening, it was the fact Chairman Marv Goldklang knew that the winningest manager in franchise history, George Tsamis, wouldn't be a part of the move going forward.

I remember my first season as broadcaster with the Saints in 2007; George welcomed me with open arms. It helped that he and I were in the same league together during the 2001-02 seasons. I was with Allentown and he was winning two championships with New Jersey in the Northern League East (currently the Can-Am League). He joked with me that they won two rings; I joked with him we ended our 14-game losing streak to them. At some point during that first season the nickname "Radio" was bestowed upon me. I don't know who officially came up with it, but I give the credit to George. It's not the most creative nickname, but how many nicknames are actually imaginative? To this day, George calls me Radio 98% of the time. The only time he calls me Sean is when he introduces me to a new player, and even then, there's a chance he calls me "Radio." It's because of that, every player and coach uses that moniker.

My favorite story to tell about George occurred 12 games into my first season in 2007. We were on the bus heading back to the hotel in Sioux City following an 11-6 loss to the Explorers. I sit right behind George on the bus and he turned around and asked me if the Lincoln Saltdogs had won or lost. We were 12 games into a 96-game schedule, just 12.5% of the overall season and here he was asking if another team in the division won or lost their game. I was astounded. I came from the world of affiliated ball with the

Fort Myers Miracle. I don't think in my four years there I ever had a manager ask me if another team won or lost. At that moment I realized this guy cares. But George knew. The Saltdogs finished with the best record in 2006 and would once again in 2007. Both seasons, however, George found a way to knock them off in the playoffs.

Let's be honest, my broadcast style can be harsh at times. I don't sugarcoat and if the team, or a player, is struggling I say as much. That doesn't always warm me up to players and coaches, but George NEVER took anything I said personally. Our relationship grew over the years. He asked me, on more than one occasion, about signing certain players, lineup decisions, and about potential trades. He let me in on moves before they happened because he knew it made my job easier to get a head start.

Then there was the exhibition game in 2019 where George was going home for his daughter, Casey's, college graduation. I had always wanted to be in the dugout and asked him if I could manage the game. He never hesitated and responded, "For sure." How many managers would allow a broadcaster to manage a game, even an exhibition game?

One page doesn't do justice for a man that gave 18-years of his life to this organization. Each member of our staff has countless George stories. Everyone has their impression, and you know what they say, "Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery." I could fill up this entire program with stories I have about the man that has meant so much to my career. There are also private moments that I will cherish forever. Of course, I will forever be grateful to George for the 2019 championship season. That ring meant more to me than he, or anyone else, will ever know.

Ever since the affiliation was announced, fans have called for the retirement of George's number. Let me just say this, when the time is right, when ballparks can be filled to the brim, we will do something incredibly special for George. So, it may not be in 2021 but sometime in the near future George will get the sendoff he rightfully deserves.

AN ODE TO OUR PLAYERS



One-by-one they donned a St. Paul Saints uniform. Whether it had the Saints script in black or blue across the chest, the STP logo on the breast, or some specialty jersey, for 28-seasons they wore that uniform proudly. They came from all walks of life, different countries, and backgrounds, all with the same goal: to get that next shot. Independent Professional Baseball is a first chance/second chance league; first chance for those that were never signed nor drafted out of college, a second chance for those that grinded through the Minor Leagues, but were eventually released for one reason or another. Some came to the Saints by way of the Major Leagues where the Saints became their final destination. Others, wanted one more shot at glory.

In all, 762 men, and one woman, Ila Borders, laid it all on the line day-in-and-day-out, some lasting just a few days while others endured more than half a decade. They ranged from Adams (three to be precise: Hugh, Skip, and Trevor) to Zwirchitz, Andy. There were five Johnson's that played and one that managed, Jimmy in 2002. There were also five Brown's, one White and one Blackwell. There were former sons of Major Leaguers, the most recent being Dante Bichette Jr.

There were names you recognized upon their signing, like Darryl Strawberry and Jack Morris, and others that made a name for themselves after they donned the Saints uniform like Kevin Millar and Rey Ordonez. A total of 137 player contracts were sold to Major League organizations, totaling 127 different players including eight who had their contract sold twice and Caleb Thielbar who became the first player to have his contract purchased three times. Of the 137 contracts sold, eight were sold to international teams and a total of 19 made it to the ultimate level of baseball following their time with the Saints (Julio DePaula, who played for the Saints in 2011, made it to the Major Leagues in 2014, never pitched in a game, but does not count in the total because his contract wasn't purchased directly from the Saints).

There were 16 playoff appearances in 28 seasons, 10 Championship Series and five titles. There were batting champs,

ERA titles, and MVP's. There were 49 grand slams, three of which came in the playoffs and two in Championship title clinchers; thank you Marc Mirizzi and Chesny Young. There were two no-hitters, a 28-game hitting streak, and 32.0 consecutive scoreless innings.

