



Mount Marty freshman pitcher Jessica Finch fires the ball home during game one of the Lancers Great Plains Athletic Conference doubleheader with Dordt on Wednesday at Riverside Park. Finch tossed a complete game shutout in the Lancers 1-0 victory in the opener.

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The Mount Marty Lancers went into their first Great Plains Athletic Conference games of the season with a winless record. The Lancers (1-9) picked up their first victory with a 1-0 win over Dordt (6-15) on Wednesday at Riverside Park. However, Mount Marty dropped the second of the twinbill 10-7.

"This first victory is great," Mount Marty head coach Albert Fernandez said. "Going to Tuscan and coming back with no wins is tough. We came back today after two and a half weeks of no games and played well. We did just enough to get the job done."

Mount Marty freshmen pitcher Jessica Finch was given the nod on the hill for the first game.

Dordt pitcher and Rapid City native Sidney Larsen went toe-for-toe with Finch the whole contest. Larsen had five strike-outs on six innings of work.

However, Finch proved to be the more dominate pitcher and

threw a complete-game shut-out, allowing only three hits. Not only did Finch help the Lancers earn their first victory, but she added seven strike-outs on the night.

"Well, we had some average defense out there tonight," Fernandez said. "But, Finch came out and pitched great. She did a great job of getting out of some tough jams."

The Lancers scored their lone run in the first inning. Senior catcher Gabi Cardenas drove a fastball up the middle to score leadoff hitter Jamie Gregory.

Sophia Lopez added two doubles in the victory for the Lancers.

In the second and third innings, Dordt had the bases juiced, but could not connect.

Both teams battled back and forth throughout the rest of the game.

Mount Marty left seven runners on base, to 11 from Dordt.

"Credit Dordt tonight, they did a good job of putting runners in position all night long," Fernandez said.

In the second game of the twinbill, Dordt capitalized on key Lancer mistakes. This game also proved to be opposite of the previous.

Mount Marty came roaring out of the gates, scoring five runs in the first two innings.

In the third and fourth innings, Dordt went on a run of their own, scoring five unanswered runs and tying up the game.

"We came out great in the first two innings, and then we just fell asleep," Fernandez said. "Both teams struggled defensively to make consistent plays."

In the fifth inning, Gregory and Shaina Lonneman each scored off of a Karley Seuntjens double to the wall, giving the Lancers a 7-5 lead going into the top of sixth inning.

Dordt finished the game scoring four unanswered runs and securing a GPAC victory over the Lancers.

"We gave them extra outs in that second game," Fernandez said. "We battled back and happened to be in the giving mood —

errors killed us in the end. We didn't execute and play well enough defensively to win this game."

Even though the Lancers gave up 10 runs in the second game, Fernandez was proud of how his girls threw all day.

"The pitching was good all day," he said. "Hansen started off for us and threw strikes. Katie (Groteluschen) came in a tough spot in the last inning and got us out of there."

The Mount Marty Lancers will compete in 26 games over the 24 days.

"I feel like we had a good off-season," Fernandez said. "We have continued to lift, which has helped to keep our strength. It's on me to get them rest. Some days we will need light work here and there. We have to be 100 percent before every game."

The Lancers host College of Saint Mary today (Thursday) at Riverside Park at 3 p.m.

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# Bucks Claim Season Opener

Baseball: Yankton  
Tops Vermillion 4-2

The Yankton Bucks club high school baseball team opened its 2013 campaign with a 4-2 victory over Vermillion on Wednesday at Riverside Field.

After trailing 1-0 and 2-1, Yankton rallied for three runs in the fifth to claim victory.

Tanner Termanson and Kory Bromley each doubled, with Termanson also scoring for Yankton. Lane Sawatzke and Sam Wendte each had a hit and a run batted in, with Sawatzke also scoring. Mitch Gullikson added a hit for the Bucks.

