

# LANCERS

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"I didn't think it was going to go out right when I hit it," Schmidt said. "It was a line shot and sure the wind is blowing out, but I didn't think I hit it high enough to go out."

Logan Kortan added to the lead with an RBI single in the third.

Concordia's offense struck again in the fifth inning with a sacrifice fly by Ray Finley and an RBI double by Brandon Pflug.

Mount Marty notched two more runs in the fifth inning off the bat of Livermont and Justin Kemp. Huston sat down the final three batters in the sixth inning on two strikeouts and an outstanding defensive play by Ross Heine.

"That is another big motivator. If our bats are swinging it takes a lot of pressure off the pitching staff and the defense," Huston said.

The Lancers finished off the first game scoring five runs in the bottom of the sixth including a two-RBI single by Kemp and an RBI single by Kortan. Mount Marty found themselves in the driver's seat winning the first game 14-4.

Concordia committed four errors in that first game. The Lancers made the most of those opportunities.

"It seem like in both games that we capitalized if they (Concordia) gave us extra chances," Bernatow said. "It also seemed like when they (Concordia) scored, we bounced backed and scored."

Derrick Nelson took the mound for the Lancers in the second game and the first inning woes affected Nelson as well. The freshman from Yankton walked the first batter, struck out the next two, hit a batter and gave up a three-run home run.

Mount Marty aided its pitcher tallying two runs in the first inning off an RBI by freshman Jared Miller and a RBI single by Allen Hemeyer.

Nelson also found comfort from the second inning on as his offense put up four more runs giving him a 6-3 lead. The big hit of the second inning was a two-RBI single by Livermont.

In the fifth inning, Nelson gave a single to the first batter of the inning, but was shortly ended making the next batter ground into a double play. It appeared that Nelson was going to survive the fifth inning, then an RBI single by Finley dashed those hopes, ending Nelson's day.

The Lancers called upon another freshman Dominic Wieseler to work the last out of the fifth inning. Anthony Flores greeted Wieseler with a three-run home run, but Wieseler struck out Dustin Matlock to end the threat.

It was the second time Mount Marty trailed thanks to a three-run home run, but Bernatow didn't let it shake his team.

"We didn't change anything," he said. "We weren't pressing at the plate and went back to work to push two runs across."

In the bottom half of the fifth inning, Heine and Kemp each drove in RBI singles to give the Lancers a one-run lead, 8-7.

Schmidt struck out four of the eight batters he faced for the save. "I haven't many opportunities yet this year," Schmidt said. "My arm felt really good today and I was glad that I got to throw."

Mount Marty (11-14, 4-4 GPAC) looks forward to the rare opportunity to host a Division-I school in South Dakota State University on Tuesday. This will be the second Division-I school the Lancers have seen this season, taking a 10-9 loss against Butler University last month in Florida.

"We probably really haven't focused in on the game yet, because of conference weekends" Bernatow said. "It helps us, because to compete with those guys, we are going to have to play really clean baseball."

The Lancers split the GPAC doubleheader with Nebraska Wesleyan on Saturday in Lincoln, Neb. Mount Marty won the first game 13-3, while Nebraska Wesleyan won the second game 9-7.

# BALL

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Marty's seven-run seventh by scoring two in the bottom of the frame in an 11-10 Tiger victory. MMC scored seven runs on eight hits in the seventh, overcoming a 9-3 deficit.

Renee Ramirez went 3-4 with a double, and Andrea Hansen, Ricke, Jerdee, Michaela Bunde and Amanda Soehl each had two hits as the Lancers outhit Doane 16-14. Bunde had her first career home run, Jerdee had two doubles and Ricke added a double for the Lancers.

Peters, who pitched three innings in relief of Erica Loutsch, took the loss. CAL STATE-BAKERSFIELD 4-2, USD 2-5; BAKERSFIELD, Calif. — South Dakota scored a 5-2 decision in the nightcap to split a doubleheader at Cal State-Bakersfield Saturday.

Paige Policky put the Coyotes ahead with a two-run double and pitched four solid innings on the rubber in the win. She allowed two earned runs on three hits, striking out four. Erica Denney got her first career save, pitching three scoreless innings.

Alexa Rudeen paced the Coyotes, going 4-for-4 with a run scored. Mel Johnson was 2-for-4 with a key two-run homer and two RBI. Policky was 1-for-3 with a double and two RBI, while Lindsey Boyd added an RBI.

In the opener, USD led 2-0 heading into the bottom of the fifth, but gave up four runs in that frame to claim a 4-2 victory.

Johnson was 2-for-3 with a double and a run scored, while Policky and Stephanie Hill were each 1-for-3 with an RBI. Boyd and freshman Christine Broders (Yankton) were each 1-for-3. Johnson took the loss, allowing four runs (three earned) and eight hits in 4 2/3 innings. She struck out two and walked three. Policky finished in relief, throwing 1 1/3 scoreless innings.

Mount Marty had two big innings in the first game starting with three runs in the first inning and ended with seven runs fifth inning.

Schmidt went a perfect 2-2 with four RBI and knocking out a home run for the Lancers, while Livermont also knocked in a pair of runs and scoring three runs.

Miller and Heine each tacked on homeruns in game one.

Another Mount Marty bat that stood out in the first game was Hemeyer, who went 1-2 with two RBI. Hemeyer was also on the bump for the Lancers — he threw all five innings of work, allowing three earned runs and striking out two batters.

