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After 35 years...

Dianne Rislow stepping down from Fools Five

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LEWISTON — The Fools Five was run in Lewiston for the first time on April Fool's Day in 1979.

It was run again on Sunday for the 35th time.

Dianne Rislow was there for the first one and was there again on Sunday in her role as race director.

Next year, though, and for the first time, she plans to walk/run the course, something she has never done before.

"I'm really looking forward to that," she said.

After 35 years, Rislow is stepping down as race director. Sunday closed out one of the most meaningful chapters in her life.

"It's time," he said. "I'll still be involved, because after 35 years you simply can't walk away, but it just won't be at the top."

The race evolved in the fall of 1978 when Lewiston track and field coach Gary Miles and one of his former athletes, Dan Reinboldt, talked about hosting a race in their hometown.

Mills felt strongly that the race should embrace a cause, and he didn't have to stretch his imagination to find one.

Cancer research.

Mills' neighbor — Ed Kessler — and the sister of one of his former star runners — Kim Huhnerkoch — both had recently died of cancer.

And here's where Rislow entered the picture. Mills was soliciting some help ($500) and any assistance he could get from the Lewiston Chamber of Commerce.

Rislow belonged to the Mrs. Jaycees organization, which had targeted leukemia as its project of the year.

"Wow, that was a perfect fit for us," Rislow said, "and I said that I would help coordinate the results."

Well?

"I thought, maybe just the one year, and that turned into five, then 10 and now here we are," she said.

Mills and Rislow were co-race directors until Mills resigned that spot five years ago.

More growth, popularity

No way did they envision the growth and popularity of the race. That first year, they were more than happy that 222 runners finished the race, raising $2,232 for cancer research.

"Can you imagine, we had everybody register in the hallway of the school on that Sunday morning," Rislow said. "And there was no problem getting everyone through."

Sunday's race attracted 3,109 runners and walkers, and that number about doubles the population of Lewiston.

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Not counting this weekend, about $1.6 million has been raised for cancer research over the years.

"It's still hard to believe," Rislow said. "The Lewiston community embraced it from the beginning and each year it keeps getting bigger and bigger.

"I can still remember those first few years, sitting in Gary's living room after the race and sorting out the results. We even had them predict their time to see who would come closest. And we would type the results on a manual typewriter.

"That's nuts. Oh, my, things have changed."

The race, said Rislow, has been run in all sorts of weather, some 60-degree days like last year and some not-so-good days, too.

"We've had blizzards, rain, wind and you name it," Rislow said. "One year, I remember talking to a fifth-grade girl who fell in the ditch five times because of the wind.

"Another time, there was a lady who said she had run 'in place' more often than she had run forward. More wind. I asked her why she put herself through it and she just said, 'Why wouldn't I?'"

Families give inspiration

Everybody has been touched by cancer, and Rislow has seen more than enough through the years.

"What kept me going is the inspiration I get from families and individuals who are or have been challenged by cancer," she said, "and the support they show each other. That's the fuel that drives me.

"Just think, in our little town of 1,600, we had 20 different states represented last year. Don't you wonder why? This year, we have a family registered from Oklahoma and one from Pennsylvania. There's got to be a reason why."

It's been a bittersweet ride of 35 years, a ride she compares to a Sunday afternoon family gathering — of more than 3,000 people.

"When you have guests over, you want everything to be perfect," she said. "And that's the same way I feel about this race. I don't want anyone ever to go away with a bad feeling.

"It's been a fun run. It really, really has."

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Fools Five Road Race director Dianne Rislow, of Lewiston, cheers on participants on Sunday. It was her last race as director.

Associated Press

Louisville's Luke Hancock, center, Louisville's Peyton Siva, right, and Louisville's Stephan Van Treese celebrate during the second half of their game against Wichita State on Saturday. Louisville plays Michigan tonight in the championship game, with both teams looking for their first titles since the 1980s.

2 will enter, 1 will dance

Louisville, Michigan play for NCAA title

Associated Press

ATLANTA —Start studying, Louisville.

Michigan spoiled what would have been one heck of a going-away party for the Big East on Saturday night, beating Syracuse 61-56 to earn a spot in tonight's championship game against top-seeded Louisville. Now the Cardinals have less than 48 hours to get ready for a team they haven't played since 1978.

"We don't have to prepare too much if we play Syracuse," Pitino, trying to become the first coach to win national titles at two different schools, said after Louisville rallied for a 72-68 victory over ninth-seeded Wichita State. "We've got a lot of preparation if we play Michigan."

Louisville (34-5), which has won 15 straight, is an early 4½-point favorite over Michigan (31-7).

This is Louisville's first appearance in the championship game since 1986, when it won its second title. The Wolverines are back in the title game for the first time since 1993, when Chris Webber and Co. lost to North Carolina. Who did Michigan beat to reach that title game? None other than Kentucky, coached by Pitino at the time.

"It's going to be a great matchup," said Mitch McGary, who had 10 points and 12 rebounds for Michigan.

NCAA tournament championship

Michigan (31-7) vs. Lousiville (34-5)

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Brady is John Marshall's secret weapon

Senior has played all 9 positions in baseball

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Rochester John Marshall senior Alex Brady joined the Rockets varsity baseball team as a freshman.

Since Day 1, Brady has been a regular in the JM lineup. But there's been nothing regular about where he's played on the field.

During the last three seasons, Brady has started games at all nine positions on the baseball diamond.

"And we didn't do that just for fun, we did it because we've needed him to step up at every position at different times," JM coach Dutch Heiderscheit said. "Alex is legitimately capable of playing all nine positions and playing them well."

A temporary home

For the bulk of last season, Brady settled in to his best position — catcher. That's where he'll be when the Rockets season opens (scheduled for April 12 at Faribault), and that's where Heiderscheit would like to keep Brady throughout his senior campaign.

"With the guys we've lost, we will need him to pitch a bit, but we want to keep him behind the plate," Heiderscheit said. "He's probably our second-hardest thrower, so we will give him some relief innings and maybe in the closer role, but we don't want to take him out from behind the plate often."

With key seniors like Ryan Lakin gone from last year's Big Nine title team, the Rockets are looking for Brady to step up all areas of his game, including leadership. He's the team's most veteran player.

"I like being a leader, but on this team we don't really have one leader; we all push each other to work hard," Brady said. "We lost some guys, but I like the group we have back."

Brady also has had good pop off his bat, but he has been a streaky hitter. He was more consistent last season, hitting just short of .400. Heiderscheit said he's looking for a big improvement from his senior in that area.

"That's what I've worked on the most, and I feel like I've improved my hitting a lot," Brady said.

That said, Brady's versatility is something in which he takes a great deal of pride. "I like being the guy that can step up and do whatever the team needs me to do to win," he said.

Brady said he got his love for baseball from his older brother, Spencer Brady.

Spencer Brady was one of the Rockets' top pitchers and hitters during his playing days, which ended in 2008. Heiderscheit said Spencer and Alex are very different players, but both have left big impressions on the JM program.

"For me, the biggest thing I learned from my brother is to have passion for the game," Alex Brady said. "My brother loved baseball. He's passed that passion on to me."

Want another title

The Rockets are hoping to contend for another Big Nine title this spring, and they'd like to make another appearance in Red Wing during the Section 1AAA Final Four. For either to happen, Alex Brady will need to have a big season, Heiderscheit said.

Win, lose or draw, Brady plans to continue his baseball career following the season. Brady accepted a scholarship recently to play baseball next season at Minnesota-Duluth.

With former Century standouts Josh Denisen and John Meyer giving Brady a tour of campus (Lakin also is on the UMD baseball roster), he said it was an easy decision.

"I just had good vibes there the whole time," Brady said. "I'm excited for my senior season, and it's great to know where I'll be after this is done."

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John Marshall senior Alex Brady has played all nine positions on the baseball field, but has found a home as a catcher.

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MOUTHPIECE: Twins look to be improved

The Minnesota Twins just completed their first week of the season, and in case you hadn't noticed the team turned in a 4-2 record.

That's a very small sample size, but it's a very good start for a team that many people are predicting to lose 100 games.

The start has been encouraging for the Twins on several fronts. So far the starting pitching has been very steady, and although not stellar it's been a huge upgrade from a year ago. Except for one outing, bullpen also has been decent.

Many hitters, including Joe Mauer, have yet to hit their full stride, yet the Twins have already rallied three times to win in the late innings of a game.

So at least for one week, the Twins appear greatly improved over a year ago.

— Guy N. Limbeck

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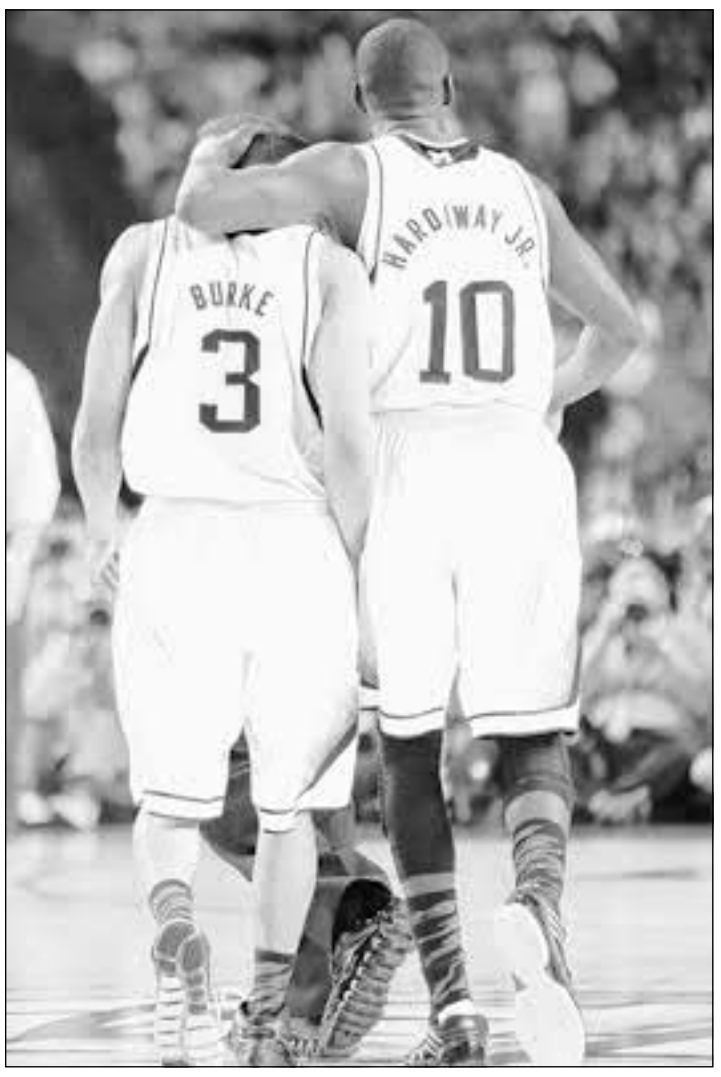

Associated Press

Michigan's Trey Burke, left and Michigan's Tim Hardaway Jr. walk down the court during the second half against Syracuse on Saturday. The Wolverines will face the best defensive team in college basketball in the NCAA tournament championship tonight.