For Vermillion, Tanner Anderson had two hits and a run scored to lead the way. Colin Olson doubled, and Jayce Huska and Justin Bendesky added hits for the Tanagers.

Termanson, the third Yankton pitcher on the day, picked up the win. Zach Benjamin pitched a scoreless seventh for the save.

Yankton heads west this weekend, traveling to Sturgis on Saturday and Rapid City Stevens on Sunday. Vermillion, now 1-1, hosts Dakota Valley on Friday.

Yankton also won in JV action, blanking the Tanagers 8-0.



Vermillion shortstop Tanner Settles, left, scoops up a throw to force out Yankton's Brad Ulmer at second base during their high school baseball game on Wednesday at Yankton's Riverside Field.

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## Rutgers Fires Basketball Coach Over Abuse, Taunts

PISCATAWAY, N.J. (AP) — Once the video went viral, Mike Rice's coaching days at Rutgers were over.

Now the question is whether anyone else will lose their jobs — including the athletic director who in December suspended and fined Rice for the abusive behavior, and the university president who signed off on it.

Rice was fired Wednesday, one day after a video surfaced of him hitting, shoving and berating his players with anti-gay slurs. The taunts were especially troubling behavior at Rutgers, where freshman student Tyler Clementi killed himself in 2010 after his roommate used a webcam to spy on him kissing another man in his dorm.

It also came at an especially embarrassing time for the NCAA, with the country focused on the Final Four basketball tournament this weekend.

Rice, in his third season with the Scarlet Knights, apologized outside his home in Little Silver, N.J.

"I've let so many people down: my players, my administration, Rutgers University, the fans, my family, who's sitting in their house just huddled around because of the fact their father was an embarrassment to them," he said. "I want to tell everybody who's believed in me that I'm deeply sorry for the pain and hardship that I've caused."

Athletic Director Tim Perneti was given a copy of the tape by a former employee in November and, after an independent investigator was hired to review it, Rice was suspended for three games, fined \$75,000 and ordered to attend anger management classes. University President Robert Barchi agreed to the penalty.

## Dakota State Sweeps Mount Marty

Baseball: Games  
Moved To Crofton

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CROFTON, Neb. — A short trip south of the border revealed some rather key issues for the Mount Marty College baseball team.

In losing both ends of a non-conference doubleheader with Dakota State on Wednesday in Crofton, the Lancers weren't exactly happy with their performance.

"We didn't have much life in the first game, but I was happy with the way we came back and gave ourselves a chance," said MMC coach Andy Bernatow, whose team lost the first game, 9-1, and 11-6 in the nightcap, in nine innings.

"It's kind of the same story; we have some talent, but we're still a work in progress."

The doubleheader, postponed from March 26 and moved to Crofton because of a scheduling conflict in Yankton, saw the Lancers (9-15) make some uncharacteristic mistakes.

A series of missed pop-ups, grounders off the glove and baserunning mistakes all meant one thing: The Lancers gave DSU extra outs.

And the Trojans didn't waste those opportunities, getting a combined 28 hits including three home runs. Rays Roman finished with six RBI on the day and Kyle Holland added seven hits — all from the top two hitters in the lineup.

In the opener, the combination of mistakes — mental and some physical ones — and DSU righthander Austin Weber doomed the Lancers.

Weber limited Mount Marty to five hits, three from junior Jared Miller, including a solo home run



Bryton Carlson, left, of Mount Marty follows through a single during the first game of Wednesday's non-conference doubleheader with Dakota State in Crofton, Neb.

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in the fourth inning. Bryton Carlson and Tyler Edler added singles for the Lancers.

The Trojans got started early, scoring twice in the top of the first inning and three more in the second. Kevin Madera went 4-4 with a homer and Anyelo Roman drove in three runs.

Mount Marty was uncharacteristically loose in the field, dropping two foul pop flies and another in the infield, and later committing two errors in the seventh. A.J. Griffith, the first of five MMC pitchers, took the loss.

"Flat" was the word Miller used to describe MMC in the first game.

