

## Saints strong as baseball season opens



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When the St. Andrew's College Saints aren't ruling the hockey rink in the winter, they are ruling the baseball field in the summer.

The Saints posted a 10 ? 0 win over rival Country Day School to open the CISAA season last Monday, a league the Saints have been the dominant force in for years.

Despite a slow start, SAC's boys of summer found their rhythm in the middle innings, plating run after run with big offensive outings from Riley Jackson, Alex Oushalkas, Will Merkel, and David Bowen.

The shutout was shared on the mound between Jackson, Eugene Lee, and Tristan Hicks, who started the game with three and a third solid innings.

Both the pitching staff and bats were back to work two days later in a 15 ? 2 romping of Crescent School.

The Saints will face St. Michael's College on Thursday, a game that head coach Len Gurr calls ?a much tougher test.? St. Michael's is yet to be tested in CISAA action this year.

On a larger scale, St. Andrew's brought in a pair of wins last week at the Ontario showcase in Port Hope. Following a 5 ? 3 victory over the Clarke Secondary School Raiders, Jack Little was on the bump for a 10 ? 7 win over Anderson Secondary School, with Brayden Byers closing out the last two innings in relief.

Merkel was an offensive force in this win as well, going three for three with two singles, a triple, a walk, and two runs scored. Tyler Black contributed two doubles, a single, and four runs of his own.

Although they hold a perfect regular season record since the start of 2015, the Saints have been held off in the postseason over the last few years. A 9 ? 0 record brought SAC to the CISAA championship game in 2015, only to fall 10 ? 3 to St. Mike's.

The Saints fell to a talented squad from Upper Canada College in the 2014 CISAA semi-finals, despite an impressive 7 ? 1 regular season record.

The U14 softball Saints kicked off their season with a loss at home, falling 12 ? 4 to Upper Canada College on Wednesday.

To follow the Saints' season, check out [www.sac.on.ca](http://www.sac.on.ca).