

Saints Softball, Baseball Complete Regular Season, Prepare for Districts at Rudyard



St. Ignace Saints 2007 softball team includes (front, from left) Dana Schieding, Sun Mi Ko, Ivy Thurston, Angela Cena, Ashly Peterson, Anna Krause, Emily Sposito, Mallory LaLonde; (middle) Holly Smith, Erin Barthelemy, Brooke Allan, Alyssa Pechta, Molly Therrian, Laura Rickley, Cally Klimczak, Misti Gamble, Nickole Lanczak, Hollie Massey; (back) Katie Stelzer, Samantha Wright, Assistant Coaches Chum Fram and Fred Strich, Head Coach Gene Massey, Assistant Coaches Billy Pechta and Craig Therrian, Jamie Krug, and Marcie Rickley.



St. Ignace Saints 2007 baseball team includes (front, from left) Jeffrey Gamble, Rob Robinson, Justin Emery, Sam Fitzpatrick, Shawn Cowell, Bryant Danielson, Ronnie France, Brandon Steiner, manager-Dan Mullins; (back) Tyler Oja, Derek Rountree, Lewie Mullins, James Peterson, Coach Lou Grondin, Dan Olsen, Stephen Bielat, and Andy Tamlyn. Missing from photograph is Assistant Coach Mike Robinson.

Teams Combine for Three Victories in Last Week

By David Latva

St. Ignace Saints baseball and softball teams completed the regular season with twinbills against the Rudyard Bulldogs, Gaylord St. Mary Snowbirds, and the Newberry Indians and are now preparing for district tournaments in Rudyard Friday, June 1.

Saints Boys Baseball

The Saints registered a 1-5 record during the final week after dropping a Straits Area Conference (SAC) twinbill to Rudyard, 9-2 and 3-0, Monday, May 21. They also split with Gaylord St. Mary, losing the opener 17-5 before defeating the Snowbirds 13-6 in the nightcap Tuesday, May 22, and falling to Newberry 12-2 and 5-2 during a SAC doubleheader Thursday, May 24.

Saints Drop SAC Twinbill

The Bulldogs spread their offense, scoring three in the first inning, one in the second, two in the third, two in the fourth, and one in the fifth while holding the Saints to single runs in the second and third innings.

Rudyard scored one run in the first inning and two runs in the fifth



James Peterson

and held the Saints to two hits as James Peterson and Shawn Cowell notched singles.

Saints Stats: Shawn Cowell, one hit, one run; Derek Rountree, two hits; Bryant Danielson, Lewie Mullins, Rob Robinson, one hit.

Saints Split With Snowbirds

Mistakes hurt the Saints in the opener against Gaylord St. Mary. The Snowbirds scored four runs in

the first inning, exploded for 10 in the fourth, and three in the fifth, while the Saints managed only one run in the first and fourth in the fifth.

Saints Stats: James Peterson, two hits, one run; Andy Tamlyn and Shawn Cowell, one hit, one run; Sam Fitzpatrick and Bryant Danielson, one run; Derek Rountree, one hit.

During the win over St. Mary in the nightcap, the Saints scored four runs in the first inning, two in the second and fourth, and five in the fifth to post the win.

Saints Stats: James Peterson, two hits, four runs; Shawn Cowell, two hits, two runs; Ronnie France, home run, Derek Rountree, two hits, one run; Bryant Danielson, one hit, two runs; Jeffrey Gamble, one hit, one run; Lewie Mullins and Justin Emery, one run; Andy Tamlyn, one hit.

Saints Drop Pair to Indians

Newberry scored eight runs in the first two innings during the opener against the Saints.

Saints Stats: Lewie Mullins and James Peterson, one hit, one run; Shawn Cowell, Derek Rountree, Sam Fitzpatrick, one hit.



Katie Stelzer

In game two, St. Ignace led 2-1 before the host Indians scored four runs in the sixth inning to post the Straits Area Conference (SAC) win.

Saints Stats: Andy Tamlyn and James Peterson, one hit, one run; Bryant Danielson, one hit.

Saints Softball 2-4 During Final Week

St. Ignace swept Rudyard 5-1 and 7-1 during Straits Area Conference twinbill Monday, May 21. The team was shut out in two games, 3-0 and 2-0, to Gaylord St. Mary Tuesday, May 22, and fell to Newberry, 8-7 and 6-1, during a SAC doubleheader Thursday, May 24.

