

# Baseball: Mount Marty Takes Two From Midland

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Knowing their Sunday games were a test of character, the Mount Marty Lancers pulled through when it counted in their double header against the Midland Warriors, coming into Sunday tied for fifth in the Great Plains Athletic Conference.

Matching their season wins from last season, as well as their conference wins from last season, the Lancers pulled off back-to-back wins Sunday at Bob Tereshinski Stadium in front of their home crowd.

"The game has a funny way of teaching you lessons," Bernatow said following the team's wins. "That's why I love this game so much — it can relate to life in many

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Marty, who, in the 10th inning of game one, scored for the first and only time of the game with an RBI from Collin Peterson on line drive to far right field, bringing Hunter Hallock in from third base.

"There was just no give," Bernatow said. "It was fun to see our guys work around the first play of the game making an error. With the way things have been going, we haven't been doing a good job getting over that hump the error creates. Today, right off the

facets." That character test came in the form of a 10-inning battle right off the bat for Mount

bat that we did it was a great sign."

Lancers' pitcher AJ Griffith, who pitched the first seven innings, gave up only four hits on 24 at-bats. Bryton Carlson, who finished up the last three innings, gave up only one hit on nine at-bats.

"We knew it was crunch time with dropping two games on Friday," Carlson said. "We really had to make it a point to make them our two best games of the year, and we did that."

While the Warriors scored three runs on three hits alone with two MMC errors in the first inning of game two, and once more in the fifth, Mount Marty scored four runs on three hits just in the bottom

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JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D  
Mount Marty's Hunter Hallock crosses the plate as his teammates celebrate a 1-0 10-inning victory over Midland in the opening game of the Lancers' Great Plains Athletic Conference baseball doubleheader with the Warriors on Sunday at Yankton's Bob Tereshinski Stadium at Riverside Field. MMC completed the sweep with a 5-4 win in the nightcap.

# Coyotes Pound Way To Sweep

USD Scored 42 Runs In 3 Games

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VERMILLION — Forty-two runs. Forty-seven hits. Fourteen home runs.

That was the offensive output over the weekend for the University of South Dakota softball team, which finished off a 3-game Summit League sweep Sunday of Fort Wayne.

What made the weekend even more fun?

"Winning is the best part about this whole weekend," said senior Matley Jones, who was 9-for-11 with five home runs and 14 RBI in the series.

In moving to 6-3 in conference play, the Coyotes didn't slow down Sunday after Saturday's 30-run, 9-home run performance. Not with the wind in their favor.

They swatted five more in the finale, with Jones hitting two and senior Katie Dinning adding a solo homer which ended the game at 12-4 in the fifth inning.

"Honestly, our team's been hitting the crap out of the ball," Jones said. "It's awesome to be a part of it and see the energy in the dugout, knowing the next person will get a hit."

There was plenty of homers to go around in the past week for the Coyotes.

In last week's doubleheader at Creighton, USD hit seven home runs, which means it has now slugged 21 homers in its last five games — scoring a total of 68 runs.

At some point, head coach

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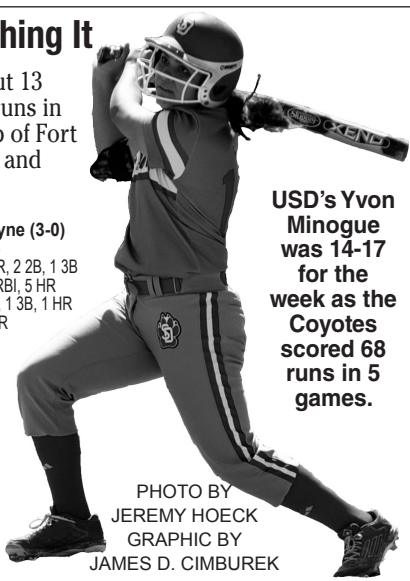
JEREMY HOECK/P&D  
University of South Dakota players wait for Allie Daly to touch home plate after a home run in Sunday's Summit League softball game against Fort Wayne in Vermillion.

## Coyotes Crushing It

USD pounded out 13 home runs and 42 runs in a three-game sweep of Fort Wayne on Saturday and Sunday.