Louisville, Michigan escaping shadows

Teams look for 1st title since 1980s

Associated Press

The hoops teams at Louisville and Michigan are used to being overlooked.

The Cardinals may be a national powerhouse, but they're still considered second fiddle in their own state. The Kentucky Wildcats are the blue bloods of the bluegrass, while Louisville settles for being viewed as a blue-collar school.

The Michigan basketball team knows what that's like. Football rules on the Wolverines' campus — rightly so, said Tim Hardaway Jr., given that program's long, storied history.

"We still have a ways to go," said Hardaway, Michigan's junior guard. "Football has a lot more national championships than we do."

Well, it's kind of hard to overlook either team now.

Louisville and Michigan will meet Monday night in the NCAA championship game.

The Cardinals (34-5) have lived up to their billing as the tournament's top overall seed, blowing through their first four opponents before rallying from a dozen points down in the second half to beat surprising Wichita State 72-68 in the national semifinals.

Louisville well-rounded

It's been quite a run for the Louisville athletic program, in general. The women's basketball team also reached the Final Four, while the football team won a Big East title and stunned Florida in the Sugar Bowl.

All the while, they're battling with Kentucky for the state's affections.

"We're not a who's who like Harvard and Yale in the alumni world," coach Rick Pitino said Sunday. "We're a blue-collar school that supports each other. One of the coolest places I've ever worked."

Pitino should know. He also worked at Kentucky, leading the Wildcats to a national title in 1996.

Now, he's got a chance to become the first coach to win championships at two schools.

"I haven't thought about it for one second," insisted Pitino, already the first coach to guide three schools to the Final Four. "We have built a brand on Louisville first. Everything we do is about the team, about the family. I'd be a total hypocrite if I said (winning another title is) really important. It really is not important. I want to win because I'm part of this team. That's it."

Football may come first at Michigan (31-7), but the Wolverines haven't exactly been pushovers on the hardwood.

They won a national title in 1989, beating Seton Hall in overtime, and they've lost three other times in the championship. The school is best known for the Fab Five, that group of five stellar recruits who led Michigan to back-to-back final appearances in 1992 and '93.

NCAA tournament championship

Michigan (31-7) vs. Lousiville (34-5)

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TV: CBS

Youth being served

This team is cut from the same mold, with three freshmen starters and two other first-year players who made big contributions in a semifinal victory over Syracuse.

"The Fab Five was a great team. I mean, a really great team," said freshman guard Caris LeVert, who came off the bench to score eight points against the Orange. "They did some great things for our school."

But these guys can do something the Fab Five never did — win it all.

"Just making it to the Final Four, we are going to hang up a banner in the Crisler Center," said another freshman, Glenn Robinson III. "But we aren't done. Having the chance to hang another one up for a national championship ... is all kind of surreal to us."

Both teams got to this point with crucial assists from the backups.

LeVert and Spike Albrecht — yep, another freshman — both hit a pair of 3-pointers in Michigan's semifinal win, points that were desperately needed with player of the year Trey Burke struggling through a brutal night. The sophomore guard made only 1 of 8 shots and finished with seven points, just the second time this season he's been held in single digits.

Burke said he'll gladly hand off the scoring duties to someone else again tonight if the Cardinals take a similar approach to Syracuse.

"Pretty much every time I got the ball, I had two people in my face," he said. "I tried not to force anything, but I probably forced two or three shots. That 3 I hit (from way out and his only basket of the game) wasn't a good shot. But I try not to force things and just look for different ways to find the open man."

Louisville, inspired by the gruesome injury to Kevin Ware but needing others to step up while he's down, got an even bigger contribution off the bench than Michigan.

Season preview | Rochester, Austin baseball

JOHN MARSHALL

Coach: Dutch Heiderscheit, 12th season.

Assistants: Darren Thompson, Greg Winter and Brent Lichty.

Last season's record, playoff result: 18-7; eliminated in Section 1AAA finals by Red Wing.

Kall

Who's gone from last season: Ryan Lakin, Jake Kirsch, Matt Broman, Dan Frey, Nate Ekhoff and Matt Cyr.

Top returners: Alex Brady (four-year starter), Aaron Grad (one of top hitters last season), Jack Kall (good hitter, anchor in outfield), Janek Walker (solid pitcher) and Sam Broman (pitching, first base).

Other returning letterwinners: Ryan Santee (catcher, utility player), Thomas Mulvey (pitcher) and Kaeleb Strangler (can play many positions, good hitter).

Newcomers expected to make an impact: Jake Halverson (SS/P), Jake Dravis (plays all over), Zach Becker (P/1B/3B) and Jason Rieke (OF, could start if bat warms up).

Team strengths: Hard-working group with standouts littering the lineup. Defense should be solid.

Team weaknesses: Some untested arms will have to pitch immediately.

Conference/section races: Figures to contend with Rochester schools, Owatonna, Faribault for Big Nine title and hopes to be around for Final Four in Red Wing (returning champ).

Keys to the season: Throwing strikes and picking the ball up behind our pitchers.

Coach Heiderscheit's thoughts: "I really like our team. We should improve as the season progresses. The seniors are going to have to have good seasons if we are going to be competitive in the always tough Big Nine."

ROSTER

Seniors: Alex Brady, Jack Kall, Aaron Grad, Thomas Mulvey, Ryan Santee and Janek Walker. **Juniors:** Zach Baker, Austin Bishop, Sam Broman, Kevin Henslin, Jason Rieke, Patric Sadecki, Zachary Schwieters, Kaeleb Stangler and Garrett Strom. **Sophomores:** Jacob Halverson and Jacob Dravis.

SCHEDULE

April 12 — at Faribault, 5 p.m.
April 13 — DULUTH EAST, noon
April 16 — CENTURY, 5 p.m.
April 18 — at Owatonna, 5 p.m.
April 19 — OSSEO, 5 p.m.
April 23 — AUSTIN, 5 p.m.
April 25 — at Albert Lea, 5 p.m.
April 27 — at Winona, noon
April 30 — at Mayo (DH), 4 p.m.
May 2 — MANKATO EAST (DH), 4 p.m.
May 7 — FARIBAULT, 5 p.m.
May 9 — at Century, 5 p.m.
May 10 — ALBERT LEA, 5 p.m.
May 14 — WINONA, 5 p.m.
May 17 — OWATONNA, 5 p.m.
May 18 — MANKATO WEST (DH), 11 a.m.
May 21 — at Austin, 5 p.m.
May 23-June 4 — at Section One Tournament, TBD

MAYO

Coach: Dan Hoefs, eighth season.

Assistants: Jeff Anderson, Tom Senne, Jake Ziegler and Jordan Essig.

Last season's record, playoff result: 14-8; eliminated by Owatonna in second round of Section 1AAA playoffs.

Key losses from last season: Steve Serratore, Kyle VanWettering, Jordan Essig, Justin Aldrich and Matt Wolter.

Top returners: Christian Rosenow (All-Big Nine, All-Section), Brad Mathiowetz (All-Big Nine, All-Section), Sam Hinsch, Tate Deach, Jase Crowley (starter, LF), Luke Dozier, Macayle Neeb, Jackson Douglas and Tommy Hanson.

Others leading candidates: Jerry Brownell, Eric Gibson, Sam Gunnarson, Ethan Kaese, Bailey Kazeck, Ryan Keel, Jordan Korte, John Lundquist, Alex Riles, Matt Rogers, Evan Thielen, Jay Alston, David Brust, Gunnar Grimsrud, Michael Michalak and Zach Robertson.

Rosenow

Team strengths: Great attitudes, VFW team coming off district title, depth, versatility.

Team weaknesses: Varsity experience, hitting up and down the lineup must develop, pitching experience at varsity level limited.

Conference/section races: Should be top half of conference, and hoping to compete for title.

Keys to the season: Young pitchers must develop quickly to keep pace in Big Nine.

Coach Hoefs' thoughts: "We have an excellent catcher in Brad Mathiowetz. He has great skills and will have to produce offensively. Christian Rosenow brings great experience to the CF spot and he, too, will have to be productive on offense. Jase Crowley will have to provide some pop in the middle of the order. He anchored LF for a majority of last year and will be expected to man that spot again this year. Jackson Douglas logged some innings last year and gained valuable experience in understanding what it takes to compete at this level. Turned into a stopper on last year's VFW team. ... We hope to finish above .500 and finish in the top half of the conference."

ROSTER

Seniors: Christian Rosenow, Sam Hinsch, Tate Deach, Jase Crowley, Luke Dozier and Macayle Neeb. **Juniors:** Brad Mathiowetz, Jackson Douglas, Tommy Hanson, Jerry Brownell, Eric Gibson, Sam Gunnarson, Ethan Kaese, Bailey Kazeck, Ryan Keel, Jordan Korte, John Lundquist, Alex Riles, Matt Rogers and Evan Thielen. **Sophomores:** Jay Alston, David Brust, Gunnar Grimsrud, Michael Michalak and Zach Robertson.

