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## Lancers Fall One Win Short Of World Series

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LUBBOCK, Texas — On Friday, Mount Marty's Cinderella run in Bracket 4 of the NAIA Baseball Tournament crashed to Hays Field's synthetic turf with a resounding thud.

Lubbock Christian answered an early 3-0 MMC advantage by outscoring the Lancers 23-2 the rest of the way, securing a berth in the Avista-NAIA World Series with a 23-5 victory over Mount Marty.

"Today was just a situation where a sleeping giant awoke, and midnight struck for Cinderella," said MMC head coach Andy Bernatow.

Josh Damewood got MMC on the board in the second, homering in the alley in left center. The Lancers added two more in the third, when Zach Lambrechts and Damewood ripped back-to-back doubles, and Nathan Roche, the courtesy runner for Damewood, scored on an errant pickoff throw to second.

At the same time, the Lancer defense was making outstanding plays. Ross Heine bare-handed a high chopper to throw out a batter.

Justin Kemp made a diving catch in left field to save an extra-base hit. Damewood had a line drive ricochet off his foot, going right to first baseman Trey Krier for the out.

"They came out game," Bernatow said. "At the beginning, it seemed magical."

But LCU got back in the game in the bottom of the third. Dan Neumann and J.J. Muse ripped back-to-back doubles, and Muse came in to score on a David Cruz single. Neumann gave the Chaparrals the lead in the fourth, ripping a two-run double to give LCU a 4-3 lead.

Lubbock Christian took control in the fifth inning, with the big blow coming on a Richard Bohlken grand slam. After the home run, the floodgates opened and the Chaparrals scored nine in the inning to take a 13-3 advantage.

Lambrechts got one run back in the top of the sixth with a Lambrechts home run, but LCU exploded again in the bottom of the inning adding four more runs to extend to a 17-4 advantage.

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Mount Marty's Nathan Roche slides around the tag of Lubbock Christian's Dan Neumann to score during the third inning of the Bracket 4 championship game in the NAIA Baseball Tournament on Friday at Hays Field in Lubbock, Texas. Lubbock Christian won 23-5.

## Record-Setting Year Shows MMC Has Returned To Glory

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LUBBOCK, Texas — A week spent deep in the heart of Texas showed me, and hopefully the rest of the NAIA, something: Mount Marty baseball is back.

Mount Marty was the driving force of NAIA baseball in South Dakota back in the 1990s, winning a string of South Dakota-Iowa Athletic Conference titles and contending for NAIA District 12 titles before that.

For a few years since Bob Tereshinski turned over the reins, the program had, by its standards, less than stellar years. In fact,

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## NEB. STATE TRACK

## Area Athletes Perform Well On Opening Day

## Laurel-Concord Girls, Boys Record 10 Points

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OMAHA, Neb. — The two-time defending state champions in Class C will look to kick things in high gear after a slow start.

The Laurel-Concord Bears recorded 10 points in five finals at Friday's first day of the Nebraska State Track Meet in Omaha, Neb.

"Today was a really short day for our girls," Laurel-Concord head coach Nate Sims. "We are really loaded tomorrow and are looking to score a lot of points."

"All we have to do is be patient," he added. "Start off strong with the field events and get going in the 800-meter run."

Leading the Bears was senior standout Bethany DeLong, who took first in the long jump (16-10.25) a performance she thought could be better.

DeLong also won both of her preliminaries in the 100 (12.5) and 200-meter dashes (25.6).

"I didn't perform as well as I wanted to in the long jump," DeLong said. "But, it was good enough to take first place."

On the boys' side for the Bears Erza Schantz placed first in the shot put (53-7.75) giving Laurel-Concord 10 points. Schantz is looking to complete his performance tomorrow with a victory in the discus.

"This 55-8 was a decent this warm weather was a little bit of a factor," Schantz said. "Hopefully (today) morning it will be nice and cool and I throw a 180 in the discus."

The Crofton Warriors girls had a strong first day with Kristin Steffen, taking second place in the 3200-meter run (11:58.5). Steffen is looking forward to today (Saturday) where she will be competing in the 1600-meter run.

"It was a little nerve-racking coming in here," Steffen said. "It helps me know going into tomorrow that I can compete there with the competition."

The Crofton boys saw a fifth place finish from Dalton Gobel in the pole vault (13-0) and a sixth place finish from Trent Arens in the 3200 (10:08.8).

Randolph's Clinton Lackas saw a strong second place win in the high jump (6-5). Lackas faced an opponent that is all too familiar in Ponca's Jared Curry. Even though Curry came away with the victory Lackas is happy with his performance.

"I knew Curry was going to tough to beat this year, because last year he won it with 6-7," Lackas said. "I was just hoping that I could pull something off, but I made too many jumps and my legs got tired and wore down."