**Weekend vs. Fort Wayne (3-0)**  
Team: 580, 14 HR, 10 2B, 2 3B  
Yvon Minogue: 7-8, 9 runs, 2 HR, 2 2B, 1 3B  
Matley Jones: 9-11, 9 runs, 14 RBI, 5 HR  
Katie Dinning: 6-8, 7 runs, 2 2B, 1 3B, 1 HR  
Allie Daly: 6-9, 6 RBI, 2 2B, 2 HR

**For The Week (4-1)**  
Team: 494, 21 HR, 15 2B, 68 runs scored  
Yvon Minogue: 14-17, 14 runs, 8 RBI, 3 HR, 3 2B  
Allie Daly: 12-18, 7 runs, 6 RBI, 5 HR  
Matley Jones: 11-20, 10 runs, 17 RBI, 6 HR  
Shelby Keil: 7-14, 8 RBI, 3 HR  
Katie Cochrain: 9-18, 10 runs, 8 RBI, 3 HR, 3 2B



USD's Yvon Minogue was 14-17 for the week as the Coyotes scored 68 runs in 5 games.

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## Mitchell Native Fitting In At Fort Wayne

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VERMILLION — Hailey Gukeisen had yet to pick up a hit in her brief college softball career.

All it took was for the Mitchell native to step up to the plate in her home state.

Gukeisen, a freshman infielder and outfielder for the Fort Wayne softball team, hit a solo home run in the second game of Saturday's Summit

League doubleheader against the University of South Dakota in Vermillion.

Though the hometown Coyotes would go on to out-score Fort Wayne 42-7 in a weekend sweep, Gukeisen's first collegiate hit gave her large contingent of family and friends a chance to cheer.

"I went up there and was kind of nervous at first," she said after the doubleheader. "Hearing everyone cheer, I

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JEREMY HOECK/P&D  
Fort Wayne freshman Hailey Gukeisen (right), a native of Mitchell, talks with a teammate prior to Sunday's Summit League softball game against the University of South Dakota in Vermillion.

## MMC Takes Home 19 Top-10 Finishes, One Title At Red Raider Open

ORANGE CITY, Iowa — The Mount Marty College track and field team took home 19 top-10 finishes, led by Abbey VanDenBerg's title in the triple jump, at the Red Raider Open, held Friday and Saturday in Orange City, Iowa.

VanDenBerg flew 37 feet, 6 ¾ inches to win the triple jump. Her mark of 17-3 ¼ in the long jump was good enough for seventh.

Caitlin Davis (Elk Point), Jordyn Hudelson (Elk Point) and Mandy O'Malley combined on two top-six finishes in relays, fourth in the 3200 relay (9:47.83) and sixth in the 1600 relay (4:24.36). Holly Hegge (Crofton, Nebraska) completed the 1600 relay, while Berkley

Rietveld completed the 3200 relay.

Davis was also eighth in the 400 (1:03.21). Hegge was also tenth in the long jump (16-3 ¾).

Also for the MMC women, Emily Boyle (Creighton, Nebraska) was sixth (9-6 ¼) and Christina Herrboldt (Menno) was ninth (8-0 ½) in the pole vault, Carla Squyer was eighth in the 10,000-meter run (47:29.02) and Allison Cross was ninth in the shot put (39-3 ¾).

The Lancer men were led by two top-10 places in the throws from sophomore William Mart (Vermillion), who placed seventh in the discus (144-10) and tenth in the hammer (126-10). Christian Petrich

(11:13.16) and Ryan Oye (12:26.13) placed fourth and seventh in the steeplechase. Joshua Monson (34:00.04) and Austin Miller (35:27.78) placed sixth and eighth in the 10,000. Tyler Payer (Armour) placed sixth in the high jump (6-1 ¼). Adam Haigh (Bloomfield, Nebraska) placed sixth in the pole vault (13-3 ½) and Neil Hohenhaner (Yankton) finished sixth in the decathlon (4,559), including a first-place mark in the 1,500-meter run (4:55.12).

Several area alumni competed in the event, led by Irene native Haley Hinseth. The University of Sioux Falls thrower placed fourth in the shot put (40-11), sixth in the javelin (104-4) and seventh in

both the discus (130-4) and hammer (131-11).

Freeman native Lillie Korer (Dordt) placed eighth in the 1,500 (4:57.85) and helped the Defenders to a first place finish in the 3200 relay. Crofton native Elizabeth Kube (Morningside) placed fourth in the 5,000-meter run (21:08.18). Elk Point native Tascha Donnelly (Briar Cliff) placed fourth in the triple jump (36-4 ¼).

On the men's side, Ponca, Nebraska native Sam Burki (Briar Cliff) finished third in the javelin (160-0), Freeman native Ben Brockmueller (Dordt) placed fourth in the 10,000 (33:36.58) and Tyndall native Scott Van Winkle (Dakota Wesleyan) placed eighth in the

400 (52.01).

## Husker Spring Inv.

LINCOLN, Neb. — South Dakota juniors Amber Eichkorn and Isaac Allen broke a pair of records from the 20th century as the Coyote track and field teams competed at the Husker Spring Invitational on Saturday.