SCHEDULE

April 9 — at Albert Lea (DH), 4 p.m.
April 11 — OWATONNA, 5 p.m.
April 12 — DULUTH EAST, 5 p.m.
April 13 — AUSTIN, 3 p.m.
April 16 — MANKATO EAST, 4:30 p.m.
April 18 — FARIBAULT, 7 p.m.
April 20 — OSSEO, 1 p.m.
April 23 — at Century, 5 p.m.
April 30 — JOHN MARSHALL (DH), 4 p.m.
May 2 — at Austin, 5 p.m.
May 7 — at Owatonna, 5 p.m.
May 9 — at Mankato East, 4 p.m.
May 14 — MANKATO WEST (DH), 4 p.m.
May 16 — at Faribault, 5 p.m.
May 18 — at Winona, noon
May 20 — CENTURY, 5 p.m.
May 23-June 1 — at Section One Tournament, TBD

CENTURY

Coach: Keith Kangas, 15th season at Century (31st overall).

Assistants: Fabian Luna, Jeff Ubinger, J.B. Bickel, Ed Miller (volunteer), Nick Merges (volunteer) and Brad Pfeffer (volunteer).

Sturchio

Last season's record, playoff result: 16-8; eliminated in Section 1AAA Final Four.

Who's gone from last season: All-State player of the year Mitch Brown and Cal Bjerke.

Top returners: Matt Sturchio (All-Big Nine, All-Section, .345 BA, 6-3, 1.91 ERA), Riese Zmolek (All-Big Nine, .325 BA), Jordan Jasik (.295 BA, Big Nine honorable mention) and Mitch Gade (.282 BA, Big Nine honorable mention).

Other returning letterwinners: Kainoa Gathje and Dillon Grengs.

Newcomers expected to make an impact: Lots of competition for spots to contribute on the mound. ... Offensively we should be extremely strong with good hitting and some pop. With the continued improvements and offseason work our upperclassmen have come in ready to hit this year. I've been very impressed with how we came in to the season."

Samuelson

Team strengths: Team speed, competitive team.

Team weaknesses: Unproven pitchers, lack of pitching depth.

Conference/section races: Though young, figures to compete for spot near top of conference and Final Four.

Key to the season: Developing third and fourth pitchers.

Coach Kangas' thoughts: "This is a very young team with lots of potential, and we have lots of competition right now for playing time. We lost the state's top player in Mitch Brown, but we have had great leadership from Matt Sturchio, who learned and benefited from Brown's work ethic. We will be young, but we should compete in a tough Big Nine Conference and Section One. Pitching depth will determine our success.

ROSTER

Seniors: Mitch Gade, Kainoa Gathje, Dillon Grengs, Colin Maraganore and Matthew Sturchio. **Juniors:** Joshua Bakken, Phillip Beck, Marvin Breuer, Kyle Gerads, Ryan Goll, Jordan Jasik, Joshua Newman and Brandon Ritz. **Sophomores:** Patrick Bower, Tyler Gathman, Brandon Knapp, Darryl Martin, Nicholas Pearson, Nicholas Smith, Erik Thorvilson and Riese Zmolek. **Freshman:** Ross Luinenburg.

SCHEDULE

April 11 — WINONA, 5 p.m.
April 13 — at Owatonna (DH), 3 p.m.
April 16 — at John Marshall (John Adams), 5 p.m.
April 18 — at Albert Lea, 5 p.m.
April 20 — at La Crosse Logan, noon
April 23 — MAYO, 5 p.m.
April 26 — at Mankato East, 5 p.m.
April 30 — at Mankato West (DH), 4 p.m.
May 4 — NEW PRAGUE, 2 p.m.
May 7 — at Winona, 5 p.m.
May 9 — JOHN MARSHALL, 5 p.m.
May 11 — FARIBAULT, 11 a.m.
May 16 — ALBERT LEA, 5 p.m.
May 18 — at Austin (DH), 11 a.m.
May 20 — at Mayo, 5 p.m.
May 25 — at Section One tournament, TBD

LOURDES

Coach: Dan Herold, fifth season.

Assistants: Al Heimer, Dave Jenson, Scott Walston, Nick Forliti and Matt Herold.

Last season's record, playoff result: 13-9; won first game, then eliminated by Stewartville in Section 1AA playoffs.

Who's gone from last season: Joe Volcheck, Zach Scheckel and Ryan Fosse.

Top returners: Jason Samuelson (.571 BA, All-HVL, first team All-State), Thomas Elwell, Andrew Ellingson, John Bigler, Joe Jennings and Michael Brandt.

Other returning letterwinners: Ryan Fallon, Mark Rowekamp, Daniel Freiburger, Chris Wasz, Daniel Burriss, Nick Hanson, Adam Ellingson and Henry Wittren.

Newcomers expected to make an impact: Andrew Stanek and Zach Hillman.

Team strengths: Team unity, starting pitching, good team speed, upgrade on defense, and a year older at the plate.

Team weaknesses: Depth of pitching staff.

Conference/section races: Contender for both section and conference titles.

Keys to the season: Playing within themselves, getting good defense and developing pitching depth.

Coach Herold's thoughts: "We graduated three seniors with most of the roster returning, including our entire outfield and only one graduated from the infield. Defensively, we should be very sound and experienced. We've played young the last few years, and this year we will have a better balance of seniors and underclassmen. ... We lost two starting pitchers, but we get Joe Jennings back (injury last season). We lost Jason Samuelson the entire year on the mound due to a broken finger on his pitching hand which required a splint. Michael Brandt came on last season and looks to be going very strong. Nick Hanson was 1-0 last season coming up to varsity as a freshman in the last part of the season. He will make impact this season on the mound. Daniel Burriss, Chris Wasz, John Bigler and Andrew Ellingson will also be expected to contribute on the mound. ... Offensively we should be extremely strong with good hitting and some pop. With the continued improvements and offseason work our upperclassmen have come in ready to hit this year. I've been very impressed with how we came in to the season."

ROSTER

Seniors: Thomas Elwell, Jason Samuelson, Andrew Ellingson, Ryan Fallon, John Bigler, Daniel Freiburger, Mark Rowekamp and Joe Jennings. **Juniors:** Michael Brandt, Chris Wasz and Andrew Stanek. **Sophomores:** Zach Hillman, Daniel Burriss, Henry Wittren, Adam Ellingson and Nick Hanson.

SCHEDULE

(Homes games at Hudson Field and Mayo Field.)

April 9 — LA CRESCENT (Mayo), 5 p.m.
April 11 — COTTER (Hudson), 7 p.m.
April 12 — KENYON-WANAMINGO (Hudson), 7 p.m.
April 16 — STEWARTVILLE (Mayo), 7 p.m.
April 18 — TRITON (Mayo), 4:30 p.m.
April 20 — at Kasson-Mantorville (DH), 11 a.m.
April 25 — at Goodhue, 5 p.m.
April 26 — BYRON (Mayo), 5 p.m.
April 30 — at Lake City, 5 p.m.
May 3 — at Byron, 5 p.m.
May 6 — HAYFIELD (Hudson, DH), 4:15 p.m.
May 7 — at Cotter, 5 p.m.
May 10 — at Pine Island (DH), 4:15 p.m.
May 14 — at Stewartville, 5 p.m.
May 17 — at Zumbrota-Mazeppa, 5 p.m.
May 18 — CANNON FALLS (Mayo), 1 p.m.

AUSTIN

Coach: Troy Watkins.

Last season's record: 6-15.

Top returners: Gabe Kasak, Marcus Stoulil, Zach Huntley, Hunter Gleason, Sean Coffey, Tommy Olmsted, Nik Gasner and Jacob Kempen.

Newcomers expected to make an impact: Ethan Horstmann, Steven Clennon and Isaac Schumacher.

Team strengths: Experience, played many close games last season.

Team weakness: Consistency on defense.

Kasak

Conference/section races: Hope to compete with the top half of the Big Nine.

Coach Watkins' thoughts: "We hope our pitching depth allows us to be competitive in every game and turn some heads in the conference.

ROSTER

Seniors: Tommy Olmsted, Zach Huntley, Gabe Kasak, Sean Coffey, Marcus Stoulil and Hunter Gleason. **Juniors:** Ethan Horstmann, Alex Pepper, Jacob Kempen and Steve Clennon. **Sophomores:** Nik Gasner and Isaac Schumacher.

SCHEDULE

April 9 — MANKATO EAST (DH), 4 p.m.
April 11 — at Mankato West, 5 p.m.
April 13 — at Rochester Mayo, 3 p.m.
April 18 — WINONA, 5 p.m.
April 22 — OWATONNA, 5 p.m.
April 23 — at Rochester JM, 5 p.m.
April 25 — at Owatonna, 5 p.m.
April 26 — FARIBAULT, 5 p.m.
April 30 — at Albert Lea (DH), 4 p.m.
May 2 — ROCHESTER MAYO, 5 p.m.
May 7 — MANKATO WEST, 5 p.m.
May 9 — at Faribault, 5 p.m.
May 10 — at Waseca, TBD
May 16 — at Winona, 5 p.m.
May 18 — ROCHESTER CENTURY, 11 a.m.
May 20 — NORTHFIELD, 5 p.m.
May 21 — ROCHESTER JM, 5 p.m.
May 23-June 1 — at Section One Tournament, TBD

—Ben Pherson

RCTC goes 4-0 over weekend in baseball

Post-Bulletin staff

JACKSON — Rochester Community and Technical College traveled to Jackson over the weekend to play four neutral site games against Rainy River and Western Tech in college baseball and the Yellowjackets emerged with four victories.

"We just had to find a place to play games," RCTC coach Steve Hucke said. RCTC had not played since March 22, when it returned from its spring trip.

On Saturday, RCTC defeated Rainy River 9-4 and 17-3 in six innings.

In the first game, Sean Hohmeister went 3-for-4 with three runs scored, three RBIs and two doubles. Matt Stubbs was 2-for-4, scored two runs and a two-run homer while Erik Jacquart was 2-for-3.

Bryce Christopher collected the win. He pitched five innings and allowed three runs, two earned, on six hits and one walk.

Jacquart came up big in the nightcap. He was 2-for-3 with two doubles and five RBIs. Hohmeister was 2-for-3 and scored three runs while Mitch Anderson was 2-for-4 with a run scored and a stolen base.

TJ Nowak collected the win, going 5⅔ innings and allowing four runs on seven hits while striking out six.

On Sunday, RCTC nipped Western Tech twice, winning 8-6 in eight innings and then taking the second game 2-1.

Hohmeister and Mitch Anderson drove in runs in the eighth to snap the tie. Hohmeister was 3-for-4 with three RBIs while Anderson was 2-for-4 with a triple, RBI and run scored.