Hartington Cedar Catholic's Jacob Reifenrath ran well enough to compete for first place in the 100-meter finals.

In Class D boys' action, Hartington had Neil Kramer compete in four events on Friday — the high jump, triple jump, 110-meter hurdles and 300 hurdles.

He took sixth place in the

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Hartington's Neil Kramer clears his height in the boys' high jump at Friday's first day of the Nebraska State Track & Field Championships in Omaha, Neb. Kramer finished sixth in the high jump, highlighting the day for the Wildcats.

## Freeman, Tabor Cruise To Wins In SCL Openers

MENNO — The Scherschligt brothers propelled the Freeman Black Sox to a South Central League (SCL) opening victory.

Brett Scherschligt cranked a three-run home run and added an RBI double for Freeman, which cruised past Menno 11-2 in Friday night's opener for both teams in Menno.

Allen Scherschligt pitched seven strong innings for the win, allowing just two runs in the first inning.

Also for the Black Sox, Austin Smidt hit a solo homer, Lance Edwards doubled and singled, and Geoffrey Pfeiffer singled twice.

For the Mad Frogs, Jarud Lang hit a two-run single and Kent Sattler doubled. Lang pitched three innings and took the loss.

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Allen Scherschligt, Brett Scherschligt (6) and Brett Scherschligt, Allen Scherschligt, Jarud Lang, Kyle Auch (4), Kent Sattler (7), Doug Hall (9) and Tate Bruckner

## Tabor 16, Scotland 1

SCOTLAND — Rob Keppen hit a grand slam and the Tabor Bluebirds opened SCL action with a 16-1 rout of Scotland on Friday night in Scotland.

Steve Fejfar and Cory Uecker each added three hits for Tabor, while Brandon Tyco went 2-3 with two doubles. The Bluebirds had a pair of six-run innings, including the fifth and seventh.

Logan Tyco pitched six innings to pick up

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## MLB: Twins Crush Frustrated Brewers In Interleague

Yankees Top Mets 2-1; Rangers Defeat Cubs

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Jason Kubel and Minnesota battered a frustrated Dave Bush for seven first-inning runs.

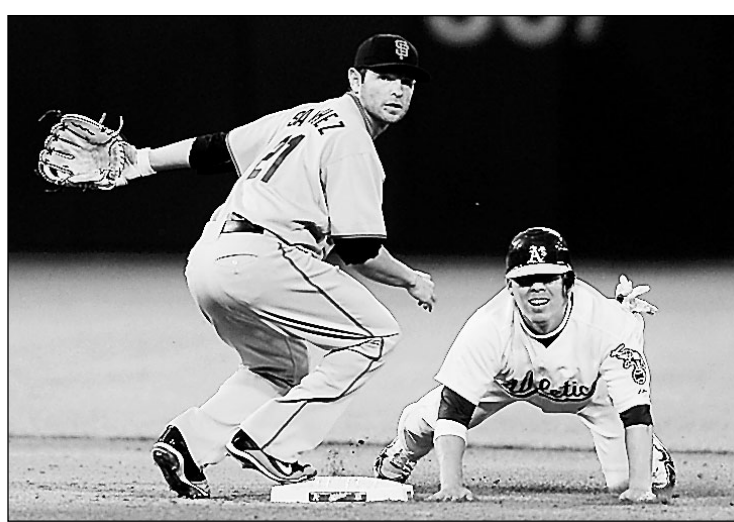
Kubel drove in four runs and drew one of eight walks handed out by the Brewers. Bush was in strong disagreement about the second one, yelling at home plate umpire Ed Rapuano for calling ball four on a close pitch to Michael Cuddyer with the bases loaded to force in the first run.

Rapuano actually approached the mound to angrily confront Bush, who was held back by teammate Prince Fielder. Pitching coach Rick Peterson came out to talk to Bush, who promptly served up a sharp two-run single to Kubel.

Bush then was called for a balk after losing his balance and halting his delivery at the edge of the mound, and Delmon Young followed with an RBI single.

Trevor Plouffe, facing his first pitch as a major leaguer, was next to knock in a run with a single to stretch the lead to five. Bush (1-5) lasted two more batters, recording only one out in the shortest start of his career before Jeff Suppan was summoned.

Nick Blackburn (5-1) gave up a three-run homer to Carlos Gomez to spoil the shutout in the eighth inning. He allowed only four hits over the first seven innings.



Oakland Athletics' Kurt Suzuki, right, glances back at first base after being forced out at second base as San Francisco Giants' Freddie Sanchez (21) watches the conclusion of the double play in the fourth inning of Friday night's game in Oakland, Calif.