"We didn't have much energy right away, for some reason," he said. "We picked it up later, but we needed that one extra hit. We

just didn't get it."

A sluggish day turned quickly for the Lancers midway through the second game, when they pulled within 5-3 in the fourth inning. A two-run pinch hit double by Riley Stack in the sixth tied the game at 6-6.

MMC got two runners on base with nobody out in the eighth, but wasted the opportunity.

Dakota State did not in the top of the ninth, getting a bases loaded walk by Anyelo Roman, a 3-run triple by Rays Roman and an RBI single by Holland to lead 11-6.

And that was all the Trojans needed.

Mount Marty used eight pitchers on the night, a plan from the start, according to Bernatow.

"When we get to these mid-

week games, we try to find some pitching," he said. "We want to see more guys, and they did a better job in the second (game)."

The Lancers return to Great Plains Athletic Conference action Friday with a doubleheader against Morningside, starting at 4 p.m.

Naturally, MMC wants to clean up its play for the conference games, Bernatow said.

"If we show up in the GPAC like we did in that first game, we won't win many games," he said. "We know that. We just have to get better."

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## EPJ's Zeller Named First Team All-State

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The good news for South Dakota basketball fans is they haven't seen the last of Clark-Willow Lake standout Skyler Flatten.

The 6-foot-5 senior is taking his talents to South Dakota State University after a stellar high school career that included 1,686 points and 436 rebounds in 90 games for the Cyclones.

Flatten was the leader of a Clark-Willow Lake team that was No. 1-rated much of the year and capped a 23-1 season by winning the consolation championship in the 2013 state Class A boys basketball tournament.

For his efforts, he earned repeat first-team honors on the Class A Boys All-State basketball team picked by the South Dakota Basketball Coaches Association and the South Dakota Sportswriters Association.

"He's such a pure athlete. Not many coaches get the chance to coach a kid like this," said Clark-Willow Lake head coach Jerome Nesheim. "He's going to Division I and he's going to have success at that level. He's only going to get better with better coaching and better competition around him."

Flatten, who averaged 22.4 points and 5.7 rebounds per game this past season, is joined on the All-State first team by fellow seniors Jordan Baker of Sioux Falls Christian, Bryce Koch of Dell Rapids, Lincoln Swenson of Deuel and Brock Zeller of Elk Point-Jefferson.

Flatten's versatility would be a benefit to any team.

"We used him at every position that we needed to," said Nesheim. "There were times he posted up, times he played the point and times he played the wing. It just kind of depended on what we needed."

There's plenty of talent surrounding Flatten on the honor squad.

Baker, a 6-6 senior center, was the leader of a Sioux Falls Christian team that enjoyed an unbeaten regular season just like Flatten's Cyclones. The Northwestern College (Iowa) recruit averaged 16.5 points, 11 rebounds and 1.7 blocks per game for the Chargers.

He was named the most valuable player in the Big Sioux Conference.

"Jordan was an outstanding leader for our team," said Sioux Falls Christian head coach Mike Schouten. "He led by example, as he was one of the hardest-working players on the team, and also verbally, often times encouraging his teammates to work harder."

Christian's perfect season came to an end with a 67-63 loss in the District 6A champion to a Dell Rapids team that featured Koch, a 6-5 senior forward who averaged 12.3 points, 9.4 rebounds and 4 blocks per game. The Fallriers didn't make it to state, falling to eventual state champion Madison in the Region 3A finals.

Koch finished his career with 903 points, 765 rebounds and 272 blocks (tops in school history) and shot 58 percent from the field.

"Bryce is a high energy player and he served as an emotional leader for our team this season," said Dell Rapids head coach Jason Fersdahl. "In many games, he was able to dominate the paint by using his size and athleticism to control the rebounding battle and blocking or altering shots."

Koch will take his talents to Morningside College (Iowa) and could have continued matchups against Baker. Both Northwestern and Morningside are members of