Connor Robley got the win in relief. He pitched 2⅓ innings and allowed one run on one hit while striking out seven.

Anderson was 2-for-2 with a run scored and two stolen bases in the second game. Stubbs was also 2-for-2 and he drove in a run. Jon Nygaard was 2-for-3 with a run scored.

Tyler Smith got the win. He went 5⅔ innings, allowed one run on four hits and had three strikeouts.

"We battled through some adversity," Hucke said. "The kids battled back and played hard."

RCTC (9-4) is scheduleld to go to Mason City today to play NIACC.

RESULTS

BOYS TRACK

All American Invitational

At River Falls, Wis.

Century placed ninth out of 17 teams competing.

CENTURY PLACE WINNERS

Pole vault — 3. Liam Kolb 13-6; 5. Michael Adkins 12-6.

800 — 4. Mikey Allen 2:08.56; 6. Graham Massot 2:09.69.

High jump — 5. (tie) Jacob Riggott 6-0.

55 hurdles — 7. Liam Kolb 8.56.

3,200 — 8. Seth Massot 10:49.41.

3,200 relay — 7. Century (Graham Massot, Peter Galindez, Sam Nelson, Miguel Benjamin) 9:04.00

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John Marshall's Zachary Becker checks the runner at first against Duluth East Wednesday April 24, 2013 at Mayo Field in Rochester, Minn.

John Marshall's Sam Moen comes on in relief against Duluth East Wednesday April 24, 2013 at Mayo Field in Rochester, Minn.

John Marshall's Kaeleb Stangler fouls off an iside pitch against Duluth East Wednesday April 24, 2013 at Mayo Field in Rochester, Minn.

John Marshall's Sam Broman dives safely back to first ahead of the tag attempt by Wyatt Irwin of Duluth East Wednesday April 24, 2013 at Mayo Field in Rochester, Minn.

John Marshall's Zachary Schwieters looks in for the sign against Duluth East Wednesday April 24, 2013 at Mayo Field in Rochester, Minn.

John Marshall's Alex Brady with a double against Duluth East Wednesday April 24, 2013 at Mayo Field in Rochester, Minn.

John Marshall's Jacob Dravis waits on a high fast ball against Duluth East Wednesday April 24, 2013 at Mayo Field in Rochester, Minn.

John Marshall's Austin Bishop tags out Ben Olson of Duluth East on a steal attempt of second Wednesday April 24, 2013 at Mayo Field in Rochester, Minn.

John Marshall's Thomas Mulvey pitching for the Rockets against Duluth East Wednesday April 24, 2013 at Mayo Field in Rochester, Minn.

John Marshall's Janek Walker comes in to score from second on a single to the outfield Duluth East Wednesday April 24, 2013 at Mayo Field in Rochester, Minn.

Local sports

BOYS LACROSSE

Mayo turns back rival Century

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Mayo hung in there against Century's strong attack and prevailed 11-6 in their boys lacrosse showdown Wednesday at the Rochester Regional Sports Center bubble.

"We knew Century had some very talented attack players and we asked our defense to rise to the challenge and put pressure on them," Mayo coach Eric Moore said. "James Johnston, Nick Fix and Zach Lorang did a great job at what we asked of them. Century also put pressure on our attack, and we got some very nice scores from JT Rein and Loren Lorang by spreading their defense and finding the seams."

Rein, Ethan Moore, Lorang and Michael Fix each had two goals for the Spartans.

Mayo goalie Troy Penz was strong in net with 16 saves.

"Jack Cerhan and Matt Moore played solidly in the midfield again, and Mike Fix and Ethan Moore came up with some big plays at the end of the game when we were losing momentum," Eric Moore said. "It was a great team effort."

Century coach James Alcorn was impressed with Mayo's play.

"Mayo jumped out to an early lead and we tip our hats to them for that," he said. "Our boys battled back and persisted throughout the game; unfortunately our effort wasn't enough to pull off the victory tonight. We had some great individual efforts tonight as well."

Jonathan Trachsel had two goals for Century. Goalie Eric Rohleder had 15 saves.

Mayo 11, Century 6

Mayo	3	4	1	3 —	11
Century	1	1	2	2 —	6

Mayo: Justin Rein 2 goals, 1 assist; Ethan Moore 2 goals, 2 groundballs; Jacob Orvidas 1 assist, 1 groundballs; Matthew Moore 6 groundballs; Nicholas Fix 1 goals, 4 groundballs; Wyatt Ryan 1 goal, 2 assists; Loren Lorang 2 goals, 1 groundballs; Jack Cerhan 1 goal, 4 groundballs; Michael Fix 2 goals, 3 assists, 2 groundballs; Craig Jeffrey 1 groundball; Zach Lorang 1 groundball. Goalie: Troy Penz 16 saves.

Century: Aaron Ajke 1 groundball; Carter Scrimshaw 1 goal, 1 groundball; Jonathan Trachsel 2 goals, 1 groundball; Nicholas Waara 5 groundballs; Ryan Sherden 2 groundballs; Spencer Warfield 1 goal, 1 assist, 4 groundballs; Brandon Den Hartog 1 groundball; Matthew Birkholz 1 goal, 6 groundballs. Goalie: Eric Rohleder 15 saves.

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Mayo's Troy Penz makes a save against Century on Monday at the Regional Sports Stadium bubble. Penz made 16 saves to help the Spartans win 11-6.

SOFTBALL

Zumbrota-Mazeppa thumps Lourdes

Post-Bulletin staff

ZUMBROTA — The Zumbrota-Mazeppa softball team got in a hitting groove and smacked Lourdes 13-3 on Wednesday in Hiawatha Valley League softball.

The Cougars finished with 13 hits. They scored runs from eight of their nine batting positions. Eight batters had at least one hit.

Z-M also took advantage of some shaky Lourdes fielding, as the Eagles committed seven errors.

Alyssa Quam and Ambert Jentsch each had two hits for Z-M. Jentsch had three RBIs. Morgan Olson got the pitching win, allowing just three hits and striking out nine.

Lourdes got a home run from Sam Macken. Kelly Bier took the pitching loss.

Zumbrota-Mazeppa 13, Lourdes 3

Lourdes	003	000	0 —	3	3	7
Zumbrota-Maz.	000	000	0 —	13	13	1

Lourdes: Sam Macken 1-for-1, 1 HR, 1 RBI, 1 R, 1 SB; Melissa Carlson 1-for-3, 1 R; Grace Rogers 0-for-4, 1 R; Kelly Bier 1-for-1, 0 R; LP: Kelly Bier 5 IP, 10 H, 13 R, 6 ER, 2 BB, 2 K.

Zumbrota-Mazeppa: Alyssa Quam 2-for-3, 2 RBI, 1 R; Carley Henning 1-for-4, 1 2B, 2 R; Amber Gehrke 0-for-1, 3 R; Hailey Dykes 1-for-2, 1 RBI; Ali Frederixon 1-for-1, 1 R; Amber Jentsch 2-for-3, 1 2B, 3 RBI. WP: Morgan Olson 6 IP, 3 H, 3 R, 1 ER, 5 BB, 9 K;

Century outhits East but loses

Century was no match for Mankato East on Wednesday night, falling 13-6 in Big Nine Conference softball.

The Panthers had all kinds of trouble in the field, with eight errors.

Morgan Hartman had three hits, including a home run for Century. Frankie Mickelson also homered and Shantel Loos had two hits.

Hartman

The Panthers actually outhit the Cougars 9-7. But East committed just one error.

"The main thing was to hit the ball better, and we did," coach Chad Buchmann said.

Mankato East 13, Century 6

Mankato East	028	002	1 —	13	7	1
Century	004	020	0 —	6	9	8

Mankato East: No stats submitted.

Century: Morgan Hartman 3-for-4, 1 HR; Shantel Loos 2-for-3; Frankie Mickelson 1-for-4, 1 HR.

AUSTIN YOUTH SPORTS

Austin youth baseball tryouts Saturday, Sunday

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The Austin All-Star youth baseball tryouts are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday at the Todd Park South Diamonds.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday for 12-under; 13-year-old register at 11:30 a.m. followed by 14-year-old at 12:30 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

TODAY

Big Nine Conference —
JM at Albert Lea; Winona at Mayo; Owatonna at Austin (2); Faribault at Mankato West (2)

Hiawatha Valley League —
Lourdes at Goodhue; Byron at Kenyon-Wanamingo; Zumbrota-Mazeppa at Lake City; La Crescent at Cannon Falls

Three Rivers Conference —
Fillmore Central at Caledonia; Southland at Rushford-Peterson (2); GMLOK at Chatfield; Dover-Eyota at Lewiston-Altura; W-K at P-E-M.

Southeast Conference —
Mabel-Canton at Schaeffer Academy

Non-conference —
Houston at Hayfield; Cotter at C-F-C, Wis.

BASEBALL

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Mayo's Brad Mathiowetz tags out Duluth East's Nick Anderson at home during a non-conference baseball game Wednesday at Mayo Field. The Spartans won 5-1 in a game shortened to four innings by rain.

Mayo scores 4 in 1st, goes on to win

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Mayo pushed to a 5-1 win over Duluth East in a baseball game that was shortened to four innings by rain Wednesday.

The Spartans scored four runs in the first inning. Mayo sandwiched four walks and a hit batter in between Michael Michalak's and Alex Riles' singles to score those four.

Jase Crowley walked three times for Mayo, including once in the fourth inning when the Spartans tallied their fifth run.

The game was called shortly after due to terrible mound conditions.

Riles got the pitching win.

"It was nice to finally get outside and play some baseball after all this time in the gym," Mayo coach Dan Hoefs said. "Alex Riles did a very nice job on the mound today. He was constantly ahead of hitters and threw a lot of strikes."

Mayo hosts Winona at 4:30 p.m. today.

Mayo 5, Duluth East 1

Duluth East	100	0	—	1	5	1
Mayo	400	1	—	5	4	3

Duluth East: Justin Smith 1-for-2, 1 R; Nick Andersen 1-for-1; Noah Tapper 1-for-2; Wyatt Irwin 1-for-1; Sam Olson 0-for-1, 1 RBI; Frannie Hanson 0-for-2; Ben Olson 0-for-2; Tobias Hanson 1-for-2; Jake Turner 0-for-2. Pitching: Nick Andersen 1/3 IP, 1 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 4 BB, 1 K; Jake Turner 3 1/3 IP, 3 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 6 K.