YANKEES 2, METS 1: NEW YORK (AP) — Javier Vazquez pitched one-hit ball for six innings as the Yankees snapped a three-game losing streak.

Skipped twice in the rotation this month and making his first start in nine days, Vazquez (3-4) didn't allow a hit until Angel Pagan looped a single to center with one out in the fifth. He left after he was hit on the finger laying down a sacrifice bunt in the two-run seventh.

Russio got his first hit of the season and first two big league RBIs and Mariano Rivera struggled to earn his first save after two subpar outings.

RANGERS 2, CUBS 1: ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Colby Lewis labored through six innings for his first victory in five starts and Nelson Cruz drove in the tiebreaking run for Texas.

The AL West-leading Rangers have a five-game winning streak, their longest of the

season coming since being swept in a three-game series at Toronto last weekend.

PHILLIES 5, RED SOX 1: PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Cole Hamels pitched seven innings, Ryan Howard and Jayson Werth homered, and Philadelphia beat Boston 5-1 on Friday night.

The NL East-leading Phillies (26-15) are back to a season-high 11 games over .500, but it may have been a costly victory. Jimmy Rollins left the game in the sixth inning with a mild right calf strain, and he's day to day. The three-time All-Star shortstop missed 29 games with an injured right calf before returning to the lineup Monday.

ORIOLES 5, NATIONALS 3: WASHINGTON (AP) — David Hernandez ended a run of 16 straight starts without a victory and Adam Jones broke out of a lengthy home run drought for Baltimore.

Backup catcher Craig Tatum had two hits and two RBIs for the Orioles, who improved to

6-17 on the road. Baltimore took an early 4-0 lead and made it stand up.

REDS 7, INDIANS 4: CLEVELAND (AP) — Laynce Nix had three hits, including a tiebreaking double in the sixth inning, to lead Cincinnati.

The Reds bounced back from a stunning defeat in Atlanta on Thursday when they failed to hold a seven-run lead in the ninth inning and closer Francisco Cordero gave up a game-ending, pinch-hit grand slam to Brooks Conrad in a 10-9 loss. The homer deflected off Nix's glove as he reached over the top of the wall.

ASTROS 2, RAYS 1: HOUSTON (AP) — Brett Myers didn't allow an earned run in seven innings and Houston snapped Tampa Bay's six-game winning streak.

The worst team in the National League beat the best in baseball, handing the Rays just their 12th loss in 42 games.

ROYALS 9, ROCKIES 2: KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Jose Guillen hit two home runs and drove in three runs for Kansas City.

The Royals are 6-2 since Ned Yost replaced Trey Hillman as manager, who was fired May 13. Kansas City has won three straight for the first time since Sept. 20-22.

CARDINALS 9, ANGELS 5: ST. LOUIS (AP) — St. Louis right-hander Brad Penny hit a grand slam in the third inning, apparently injuring his back on the swing.

Penny lasted only a few warmup pitches in the top of the fourth inning before leaving.

## National League

BRAVES 7, PIRATES 0: PITTSBURGH (AP) — Jason Heyward homered and drove in three runs to support Tim Hudson's eight dominating innings and Atlanta won its fourth straight.

The Braves had won three consecutive games in their final at-bat, including a 10-9 win over Cincinnati on Thursday in which they scored seven runs during the best ninth-inning comeback in franchise history. They have won nine of 11 overall.

Hudson (5-1) allowed only three singles, two by Bobby Crosby, while winning his fourth consecutive decision this month — allowing no more than one run in any victory. The right-hander hasn't permitted an earned run in his last 22 innings in Pittsburgh.

## Bucks Remain Seventh At State Tennis Tourney

RAPID CITY — The Yankton Bucks remain in seventh place after two days at the South Dakota State Tennis Tournament in Rapid City, with action continuing Friday and concluding today (Saturday).

Sioux Falls O'Gorman is well ahead in the team scores, at 550. Rapid City Stevens sits second at 453, followed by Watertown (438.5), Pierre (402.5), Sioux Falls Lincoln (374.5), Sioux Falls Washington (365) and Yankton (332).

The Bucks had a pair of players win in the third round on Friday, including Jake Rockne at flight two (6-4, 6-4) and Jeremy Cap at flight three (6-3, 6-4).

At flight six singles, Lucas Rockne won in the fifth place consolation semifinals (10-1), while Max Hunhoff won in the third round of consolations.

Michael Wilcox lost in the fifth place consolation semifinals, while Cyrus Sorenson lost in the third round of consolations.

In doubles action, Sorenson and Jake Rockne lost in the flight one semifinals, while Cap and Wilcox lost in the flight two semifinals. At flight three, Hunhoff and Scott Stoll lost in the fifth-place semifinals.

The state tournament concludes with championship round action today (Saturday) in Rapid City.