

Burnsville 14AA Blaze plays spoiler in league play to host Orono 14AA Spartans at the Don Timpe Field in Maple Plain, MN.

Maple Plain, MN - Monday July 9th, 2007: Aflac Kids and the St. Paul Saints took the show on the road to the beautiful Don Timpe Field in Maple Plain, MN where the Orono 14AA Spartans played host to the Burnsville 14AA Blaze in league play. In their previous outing on May 17th, the Spartans took the honors with a 13-9 win at Burnsville.

The intensity of this game could be felt even before the game's first pitch as the coaches from Orono and Burnsville faced off in a pitching duel to claim speed and accuracy honors during the pre-game. According to the radar gun, it appeared that John Timpe who threw out the ceremonial first pitch and Mudonna who pitched last may have actually taken the honors. This set the stage for the game to begin.



Coaches duel from the mound!



Coaches add flavor of fun to game!



Mudonna takes the coaches challenge – very well!

Orono's John Kernan was strong on the mound as he pitched a 1-2-3 first inning, striking out one batter. The second inning was a little different as he got the first batter to ground out into a 5-3 put-out and then got Calvin Johnson on a K. The third out was first class baseball when the Blaze's Robbie Fredericks tried to stretch a sure triple to an inside the park home run and got thrown out at the plate.



The Spartan offense would come alive in the first inning as Kyle Mileusnic drew a walk and John Kernan advanced him on an infield error. Eric Crees then hit a line drive shot that would reach the fence and bring home Mileusnic and Kernan. That would be the only scoring



Orono would get as they struggled to get a hit off of the Burnsville pitching tandem of Calvin Johnson and Jordan Christianson.

Calvin Johnson threw three solid innings for the Blaze facing 15 batters and giving up one earned run on five hits. After the first inning where the Spartans picked up two runs (one earned run), Johnson went to work and held the powerful bats of Orono to three hits through the second and third innings. Jordan Christianson relieved Johnson in the fourth inning and made his presence known by striking out the first two batters and getting the final batter to ground out.



**The Show-Stopper
Burnsville Blaze Batboy!**



Burnsville scored four runs in the fourth and that would be all they would need to claim the victory. The Blaze added an insurance run in the seventh inning on a Danny DePauw sac bunt that scored Jordan Christianson.



The Spartans were lead offensively by Helling (2-2), Limesand (2-4), and Peterson (3-4).



The offensive leaders for the Blaze were Johnson who went 2-4 with two RBIs and one run scored and Fredericks who went 2-2 with one run scored.

Jordan Christianson avenged the early season loss to Orono by pitching the final four innings while giving up no runs and striking out five Orono batters. Matt Helling took the loss for Orono and brought his season record to 9-3 with a 2.50 ERA.

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July 9th, 2007 at Don Timpe Field, Maple Plain, MN

Burnsville 14AA Blaze

	AB	R	H	RBI
T. Neilsen	3	0	0	0
D. Steele	1	0	1	0
T. Mrozek	4	1	1	0
B. Lien	2	1	0	1
J. Christianson	4	1	2	0
C. Johnson	2	1	1	2
R. Fredericks	2	1	2	0
D. DePauw	2	0	0	1
Z. Walters	3	0	1	1
Z. Biggar	2	0	1	0
Totals	25	5	9	5

Orono 14AA Spartans

	AB	R	H	RBI
M. Helling	3	0	2	0
K. Mileusnic	2	1	0	0
J. Kernan	3	0	0	0
D. Limesand	4	0	2	0
E. Peterson	4	0	3	0
E. Crees	2	0	1	2
C. Myhran	1	0	0	0
G. Smith	2	0	0	0
T. Hudson	1	0	0	0
J. Duxbury	2	0	1	0
W. Baurle	2	0	1	0
J. Zilverberg	1	0	0	0
Totals	27	1	10	2



Score by innings				R	H	E
Burnsville	000	400	1	5	9	1
Orono	200	000	0	2	10	0

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	HB
C. Johnson	3	5	2	1	2	0	0	0
D. Bingham(W)	4	5	0	0	0	5	0	0

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	HB
J. Kernan	3	2	0	0	0	0	1	0
M. Helling (L)	2	5	4	4	4	0	1	1
K. Mileusinc	2	2	1	1	3	1	2	0