Mayo: Luke Dozier 0-for-1, 1 RBI, 1 SB; Tate Deach 0-for-2; Christian Rosenow 0-for-2; Brad Mathiowetz 1-for-2, 2 R; John Lundquist 0-for-1, 1 RBI; Sam Hinsch 1-for-2, 1, R, SB; Michael Michalak, 1-for-3. WP: Alex Riles 4 IP, 5 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 1 BB, 3 K.

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John Marshall's Jake Halvorson takes a throw from Sam Broman and tags out Hogan Davidson of Duluth East on Wednesday at Mayo Field.

Walks haunt JM in loss to Duluth East

John Marshall had difficulty with walks and it cost them in a 12-4 non-conference baseball loss to Duluth East on Wednesday.

The Rockets allowed nine and also hit four batters. Duluth East also made JM pay with three home runs.

"Tough game on the hill today," JM Terry Heiderscheit said. "And (Duluth East) hit three home runs to make the most of their seven hits. They did a nice job."

Alex Brady had two hits for JM.

"We did some good things, but we need to improve in a lot of areas," Heiderscheit said.

Duluth East 12, JM 4

Duluth East	306	001	2 —	12	7	1
John Marshall	120	000	1 —	4	6	1

Duluth East: Noah Tupper 4-for-4, 1 2B, 1 HR, 4 RBI; Justin Smith 1-for-4, 1 HR; Sam Olson 1-for-3, 1 HR.

John Marshall: Alex Brady 2-for-5. Pitching: Sam Moen 2 1/3 IP; LP: Zachary Schwieters 2 IP, 5 K; Thomas Mulvey 1 IP; Sammy Broman 1 IP; Zachary Becker 2/3 IP.

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Ryan Goll takes a cut while Century teammates watch during Wednesday's game at Century. Goll had one of the team's five hits but the Panthers lost 3-2 to Winona.

Errors are a factor in Century's defeat

Century was slightly mistake-prone against Winona and fell 3-2 to the Winhawks in Big Nine Conference baseball Wednesday.

Century committed a pair of errors, while Winona was error-free.

The Panthers grabbed a 1-0 lead in the first inning when Jordan Jasik singled, stole second, then moved to third on a ground out. He finally scored on a Matt Sturchio sacrifice fly.

Winona's Bryan Rohde hit a home run in the second inning. Winona also got single runs in the third and fifth innings, without a hit.

"We made more mistakes than Winona," Century coach Keith Kangas said.

Riese Zmolek had two hits for the Panthers.

Winona 3, Century 2

Winona	011	010	0 —	3	2	0
Century	100	100	0 —	2	5	2

Winona: Jordan Duellman 1-for-3; Bryan Rohde 1-for-3, 1 HR, 2 RBI, 1 R.

WP: Thompson 7 IP, 5 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 2 BB, 3 K.

Century: Matthew Sturchio 1-for-2, 1 2B, 1 RBI; Jordan Jasik 1-for-4, 1 R, 1 SB; Ryan Goll 1-for-3; Riese Zmolek 2-for-4, 1 R; Mitchel Gade 0-for-1, 1 RBI. Pitching: Matthew Sturchio 2.2 IP, 2 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 4 BB, 2 K; LP: Jordan Jasik 3 IP, 0 H, 1 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 5 K; Joshua Bakken 1.1 IP, 0 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 0 BB, 2 K.

HIGHLIGHTS & HEROES

Baseball

• **Andy Johnson** pitched a complete game, scattering four hits and striking out six in Goodhue's 6-5 win over Kasson-Mantorville. **Derek Ryan** made a diving catch in right field to end the game with the tying run rounding third base.

Ryan

• **John Brown** tossed a six-hitter and allowed just two runs in Lake City's 9-2 win over K-W.

• **Ben Bauer** went 3-for-4 as Pine Island beat Hayfield 10-2 in a game shortened to five innings due to rain. **Jared Lohmeyer** was 2-for-3 with three runs scored.

Softball

• **Haley Staffon** tossed a two-hitter in Triton's 10-0 five-inning win over Lake City. Triton got two hits each from **Karissa Wright**, **Brittany Remold** and **Brittney Lyke**.

Newton

• **Alison Newton** and **Taylor Bates** each had three hits in Pine Island's 12-7 win over St. Charles. The Panthers also took advantage of six Saints errors.

• **Maddie Damon** drove in three runs and also tossed a four-hitter in Kasson-Mantorville's 12-2 five-inning win over Hayfield. **Dani Wagner** had two hits, including a home run, for Hayfield.

Boys tennis

• Century had an easy time with John Marshall, cruising to a 6-1 Big Nine win and staying unbeaten at 3-0 overall. **Simon Brandt** recorded an impressive 1-6, 6-3, 6-3 win over **Jason Howard** at No. 1 singles. JM got its lone win at No. 2 wins, where **Abhi Lamba** prevailed 6-4, 6-3.

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BY STEVE MUELLER
Men's Health Consultant

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Albert Lea Tribune: Tigers take down Rockets

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A.L. uses 3-run 5th inning to build lead

In its home opener Thursday, the Albert Lea baseball team beat the defending Big Nine Conference champs 4-2.

“The kids rose to the challenge,” Albert Lea head coach Joe Sczublewski said. “This was a nice win for us.”

Rochester John Marshall jumped to a 1-run lead in the third inning, but Albert Lea fought back in the fourth. Makael Lunning started a positive trend for the Tigers with a lead-off single. Lunning found his way back to home plate with an RBI single by Wyatt Paulsen. The score was tied at one headed into the fifth inning. Albert Lea pitcher Johnathan Fleek held the Rockets’ batting order in check in the top of the inning, and the Tigers exploded with three runs in the bottom of the inning.

Albert Lea’s Luke Arnold started the fireworks with a single to center field. The next batter was Dylan See-Rockers. He earned a bunt single and advanced Arnold to second base. Fleek followed See-Rockers’ at-bat with an RBI single. The next Albert Lea batter, Zach Bordewick, hit a sacrifice fly to score See-Rockers. Fleek scored the Tigers third run of the inning on a sacrifice fly to center field by Lucas Hansen. Neither team scored in the sixth inning. The Rockets made a final effort to rally in the seventh inning, but exceptional defense by Albert Lea held them to only one run.

For the first out of the inning, Paulson stopped just short of the warning track in right field to catch a pop fly. Fleek continued a dominant performance on the mound by striking out a Rochester John Marshall batter for the second out. The Rockets scored one run with two outs, but Albert Lea made the final out shortly thereafter. Fleek pitched all seven innings. He struck out five batters and allowed four hits and one earned run. “He’s been throwing year ’round. His arm is as strong as anyone’s,” Sczublewski said. “He battles out there, and the team plays hard behind him.” Fleek said he was satisfied with his performance on the mound. “I thought I pitched well for the first game of the year,” he said. “They (the outfield) made a lot of plays to back me up.”

Sczublewsi echoed Fleek’s sentiments about Albert Lea’s defensive performance. “We made some nice plays and our outfield played outstanding,” he said. “Makael made that diving catch with two on and two out in the third inning. Paulson made a tough catch in the corner and See-Rockers made a nice catch in the first inning.” Three Tigers batted .666 for the game: See-Rockers, Lunning and Paulsen — and that was against the Rockets’ ace pitcher: Janek Walker.

Earlier this week, Albert Lea took Winona to extra innings before the game was postponed. “We’ve played two of what you’d call the favorites with returning people in Winona and J.M.,” Sczublewski said. “We’ve shown we can compete with them.” The Tigers continue their conference tour today by hosting Rochester Mayo at 4 p.m.

Winona Daily News: Big Nine keeping full schedule

April 18, 2013 11:30 pm • By HEIDI HANSE heidi.hanse@lee.net

The Big Nine Conference went against the trend of overhauling spring sports schedules Thursday. The 10 conference athletic directors met to discuss how to move forward with the spring season and decided against scrapping what’s left of the season or changing all games to doubleheaders as the weather continues to shorten the competition window.

“Baseball and golf have been hit the hardest,” Winona athletic director Brad Berzinski said. “If we scrap all the (baseball) games we might run into not having enough qualified umpires.
“We’re going to go with the philosophy of, if a single game is cancelled, to turn the next meeting of those teams into a doubleheader.”

The other option is to reschedule things on Wednesdays. Winona’s trip to the Kasson-Mantorville track and field meet Thursday was postponed due to rain, but the event will be made up May 8, which is a Wednesday.

“Historically, we stay away from Wednesdays, but we are looking at that as an option,” Berzinski said. “I feel confident that we will be able to play a majority of our schedules, though nonconference games will take a hit.

“At the end of the day, we said, let’s not panic just yet. That’s not to say next week we’ll feel the same way, but for now we are leaving things be.”

BIG NINE ADDITIONS: Red Wing and Northfield have officially applied to the Big Nine Conference. Berzinski said a vote could come as early as May 8, at the Big Nine Executive Meeting. In order to be accepted for the 2014-15 school year, there will need to be a unanimous vote.

The Big Nine hasn’t added a school since Rochester Century in 1996.

Local sports

SOFTBALL

Photos by Scott Jacobson / sjacobson@postbulletin.com

Above: Lourdes' Sam Macken dives safely into second with a steal ahead of the throw and tag attempt of Stewartville's Meghan Schmitz on Saturday at the Rochester Fastpitch Softball Park.

Right: Stewartville's Jena O'Byrne is safe at home as the ball skips away from Rachel Sobiesk of Lourdes on Saturday. Stewartville beat Lourdes 10-4.

Stewartville 2nd, Lourdes 3rd in tournament

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The Rochester Lourdes softball team followed up a 10-4 loss to Stewartville in the second game of the Lourdes Tournament with a 5-2 win over Alexandria in the third-place game on Saturday.

Delano beat Stewartville 11-3 in the championship game.

John Marshall beat Winona 12-1 in the fifth-place game, and Northfield beat Lake City 14-4 in the seventh-place game. JM barely lost to Delano in the first round, 5-4, but romped to wins in its other two games.

