

Morningside Cools Off Mount Marty

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A disappointing day for the Mount Marty Lancers is forcing the players to face what head coach Andy Bernatow said is a test of character.

"We had our opportunities, and we didn't seize them," Bernatow said following Friday's home doubleheader sweep at the hands of Morningside College at Bob Tereshinski Stadium at Riverside Field.

"We're not going to ask our kids to do anything they can't do, but we do have talent. The expectation this time of year is that if you have the ability to do something you need to do it. If not, the byproduct is what we saw today."

Mount Marty came out first in game one with three runs in the first inning from

Derrick Nelson on an RBI, stolen base home on an away pitch from Bryton Carlson and from Derek Blumenstock on an RBI.

Morningside's Blake Meacham hit a grand slam in the third inning to take a 4-3 lead, while Morningside scored another two runs in the fifth inning, holding Mount Marty 5-3 for game one.

"The first game was a tough game because we had the momentum, and a play didn't go our way and we lost momentum," Bernatow said. "We get a good team like Morningside extra outs and the next thing you know they hit a homerun. That stuff is going to happen — where things don't always go your way — but I don't like how we bounced back from that."

The Mustangs also took game two 8-3 with 12 hits and no errors against MMC's five

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Bernatow said the team now must focus on working around the rough spots.

"We have to do a better job of standing up for ourselves and shutting down and stepping up and competing, and I know our guys understand that," he said. "This time of year you don't have the luxury to approach things that way with where we are in the conference and everything so tight."

"I would hope they would be a little more inspired in the way they go about things, and today we didn't see that. That's what's disappointing."

Mount Marty falls to 22-16 and 5-5 in conference play, while Morningside moves to 29-10 overall and 7-3 in conference. The Lancers now sit tied in fourth in conference

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JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D
Mount Marty catcher Nick Sehr, right, puts the tag on Morningside's Jacob Lamoreux to prevent the Mustangs from scoring in the first inning of the opening game of their Great Plains Athletic Conference baseball doubleheader on Friday at Yankton's Bob Tereshinski Stadium at Riverside Field.

Motivated Cavs Off To Fast Start

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SCOTLAND – A year ago, the Bon Homme boys' track team had the pieces in place to threaten a top-5 finish at the state meet. The Cavaliers, though, finished in ninth place.

That was all the motivation they needed for 2015.

With most of their sprinters and other top-level athletes back, the Cavaliers are racing out of the gate – quite literally – this season toward a better finish at state.

"We've got good teammates who work hard," sophomore Chase Kortan said Friday at the Scotland Invitational, where he helped lead Bon Homme to the team title.

"And we want to be good." The sprinting events are proving again to be the Cavaliers' biggest strength this season.

They return Kortan and senior Hunter Young, both of whom qualified for state in the 100-meter dash last year, but neither made finals. Bon Homme also brings back three of the four runners in the fourth-place 800 relay, and all four runners from the sixth-place 400 relay.

In field events, Kortan was eighth in the long jump at the state meet, while Devin Millen (now a junior) took seventh in the triple jump.

In short: The Cavaliers are again deep in those events, particularly the sprints, this season.

"The past three years is the best it's been in a long time, and we're really thankful for that," said senior Zach Sutera, who rank back-to-back events Friday – the anchor leg of the 400 relay and then the 400-meter dash.

In what was their first outdoor meet of the season Friday, the Cavaliers qualified their 400 relay quartet to state, nearly qualified the 800

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Bon Homme Back Chasing Success

ABOVE: Bon Homme's Zach Sutera, left, takes the baton from teammate Hunter Young during the final leg of the boys' 400-meter relay at Friday's Scotland Invitational.

LEFT: Bon Homme's Chase Kortan races out of the blocks to start the boys' 800-meter relay at Friday's Scotland Invitational. The Cavaliers would go on to win the event in a time of 1:33.9.

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Golf: Pierre Takes Parkston Invite

Parkston Finishes Second, Yankton Fourth

MITCHELL – The Pierre Lady Gobs beat out host Parkston for top honors at the Parkston National Guard Invitational girls' golf tournament, held on Friday at Mitchell's Lakeview Golf Course.

Pierre shot 332, 10 strokes better than the Lady Trojans.

Aberdeen Central (361) and Yankton (370) finished third and fourth.

Parkston's Sydney Bormann (75) and Sydney Weber (77) finished 1-2, and were followed by three straight Lady Gobs: Karissa Guthrie (78), Katie Bartlett (83) and Jenna Johnson (85).

