

# Niagara Wheatfield grad Tommy Peltier shaking things up in the Midwest this summer

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The Kokomo Jackrabbits of Kokomo, Indiana, have been on a roll lately, notching the top spot in the Great Lakes Division and the second-best record overall in the Northwoods League.

It should come as no surprise then that on Friday morning Aug. 13, the Jackrabbits picked up a few more "wins" before lunch when the Northwoods League named two team members to the Northwoods League Postseason

All-Star Team. One includes a local athlete, Thomas Peltier of the Town of Wheatfield.

Tommy Peltier earned the honor as relief pitcher the Northwoods League Postseason All-Star Team. The Jackrabbits' top closer for much of the season, he leads the league with 10 saves. Tom posted a 2.55 ERA in a team-leading 21 appearances, striking out 29 batters in 23 innings pitched.

This colorful athlete, a Niagara Wheatfield alumni currently pitching for Canisius College, is also sixth in the league in appearances.

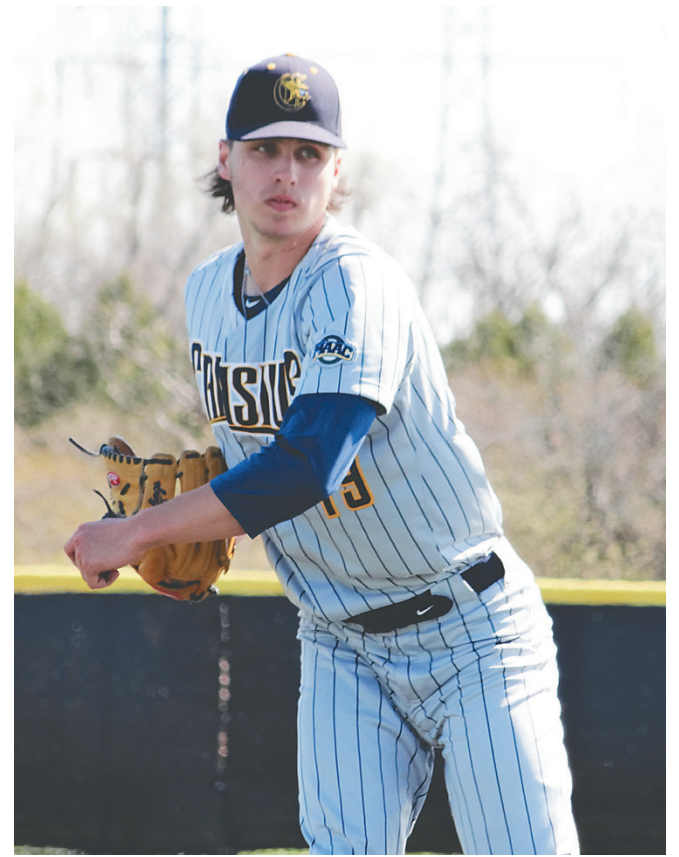
The Jackrabbits, who clinched a playoff spot with a win at home on Tuesday of last week, also won last Thursday night in Battle Creek, Michigan, to capture the Great Lakes Division East second-half title.

The Kokomo Jackrabbits now move on to the first round of the playoffs. The first round of the playoffs will pit the Jackrabbits against the Traverse City, Michigan, Pit Spitters – winners of the Great Lakes Division East in the first half. The series opened this week with game one on Sunday, then shift sites for game two on Monday. If game three is necessary, it would be played on Tuesday.

The winner of this series advances to the one-game Great Lakes Division championship on Wednesday. The Northwoods League Championship is scheduled for either Thursday or Friday, depending on travel needs.

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Pitcher Thomas Peltier, a Niagara Wheatfield alumni seen in action with the Canisius College Golden Griffins and now playing for the Kokomo Jackrabbits of the Northwoods League in the Midwest. (Submitted photo).

265 Northwoods League players have advanced to Major League Baseball. Included are three-time All-Star and 2016 Roberto Clemente Award winner Curtis Granderson; three-time Cy Young Award winner and World Series champion Max Scherzer of the Los Angeles Dodgers; two-time World Series champions Ben Zobrist and Brandon

Crawford of the San Francisco Giants, and World Series champion Chris Sale of the Boston Red Sox. Others include 2019 Rookie of the Year and 2019/2021 Home Run Derby Champion Pete Alonso of the New York Mets; and 2021 All-Star, MLB Gold Glove finalist and 2019 Second Team All-MLB shortstop Marcus Semien of the Toronto Blue Jays.

All league games are viewable live via the Northwoods League website at watchnwl.com. For more information, visit www.northwoodsleague.com or download the Northwoods League Mobile App on the Apple App Store or on Google Play.

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