Sam Macken had a home run and three RBIs in Lourdes' win over Alexandria. Kelly Bier got the pitching win, striking out eight.

Hanna Lawler was hit by a pitch in the bottom of the seventh against Winona, then Macken drove her in with the winning run with a triple in Lourdes' 1-0 win over Winona in the Eagles' first game of the tournament.

Bier was the pitching star for Lourdes. She tossed a six hitter over seven innings, striking out six and walking none. Macken finished 3-for-4 with a triple and an RBI.

• John Marshall landed fifth in the Lourdes Tournament, romping to a 12-1 win over Winona in its final game.

JM started the tournament with a 5-4 loss to eventual champion Delano. It then pounded Lake City 20-0, before beating Winona 12-1.

Delano got three runs in the fourth inning to build a 4-1 lead. JM ralled behind RBI singles by Lauren Kalwasinski and Haley Holtorf and singles by Erin Meyers and Katie Boldt to tie the score.

But Delano beat the Rockets in the seventh with a walk and back-to-back singles.

Boldt and Meyers each had three hits against Winona. Kristen Erickson had three hits against Lake City, and Erickson also tossed a one-hitter with no walks and four strikeouts.

John Marshall's Lauren Kalwasinski hurdles a hard-hit ground ball fielded by Lake City shortstop Josie Kuchinka on Saturday at the Rochester Fastpitch Softball Park.

Lourdes 1, Winona 0
(First game)

Winona	000	000	0	—	0	6	1
Lourdes	000	000	1	—	0	4	2

Winona: Crystal Franzwa 1-for-3, 1 2B; Melissa Peterson 3-for-3, 1 2B, 1 3B; Haley Wangen 1-for-3; Veronica Lafky 1-for-3. LP: Kalley Jo Schultz 6.1 IP, 4 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 4 BB, 6 K.

Lourdes: Sam Macken 3-for-4, 1 3B, 1 RBI; Grace Rogers 1-for-3; Hannah Lawler 1-for-2, 1 R. Pitching: Kelly Bier 7 IP, 6 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 6 K.

Lourdes 5, Alexandria 2
(Third game)

Alexandria	010	000	1	—	2	7	1
Lourdes	030	101	0	—	0	7	2

Alexandria: Bruzek 2-for-4; Stater 1-for-4, 1 RBI; Syvron 1-for-4; Knutson 1-for-3, 1 2B, 1 R; Lee 1-for-3, 1 2B, 1 R; Schuler 2-for-3, 1 RBI. Pitching: LP: Ellyngson 6 IP, 7 H, 5 R, 5 ER, 5 BB, 3 K;

Lourdes: Eleanor Berg 1-for-1, 1 R; Sam Macken 3-for-1, 1 HR, 3 RBI, 2 R; Anna Maiers 1-for-2, 1 R; Grace Rogers 1-for-4; Hannah Lawler 1-for-3; Kelly Bier 2-for-3. WP: Kelly Bier 7 IP, 7 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 1 BB, 8 K.

Delano 5, John Marshall 4
(First game)

Delano	000	310	1	—	5	11	1
John Marshall	010	030	0	—	4	9	1

Delano: Makenna Giese 3-for-4, 2 RBI, 1 SB; Sam Noetzelman 3-for-4, 1 2B, 1 R; Katie Emmer 1-for-4, 1 3B, 1 R. Pitching: Katie Vatnsdal 5 IP, 9 H, 4 R, 2 ER, 2 BB, 2 K; WP: Makenna Giese 2 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 2 K.

John Marshall: Katie Boldt 2-for-4, 1 R; Lauren Kalwasinski 2-for-4, 1 RBI; Haley Holtorf 2-for-2, 1 RBI, 1 R. LP: Amber Prow 7 IP, 11 H, 5 R, 5 ER, 1 BB, 10 K.

JM 20, Lake City 0
(Second game)

Lake City	000	00	—	0	1	8
John Marshall	30(10)	7x	—	20	17	0

Lake City: Emily Ziebell 1-for-2;

John Marshall: Haley Jochum 2-for-3, 1 RBI, 1 R, 1 SB; Brooke Johnson 2-for-3, 1 RBI, 2 R; Kristen Erickson 3-for-4, 1 3B, 4 RBI; Erin Meyers 2-for-3, 3 RBI, 1 R; Katie Boldt 2-for-3, 3 RBI, 2 R; Lauren Kalwasinski 2-for-4, 2 R; Rachel Karp 3-for-5, 2 RBI, 3 R. WP: Kristen Erickson 5 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 4 K.

John Marshall 12, Winona 1
(Third game)

John Marshall	202	116	—	12	13	2
Winona	000	100	—	1	6	0

John Marshall: Ashley Jochum 2-for-3, 3 R; Kristen Erickson 2-for-3, 3 RBI, 1 R; Erin Meyers 3-for-4, 2 R; Katie Boldt 3-for-3, 1 2B, 1 RBI, 1 R; Lauren Kalwasinski 2-for-4, 2 RBI, 2 R; Rachel Karp 1-for-4, 2 RBI; Haley Holtorf 0-for-2, 2 RBI. WP: Katherine Boldt 6 IP, 6 H, 1 R, 0 ER, 3 BB, 5 K.

Winona: Crystal Franzwa 2-for-4; Rhiannon Reinardy 2-for-2; Haley Wangen 0-for-2, 1 R.

Austin tops Esko at Elks Invitational

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Above: Austin's Jessi Smith is congratulated by Lisa Stundahl after scoring the winning run on a walk to defeat Esko 5-4 in eight innings in the Elks Invitational on Saturday at Todd Park in Austin. No other results were reported to the Post-Bulletin.

Below: Austin's Shayley Vesel waits on a pitch and draws a walk to fill the bases on Saturday.

BASEBALL

Goll's single lifts Century over Mayo

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Ryan Goll's RBI single in the bottom of the seventh inning on Saturday gave Rochester Century its second walk-off victory in two days.

Goll drove in Mitch Gade — who had walked, then advanced to second base on a sacrifice bunt by Kainoa Gathje — to lift the Panthers to a 4-3, eight-inning victory against rival Rochester Mayo at Century High School.

"We have played four one-run games, two in extra innings," Century coach Keith Kangas said. "It looks like a pretty balanced league."

Century led 3-0 after one inning as Matt Sturchio, Gade and Gathje all drove in runs. Sturchio had an RBI double, Gade followed with a sacrifice fly, and Gathje had a run-scoring single.

Mayo chipped away, however, against Sturchio, Century's starting pitcher. Christen Rosenow scored on an error in the third inning, and the Spartans tied the game in the fifth on a two-run single by Bailey Kazeck.

Sturchio picked up the victory, pitching all eight innings and allowing three runs on eight hits. He walked four and struck out four.

Century 4, Mayo 3

Mayo	001	020	00	—	3	8	0
Century	300	000	01	—	4	8	2

Mayo: Tate Deach 1-for-3, 1 R; Christian Rosenow 3-for-4, 1 R; Sam Hinsch, 2,-for-3; Michael Michalak, 1-for-5, 1 RBI, 1 R. Alex Riles 4 IP, 5 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 2 BB, 1 K.

Century: Matthew Sturchio 2-for-4, 1 2B, 1 RBI, 1 R; Nicholas Pearson 1-for-2; Ryan Goll 1-for-3, 1 RBI; Kainoa Gathje 2-for-3, 1 RBI; Riese Zmolek 2-for-4, 1 2B, 1 R; Mitchel Gade 1 R; Darryl Martin 1 R; WP: Matthew Sturchio 8 IP, 8 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 4 BB, 4 K.

Rockets deliver in seventh

Jake Halverson banged out three hits and had two RBIs, and John Marshall got excellent pitching from Zach Schwieters as it beat Winona 2-1 in Big Nine Conference baseball Saturday.

Schwieters pitched all seven innings and tossed a six-hitter. He walked just two and struck out six.

"Both teams played well," JM coach Terry Heiderscheit said. "Halverson hit the ball on the button four times and had two clutch RBI singles in the third and seventh innings. We (also) made some very nice defensive plays in the outfield and a play in the infield by Aaron Grad that saved a run early in the game."

Winona got its lone run in the seventh.

John Marshall 2, Winona 1

John Marshall	001	000	1	—	1	7	1
Winona	000	000	1	—	1	6	0

John Marshall: Jake Halverson 3-for-4, 2 RBI. WP: Zachary Schwieters 7 IP, 6 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 6 K.

Winona: Jeff Schultz 2-for-4. LP: Rohde 5 IP;

Yellowjackets split weekend doubleheaders

RCTC, Riverland each claim 1-0 victories

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The Rochester Community and Technical College baseball team split four games over the weekend.

The Yellowjackets split a doubleheader with Riverland on Saturday and then split a doubleheader with St. Cloud Tech on Sunday.

During Saturday's split, RCTC won Game 1, 1-0.

T.J. Nowak tossed a complete-game shutout, allowing three hits and one walk over seven innings. He struck out seven.

Riverland's Connor Hurst was the tough-luck loser, tossing six innings and allowing one run on four hits while striking out seven.

Courtesy runner Ben Eddelback scored RCTC's lone run, coming home on Ivan Augedahl's squeeze bunt in the fourth inning.

In Game 2, it was Riverland winning the battle 1-0.

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>
> — RCTC coach Steve Hucke

Bryce Christopher took the loss for RCTC, tossing 3 2/3 innings. He allowed one run on three hits and walked three. Cody Schacht got the win for Riverland, throwing all seven innings. He allowed just two hits, and struck out nine.

The Yellowjackets came out flat in Game 1 on Sunday against St. Cloud Tech, falling 9-0.

"That wasn't fun to watch at all," RCTC coach Steve Hucke said. "It was a very unemotional game."

Gage Salquist took the loss, throwing four innings and allowing seven runs on eight hits.

The Yellowjackets won Game 2, 5-3.

"We pitched well in all the games this weekend, and really, we played well enough to be 4-0 or at least 3-1," Hucke said. "I was impressed by our pitching all weekend."

Kody Knaus scored the win in Game 2, tossing five innings. He allowed three runs on eight hits.

Mike Burroughs smacked a two-run double in the four-run third inning, helping the Yellowjackets rally from a 2-0 deficit.

RCTC (15-6) returns to action Wednesday at Brainerd.