Mount Marty didn't have the same luck in game two as they gave up four unearned runs in the bottom half of the six inning. The Lancers did try to mount a comeback in the seventh inning, but it wasn't enough to overcome the five run deficit.

Josh Engquist took the loss, throwing three innings allowing five earned runs.

Kortan was the bright spot for the Lancers, hitting 4-4 including a solo home run and three RBIs. Schmidt also went 2-4 with one RBI, while Hemeyer added an RBI.

For Nebraska Wesleyan, Beau Kelly went 3-4 with four RBIs, including a two-run double.

# Bucks Open Season With Rout Of Harrisburg

The Yankton Bucks opened their 2011 baseball season with a 15-5 victory over Harrisburg Saturday at Riverside Field.

Mike Janish went 3-5 with two triples and three runs scored to lead Yankton. Trevor Bailey had two hits and three runs scored. Cameron Schiltz, Nik Davis and Heath Arens each had two hits in the win.

Schiltz picked up the win as seven different pitchers threw for Yankton.

Yankton hosts Brandon Valley Tuesday. Start time is 5 p.m., with the JV game to follow.

Yankton won the JV game 13-2 in four innings.

Alec Sprakel had a triple, double and single, scoring twice, to lead Yankton. Andrew Kotalik also had three hits, with two RBI and two runs scored. Tom Binder, Austin Davis, Alex Wagner and Josh Teichroew each had two RBI in the win.

Jordan Groves and Sprakel each pitched two innings for the Bucks.



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Yankton's Cody Ulmer dives into first base to beat a throw to the bag during the Bucks' season and home opener with Harrisburg, Saturday at Riverside Field.

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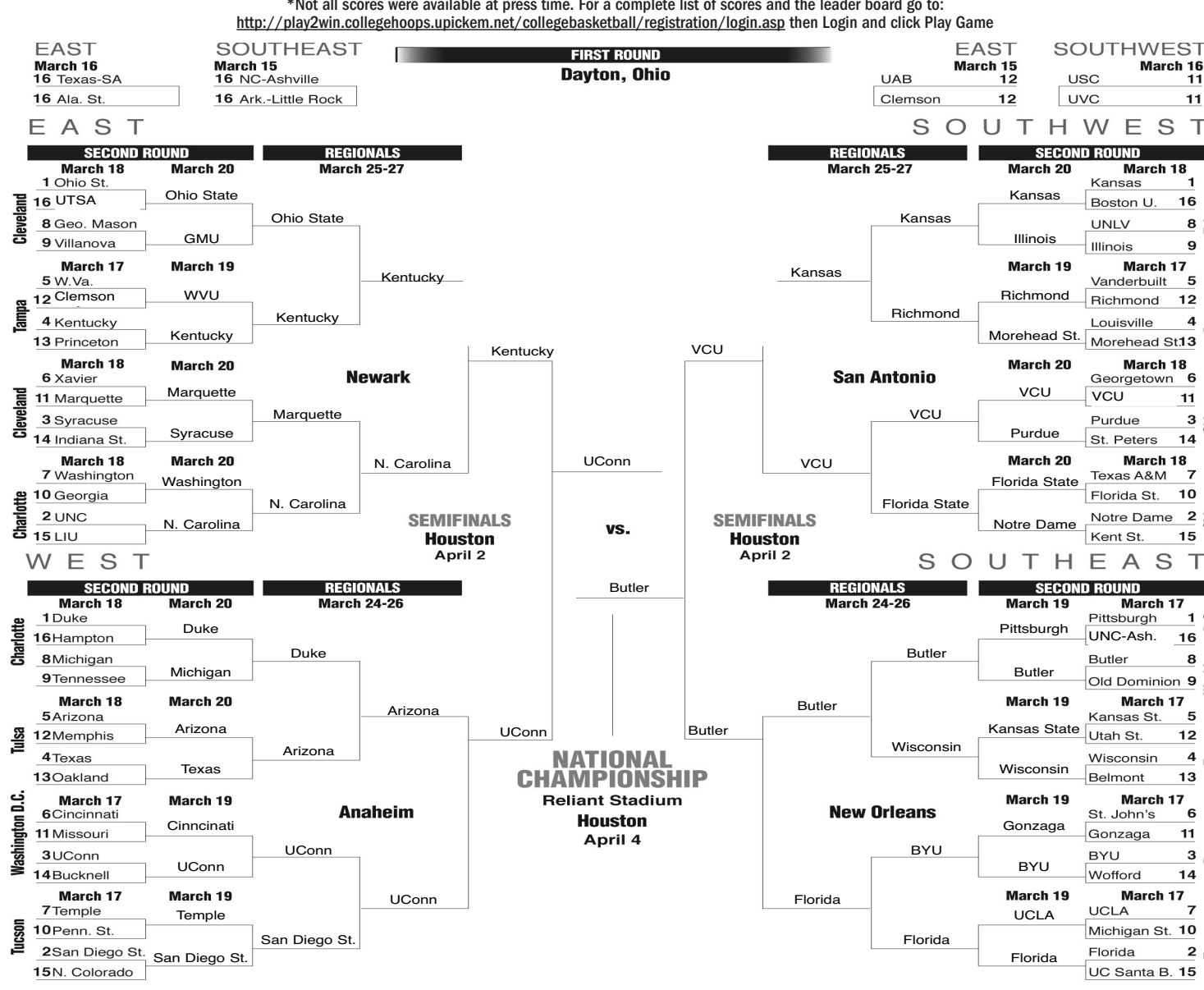
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