Yankton put three golfers in the top 15, led by Payton Pierce's 88 to place eighth. Ashley Van Meeteren placed tenth with a 91. Linze Cowman finished 14th with a 94.

Also for the Gazelles, Darian Tramp shot 97, Morgan Strahl shot 104 and Kasey Erickson carded a 115.

TEAM SCORES: Pierre 332, Parkston 342, Aberdeen Central 361, Yankton 370, Mitchell 408, Parkston JV 481, Mitchell JV 496, Sioux Falls Lincoln 527
TOP 15: Sydney Bormann, Parkston 75; Sydney Weber, Parkston 77; Karissa Guthrie, Pierre 78; Katie Bartlett, Pierre 83; Jenna Johnson, Pierre 85; Cassidy Gough, Aberdeen 86; Paige Lonbaken, Pierre 86; Payton Pierce, Yankton 88; Brooklyn Hofer, Aberdeen 88; Ashley VanMeeteren, Yankton 91; Sierra Stands, Parkston 92; Kylie Barington, Mitchell 93; Mikayla Sanlier, Aberdeen 93; Linze Cowman, Yankton 94; Sydney Wirebaugh, Aberdeen 94
OTHER AREA: Darian Tramp, Yankton 97; Jayden Bormann, Parkston 98; Morgan Strahl, Yankton 104; Jadee Mattheis, Parkston 105; Kenzie Lee, Parkston 108; Jessica Alley, Parkston JV 109; Tylee Neugbauer, Parkston JV 110; Kasey Erickson, Yankton 115; Alyssa Appletoft, Parkston JV 125; April Will, Parkston

JV 137; Dani Norden, Parkston JV 142

Flandreau Inv.

FLANDREAU – The Garretson boys and Baltic girls claimed top honors in the Flandreau Invitational golf tournament, held on Friday at the Flandreau Public Golf

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Tennis: Bucks Go 1-1 To Open Season



JOHN DAVIS/ABERDEEN AMERICAN NEWS
Yankton's Paul Fanta returns a volley during a doubles match against Aberdeen Roncalli Friday at the Rezatto Rumble in Aberdeen.

ABERDEEN – The Yankton Bucks boys' tennis team opened the 2015 season with a pair of 6-3 decisions, beating Aberdeen Roncalli and falling to Aberdeen Central in the Rezatto Rumble boys' tennis Tournament on Friday in Aberdeen.

Luke Rockne and Jason Shindler each went 2-0 in singles play to lead Yankton. Shindler also teamed with Paul Fanta to go unbeaten at flight two doubles.

"Our first match against AC was our first match of the year and you could tell. We had first-match jitters and played really tight. AC is a very strong team but we are anxious to play them again later in the season," said Yankton head coach Matt Termansen. "The boys played well against Roncalli."

Yankton concludes play in the tournament today (Saturday), facing Rapid City Stevens and Milbank.

ABERDEEN CENTRAL 6, YANKTON 3
SINGLES: Luke Rockne, Y, def. Jesse Margolies, 10-6; Jason Schindler, Y, def. Adam Zimmerman, 10-4; Dillon Prissel, AC, def. Hunter Rockne, 10-2; Matt Hollan, AC, def. Ben Mooney, 10-6; Eric Marnette, AC, def. Nate List, 10-4; Parker Monson, AC, def. Ethan Klimisch, 10-1.
DOUBLES: Margolies-Zimmerman, AC, def. L. Rockne-H. Rockne, 10-6; Schindler-Paul Fanta, Y, def. Prissel-Hollan, 10-8; Marnette-Monson, AC, def. List-Klimisch, 10-7.

YANKTON 6, ABER. RONCALLI 3
SINGLES: Luke Rockne, Y, def. Isaiah Vilhauer, 10-2; Jason Schindler, Y, def. Keaton Deiter, 10-0; Hunter Rockne, Y, def. Sam Maunu, 10-4; Luke Lingor, AR, def. Ben Mooney, 10-1; Austin Kokales, AR, def. Nate List, 10-2; Colton Helwig, AR, def. Ethan Klimisch, 10-7.
DOUBLES: L. Rockne-H. Rockne, Y, def. Vilhauer-Lingor, 10-6; Schindler-Paul Fanta, Y, def. Deiter-Maunu, 10-0; List-Klimisch, Y, Kokales-Helwig, 10-8.

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