Saints Sweep Bulldogs

St. Ignace scored two runs in the



Cally Klimczak

fourth inning, one in the fifth, and two in the seventh to post the conference win.

Saints Stats: Misti Gamble, one hit, two runs batted in (RBI); Ashley Peterson, two runs; Samantha Wright and Alyssa Pechta, one hit, one run; Katie Stelzer, one run; Laura Rickley, one hit.

The Saints scored one run in the first inning, two in the second, and four in the sixth while holding the Bulldogs to a single run in the seventh.

Saints Stats: Laura Rickley, two hits, three runs, two RBIs; Cally Klimczak, two runs; Jamie Krug, one hit, one run; Alyssa Pechta, one run; Katie Stelzer and Misti Gamble, one hit.

Saints Fall to Snowbirds

St. Ignace allowed five runs in the doubleheader against Gaylord St. Mary, but the Saints offense failed to score.

During the opener, the Snowbirds scored one in the fourth inning and two in the sixth and one in the third and one in the fifth in the nightcap.

Saints Stats (both games): Alyssa Pechta, three hits; Dana Schieding, Misti Gamble, Samantha Wright, Jamie Krug, one hit.

Saints Drop Two at Newberry

St. Ignace led 7-3 after the second inning but the Indians scored single runs in the third, fourth, fifth, and sixth innings to capture the victory.

Saints Stats: Katie Stelzer, one hit, one run; Laura Rickley, Samantha Wright, Cally Klimczak, Molly Therrian, Jamie Krug, one run.

In the nightcap, the Indians scored two runs in the fourth and four in the fifth inning, while the Saints were held to one run in the fourth inning as Alyssa Pechta recorded two hits and Ashly Peterson scored one run.

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Records Continue To Fall for Saints Jr. High Track

By David Latva

Records continue to fall for the St. Ignace junior high track team as the season ended during the Straits Area Conference Meet on the home track Monday, May 21, with the Saints girls team finishing second and the boys team finishing third.

Five Records Established

Five new St. Ignace records fell during the day:

Alex Thibault set a new mark in the 200-meter dash with a time of 29.42 seconds.

Nicole Elmlblad cleared a height of 7'7" to establish a new mark in the pole vault event.

Austin St. Louis's high jump mark of 5'7" is a new Saints record.

Caleb Litzner ran a time of 27.49 seconds in the low hurdles, and the boys 400-meter relay team of Gunnar Zipp, Austin St. Louis, Drew Duffie, and Caleb Litzner also established a new record with their time of 50.55 seconds.

In girls competition, Sault Ste. Marie won the title with 166.5 points, followed by St. Ignace with 141, Cheboygan with 126, Rudyard with 47, Newberry with 25.5, and Rogers City with 17.

Sault Ste. Marie also took first place in the boys competition, scoring a total of 144 points, followed by Cheboygan with 117, St. Ignace with 115, Rudyard with 85, Newberry with 48, and Rogers City with 7.

Top Finishers for the Saints

First place finishers: Grace Wheeler, high jump and 800-meter dash; Nicole Elmlblad, pole vault; Austin St. Louis, high jump; Drew Duffie, 400; Gunnar Zipp, 200; Curtis Gustin, high hurdles; Caleb Litzner, low hurdles; 3200-meter girls relay team (Brittany Ellis, Mikaela Kelly, Grace Wheeler, and Nicole Elmlblad); 400- and 800-meter relay boys relay teams (Austin St. Louis, Gunnar Zipp, Drew Duffie, and Caleb Litzner).

Second place finishers: Luke Thurston, shot put; Landon Marshall, pole vault; Alexa Thibault, 200, Mikaela Kelly, 1600; Taylor Becker, 400; Abby Chambers, 70 and third, 100; Lauren Goldthorpe, high jump, fifth low hurdles; girls 400 relay (Martina Beaudoin, Heather Beaudoin, Alex Thibault, Nicki Johnston); girls 1600 relay (Taylor Becker, Brittany Ellis, Torie Litzner, Mikaela Kelly).

Third place finishers: Devin Chargo, 3200; Heather Beaudoin, high hurdles; 3200- and 1600-meter relay teams (Devin Chargo, Luke Thurston, Brad Sayles, Cole Christenson).

Fourth place finishers: Brad Sayles, 800; Cole Christenson, long jump; Angela Fisher, 3200; Taylor Becker, 800; Heather Beaudoin, low hurdles.

Fifth place finishers: Martina Beaudoin, 100; Nicki Johnston, 100; Angela Fisher, 1600.

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