

## **Saints lose 3A district opener in 12**

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DEWITT - The Xavier Saints lost to DeWitt Central, 4-3, in 12 innings in the Class 3A district opener in DeWitt Friday night.

The Saints finished the season 12-23-1.

Xavier took a 2-1 lead into the bottom of the sixth inning, but the Sabers tied the score and forced extra innings.

Xavier grabbed a 3-2 lead in the top of the 11th, but DeWitt Central responded with a single run in the bottom of the 11th and they kept playing.

The Saints got the first out in the bottom of the 12th, but the Sabers strung two singles together and got the winning run to third base with two outs. The decisive run scored on a wild pitch.

Nick Stark went 2-for-5 for the Saints and scored two runs. Nolan Butkowski also had two hits and Sam Meyers drove in two runs.

Bryce Charipar pitched the first 4  $\frac{2}{3}$  innings for Xavier and allowed one run on five hits. Bryce Schulte tossed the next 4  $\frac{2}{3}$  innings and allowed one run on four hits. Meyers was touched for one run in 1  $\frac{2}{3}$  innings, then Adam Tvedt pitched two-thirds of an inning in the 12th.

The Saints collected nine hits in the ballgame. Xavier pitchers allowed 13 hits and 10 walks, with nine strikeouts.