Eichkorn breezed through the 3,000-meter run with a winning time of 9 minutes, 39.13 seconds. Her time was 10 seconds faster than the previous school record of 9:49.17 held by Tina Fenske from 1999. Junior teammate Kelsey Barrett ran 10:08.57 to place third in the same event.

Allen also clocked a new school record in the 3,000 meters with a time of 8:34.61. The record Allen broke was 38 years old, a time of 8:48.2 set by Charles Cvirk in 1977. There are now only four remaining men's school records set prior to 1980.

The Coyotes placed 13 athletes in the top-three of their respective events against DI competition from Nebraska, North Dakota State, Indiana State and Northern Iowa.

Another highlight to the men's performances

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## YHS Wins Three Events At BV Invite

BRANDON — The Yankton track and field team had six automatic qualifiers for the South Dakota State Track and Field Championships and earned a combined 30 top-six finishes at their outdoor debut for the 2015 season, the Brandon Valley Invitational on Saturday.

Yankton's girls earned 18 top-six finishes, led by wins from Emma Stewart in both the long jump (17-6 ¼) and triple jump (36-5), both with automatic qualifying marks. She also helped the Gazelles to a fourth place finish in the 800 relay (1:51.0).

Madason Tessier finished third in both the 100- (15.6) and 300-meter (49.7) hurdles, hitting qualifying standard in the shorter race. She was also on the 800 relay squad.

Kate Budig placed fourth in the high jump (5-0) and sixth in the 300 hurdles, meeting qualifying standard in the high jump.

Also earning two individual top-six finishes was Adrienne Kusek, who placed fifth in the discus (104.5) and sixth in the shot put (35-6 ½).

In the triple jump, Lindsey Hale (34-10) finished second and Emily Oswald (33-9 ¾) placed sixth. Each were a part of the Gazelles' 800 relay. Oswald was also on the Gazelles' runner-up medley relay (4:40.0).

Lauren Graves, Savannah Woods, Madison McClure and Tessa Folkers combined to finish sixth in the 3200 relay (10:19.6). Graves was also fourth in the 800 (2:29.9). McClure was fourth in the 3200 (11:57.3) and Woods was fifth

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JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D  
Mount Marty pitcher Amber Krause, left, fires to first after recovering a line drive that went off her body during the opening game of the Lancers' Great Plains Athletic Conference softball doubleheader with Nebraska Wesleyan on Saturday at Yankton's Sertoma Park. Also pictured is MMC first baseman Shaina Lonneman, 16.

## Lancers Split With Nebraska Wesleyan

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The Mount Marty Lancers softball team split with Great Plains Athletic Conference foe Nebraska Wesleyan on Saturday afternoon at Sertoma Park in Yankton.

After dropping the first game 4-3 in eight innings, the Lancers bounced back with a 5-0 victory in game two.

"For the most part I thought we played pretty well today," said Lancer head coach Albert Fernandez. "We did a good job of staying positive and responding to adversity."

With gusts of wind reaching 35 miles per hour blowing out to right field, the weather played a big role in both teams offensive production.

Nebraska Wesleyan opened up the offense early in game one after a two run home run by Rachel Kubik. The Prairie Wolves added another run in the sixth inning to take a 3-0 lead.

"We had a hard time scoring early, but we knew we were still in striking distance," said Fernandez.

The Lancers struggled to manufacture runs early in the contest. However, the Lancer bats heated up in the seventh inning, as they scored three runs on four hits sending the game to extra innings.

In the eighth inning, the Prairie Wolves capitalized on a Mount Marty error scoring the go ahead run.

"Winning or losing a game never comes down to just one play," said Fernandez. "There were a number of deferent plays throughout the entire game that had an effect on the outcome."

In game two, the Lancers were the first to strike scoring two runs in the game's opening frame.

Lancer pitcher Katie Groteluschen did not need much run support. Groteluschen, who threw a complete game in a 7-1 victory over Dakota Wesleyan

earlier this week, pitched six scoreless innings and allowed just five hits.

"Katie threw an excellent game for us," said Fernandez. "We got our offense going and we were making plays defensively."

With one swing of the bat, Jenn Mitera added a few insurance runs for the Lancers in the fifth with a two-run home run. The home run was Mitera's second of the season.

"I was proud of the way our kids bounced back," said Fernandez. "We have a few things to work on but we are staying positive and looking forward to what lies ahead."

The Lancers improve to 10-15 (3-9) on the season and currently sit at a tie for eighth place in the GPAC standings.

Mount Marty will host another conference doubleheader on Wednesday against Northwestern, a 3 p.m. start.

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