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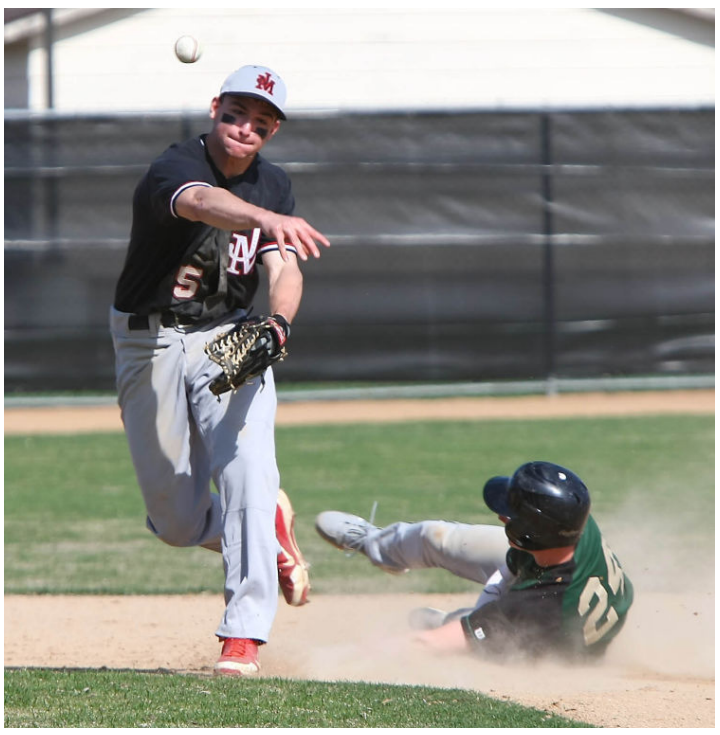
Mayo's Jerry Brownell makes the force at second on John Marshall's Ryan Santee and the throw to first but not in time for two Tuesday afternoon April 30, 2013 at Mayo Field.

Mayo's Tate Deach makes the force at second on Jack Kall of John Marshall Tuesday afternoon April 30, 2013 at Mayo Field.

John Marshall's Aaron Grad with a single against Mayo Tuesday afternoon April 30, 2013 at Mayo Field.

John Marshall's Aaron Grad gets the force at second on Christian Rosenow of Mayo Tuesday afternoon April 30, 2013 at Mayo Field.



John Marshall's Aaron Grad gets the force at second on Michael Michalak of Mayo Tuesday afternoon April 30, 2013 at Mayo Field.

John Marshall's Jacob Dravis dives safely back to first ahead of the throw and tag of Mayo's Bailey Kazeck Tuesday afternoon April 30, 2013 at Mayo Field.

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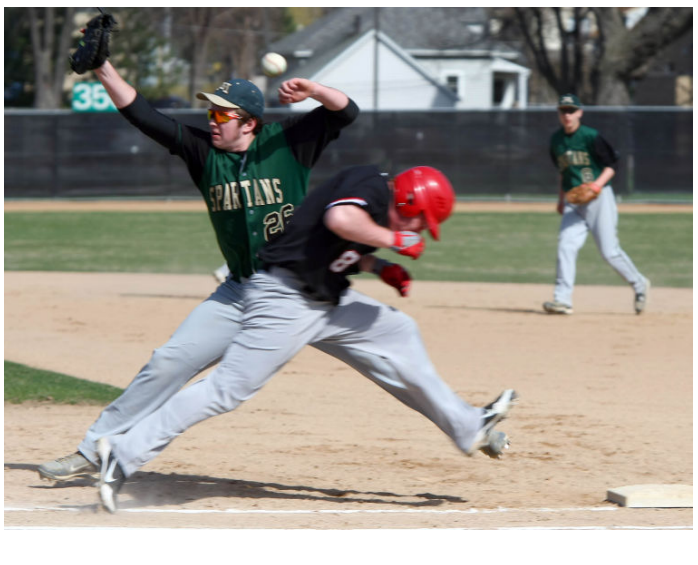

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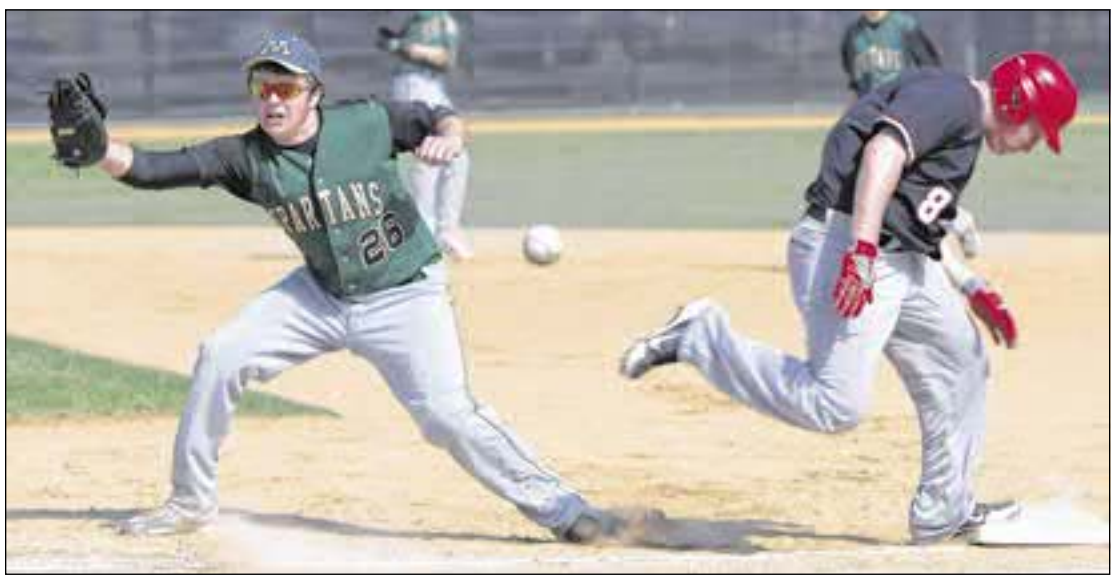

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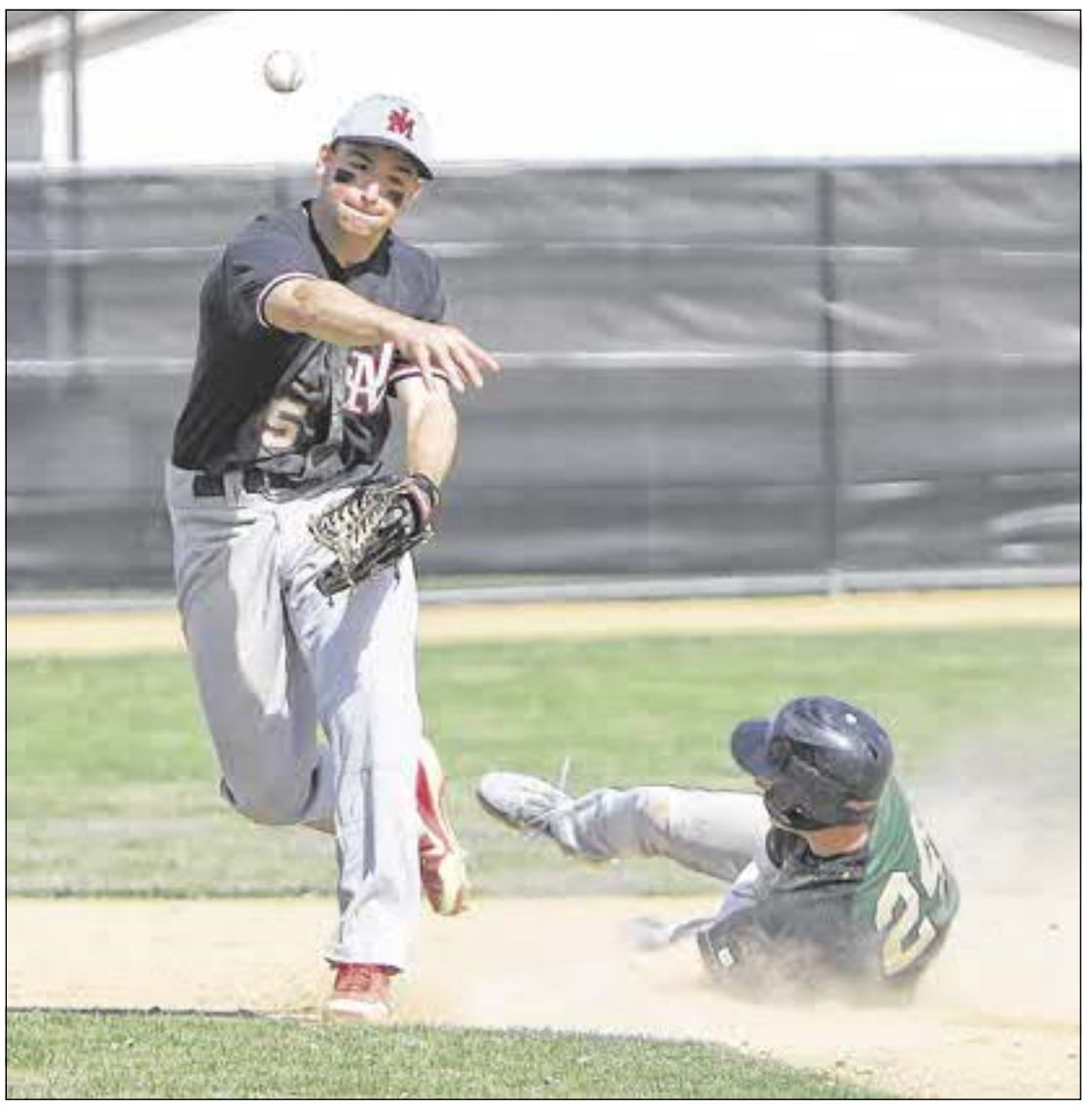

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John Marshall's Aaron Grad gets the force at second base on Michael Michalak of Mayo on Tuesday and then fires to first in an attempt to get a double play.

Spartans outlast JM

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Looking at anything other than the final score would indicate the Rochester Mayo baseball team lost to cross-town rival John Marshall on Tuesday at Mayo Field.