They played in two different ballparks, crashed into snow fences, and heard more than 10,500 people cheering them on. They were introduced while climbing out of the back of military vehicles and "little red corvettes." They interacted with the pig, both four-legged and furry, watched and participated in various crazy promotions, and were sometimes caught in friendly fire (see Food Fight).

They sat and signed autographs following every Sunday home game, but often went above and beyond, making little kids smile by signing before games. The players were a part of charitable events, baseball camps, and moments behind the scenes to numerous to count.

When you play for the Saints, sometimes the baseball can feel like a sideshow. Maybe you didn't know their names, perhaps you weren't emotionally invested in their play, but that never seemed to matter. Many players said it was the best time they ever had playing the game of baseball. It brought them back to their childhood, when the game was simpler, just enjoying the game with some friends.

Their names will forever live in Saints lore. For 28 seasons they gave us goose bumps and unforgettable moments. They were the lifeblood of this organization. They won more than they lost, 1,378 victories to be precise, or 198 more W's than L's. This is not goodbye to the Saints organization, but it is the close of an incredibly long and successful chapter.

So, take a moment to remember your fondest memories from 1993-2020 with those players. Maybe it was on the diamond or away from the field, but whatever it is each one of these players deserves our thanks. They put us on the map and we will forever be grateful for all they did while wearing a Saints uniform.



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MAY 12TH: Let's take a look back at our long history as the Triple-A Affiliate for the Minnesota Twins, plus it's 2021 Magnet Schedule Giveaway for the 1,000 fans.

MAY 13TH: Roads. Where we're going we don't need roads! Join us as we celebrate the 40th anniversary of the world's coolest car on a night filled with time travel, skateboards and, of course, a DeLorean.

MAY 14TH: This Friday Night Fireworks powered by **Xcel Energy** prepare to shuffle, slide, and boogie as we honor the most popular line dances on National Dance Like a Chicken Day.

MAY 15TH: What do you call a fish with no eye? Fssssshhhh! Join us as we celebrate one of Minnesota's favorite days, the fishing opener!

MAY 16TH: You've met the Triple-A players, now let's get to know the Triple-A entertainers. For all the first time fans, it's an A to Z guide of the Saints Ushertainers.

MAY 18TH: Talk-o Tuesday. On this night every fan's voice will be heard! Also, it's game number 1 of our Sloppy Seconds Giveaway Series featuring 2020 giveaways that were left over from 2020. On this night the first 250 fans through the gates will receive a pitch stealing Grouch trash can doll.

MAY 19TH: Le Faux Bastille Day. We couldn't wait until July 14 to honor our friend The Chef and his patrimoine francais. Game number 2 of the Sloppy Seconds Giveaway Series features a Herb Brooks Miracle on Ice talking bobblehead for the first 250 fans through the gates.

MAY 20TH: It's Thirsty Thursday and game number 3 of our Sloppy Seconds Giveaway Series which means drink specials for all, and "free pot" for the first 250 fans through the gate.

MAY 21ST: We honor the music of "27 Club" during Friday Night Fireworks powered by **Xcel Energy**.

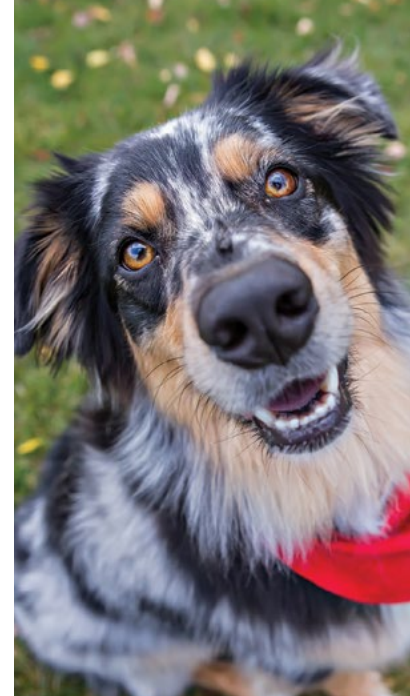
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MAY 23RD: Hey Alice, follow the white rabbit to watch the Madhatter become the Madbatter as you enjoy the 70th Anniversary of this classic tale.

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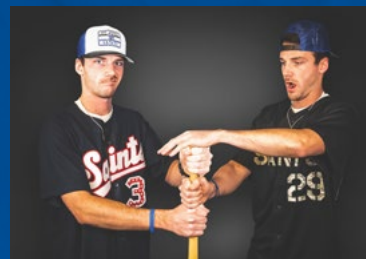
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