JM outhit Mayo 9-7, and the Spartans committed a whopping six errors, while the Rockets did not have an error.

Despite the miscues, the Spartans found a way to get the job done, rallying for a 6-5 Big Nine Conference win.

A big fourth inning was the difference. The Spartans trailed 2-0 heading into the frame, but they scored four runs in the fourth. Michael Michalak delivered the biggest hit, smacking a two-run home run.

"We got a leadoff walk and then Michalak hit the home run," Mayo coach Dan Hoefs said. "We got timely hitting, and JM did not. I think they left 14 runners on base. We worked out of jams, for sure."

JM rallied and had the bases loaded with one out in the seventh. But reliever Brad Mathiowetz induced a pop-up and a ground out to earn the save.

Jackson Douglas got the win on the mound for Mayo. He went 5 1/3 innings, allowing five runs (two earned) on nine hits, while striking out three.

Janik Walker took the loss for JM. He went four innings, allowing four earned runs on four hits, while walking one and striking out three.

Alex Brady paced the Rockets, going 2-for-4 with a run scored. Aaron Grad and Kalaeb Stangler had a double and a run scored each, while Zach Schwieters had a run and an RBI and Jake Dravis added an RBI.

Christian Rosenow led Mayo, going 2-for-2 with two runs scored, a stolen base and an RBI. Mathiowetz added a triple and an RBI.

The teams were scheduled to play a second game, but rain stopped that contest. John Marshall was up 5-3 at the time, with Mayo coming to bat in the bottom of the third inning. The game will be resumed at that point at a later date (to be determined).

Mayo improved the 4-3 overall and 3-3 in the Big Nine. The Spartans have a doubleheader Thursday at Austin. The Rockets dropped to 1-3 overall, 1-2 Big Nine and play again Thursday at home against Mankato East in another doubleheader.

Mayo 6, JM 5

JM.....101 010 2 — 5 9 0
Mayo.....000 420 x — 6 7 6

John Marshall: Alex Brady 2-for-4, R; Jake Halverson 1-for-4, R; Aaron Grad 1-for-5, R, 2B; Zach Schwieters 1-for-4, R, RBI; Jason Rieke 1-for-3; Jake Dravis 1-for-2, RBI; Sam Broman 1-for-4; Kalaeb Stangler 1-for-3, R, 2B. LP: Janik Walker 4 IP, 4 R, 4 ER, 4 H, 3 K, 1 BB.

Mayo: Christian Rosenow 2-for-2, 2 R, SB, RBI; Michael Michalak 1-for-4, 2-run HR; Brad Mathiowetz 1-for-3, 3B, RBI; Ryan Martin 1-for-3, RBI; Tate Deach 1-for-3, 2B. WP: Jackson Douglas 6 1/3 IP, 5 R, 2 ER, 9 H, 3 K, 3 BB. SV: Mathiowetz 2/3 IP.

Century splits with Mankato West

MANKATO — Rochester Century baseball coach Keith Kangas said last week that the Big Nine Conference appears very balanced.

That was the case again Tuesday, as Century split a doubleheader against Mankato West with both games decided by one run.

Century won the opener 4-3 and dropped the second game 5-4 in eight innings.

Matt Sturchio hit a solo home run and Jordan Jasik pitched a solid 4 1/3 innings to lift Century in the first game. Jasik struck out three hitters, didn't walk a batter and allowed just two runs in his outing. Josh Bakken earned the save, pitching 1 2/3 innings with no walks and two strikeouts.

"It was one of those days we could've won two or lost two," Kangas said. "We gave some young arms a chance. We need to develop those guys going forward.

"Jasik and (Josh) Bakken pitched really well, we just didn't hit well when we needed to."

Bakken suffered the loss in the second game, pitching the final 4 1/3 innings with one walk and two strikeouts. Mitch Gade had a two-run triple in the first inning and Darryl Martin had a run-scoring single in the second for Century.

Century is scheduled to play host to New Prague at 2 p.m. Saturday at Century High School.

Century 4, West 3
First game

Century.....103 000 0 — 4 3 2
West.....101 001 0 — 3 8 3

Century: Matt Sturchio HR; Ryan Goll 1-for-3, 2B; WP: Jordan Jasik 4 1/3 IP, 0 BB, 3 K; Sv: Josh Bakken 1 2/3 IP, 0 BB, 2 K.

West 5, Century 4
Second game

Century.....220 000 00 — 4 5 3
West.....120 100 01 — 5 7 3

Century: Mitch Gade 3B, 2 RBI; Darryl Martin 1 RBI; LP: Josh Bakken 4 1/3 IP, 1 BB, 2 K; Ross Luinenburg 2/3 IP, 1 R; Nick Pearson 3 IP, 3 R.

Lourdes 10-runs Lake City

LAKE CITY — Rochester Lourdes stayed unbeaten with a 12-0 win in five innings over a good Lake City team Tuesday in a Hiawatha Valley League baseball game.

Lourdes scored three runs in the first inning against Lake City starting pitcher John Brown, and the Eagles broke it open with eight runs in the second against Brown who lasted 1 1/3 innings.

"It was a very good team win for us," said Lourdes coach Dan Herold. "I'm a big pitching and defense guy, so I was real pleased to hold Lake City to three hits."

Lourdes pitchers John Bigler and Joe Jennings meanwhile combined for a three-hit shutout. Bigler last four innings as the starter and got the win.

The Eagles improved to 6-0 overall, while Lake City dipped to 8-2.

Henry Wittren drove in four runs, scored two and was 2-for-3 to lead Lourdes' 10-hit attack. Lourdes' next game is Friday at Byron.

Lourdes 12, Lake City 0

Lourdes.....380 10 — 12 12 1
Lake City.....000 00 — 0 3 4

Lourdes: Thomas Elwell 2-for-2, 2 R, 2 SB; Jason Samuelson 2 R; Michael Brandt 1-for-2, 1 2B, 2 RBI, 1 R; Chris Wasz 1-for-1, 1 RBI, 1 R, 1 SB; Zach Hillman 1-for-3, 1 RBI, 1 R; Daniel Burriss 1-for-3, 1 RBI, 1 R; Henry Wittren 2-for-3, 4 RBI, 2 R, 1 SB; John Bigler 2-for-3, 1 R; Daniel Freiburger 1-for-1, Andrew Ellingson 1-for-2 1 R. WP: John Bigler 4 IP, 3 H, 1 BB, 1 K. Other pitcher: Joe Jennings 1 IP, 1 K.

Lake City: John Brown 1-for-2, 2 SB; Ryan Pribyl 1-for-2; Dylan Simonic 1-for-2, 1 2B. LP: John Brown 1 1/3 IP, 8 H, 11 R, 11 ER, 4 BB. Other pitcher: Logan Thomas 3 2/3 IP, 2 H, 1 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 4 K.

SOFTBALL

K-M tops Mayo in a family affair

Thome pitches KoMets past father's Mayo squad

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Tuesday's non-conference softball game between Mayo and Kasson-Mantorville turned out to be bitter-sweet for Spartans coach Clint Thome.

Thome was disappointed on one hand because Mayo suffered an 11-4 loss to Kasson-Mantorville. But he was also beaming as a father as his daughter, freshman Chante' Thome, earned the win on the mound for K-M.

"She had a good outing," coach Thome said. "I'm proud of my daughter; that's kind of a different situation. You want to win, but you hope she does well."

Brakke

Chante' Thome finished with a six-hitter. Mayo scored four times in the sixth inning, including Anna Brakke's three-run homer.

K-M finished with 18 hits off of two Mayo pitchers and built an 8-0 lead going into the bottom of the sixth. Brooke Paradise went 4-for-4 for the KoMets while Danielle Head and Kaylea Schorr both had three hits.

"Kasson's really solid," Thome said. "And the scary thing is they're young. They're going to be good for the next few years."

Mayo (3-7) is scheduled to play at Farmington today and will host Winona in a doubleheader at 4 p.m. on Thursday.

Kasson-Mantorville 11, Mayo 4

K-M.....204 011 3 — 11 18 1
Mayo.....000 004 0 — 4 6 3

Kasson-Mantorville: Danielle Head 3-for-4, 3 R, 1 2B; Kaylea Schorr 3-for-5, 1 2B; Dana Rasmussen 2-for-3, 1 2B, 2 R; Brooke Paradise 4-for-4, 2 R. WP: Chante' Thome 7 IP, 6 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 1 BB, 7 K.

Mayo: Laura Henderson 2-for-4, 1 2B, 1 RBI; Anna Brakke 1-for-2, 1 HR, 3 RBIs. LP: Emily Hindal 4 IP, 9 H, 6 R, 5 ER, 1 BB, 1 K. Other pitcher: Kali Aldrich 3 IP, 9 H, 5 R, 5 ER, 0 BB, 0 K.

West sweeps Century

Mankato West escaped a jam in the bottom of the seventh to shade Century 2-0 in the first game of a doubleheader in Big Nine Conference softball on Tuesday.

West (3-0 Big Nine) had no trouble in the second game, winning 17-1 in five innings.

Trailing by two runs in the opener, Century loaded the bases with one out in the seventh. But pitcher Bre Black got the next two hitters to end the game.

Century collected 10 hits in the contest, but was unable to push a run across against the Big Nine power. Erin Ziebarth, Morgan Wilson and Morgan Lewison all had two hits for Century.

Stolp

Shyanne Stolp was the hard-luck loser for Century. She allowed 11 hits, but the only two runs West scored came in the third inning.

Lexy Schoper tossed a three-hitter in the nightcap for the Scarlets. Every hitter in the West lineup had at least one hit and Mankato broke the game open with seven runs in the second inning.

Mankato West 2, Century 0
First game

Mankato West.....002 000 0 — 2 11 0
Century.....000 000 0 — 0 10 0

Mankato West: Lexy Schoper 3-for-3; Megan Svir 2-for-3; Anna Crooker 2-for-3. WP: Bre Black 7 IP, 10 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 3 K.

Century: Erin Ziebarth 2-for-3; Morgan Wilson 2-for-3; Morgan Lewison 2-for-2. LP: Shyanne Stolp 7 IP, 11 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 2 K.

West 17, Century 1
Second game

Mankato West .....070 55 — 17 16 0
Century.....000 10 — 1 3 1

Mankato West: WP: Lexy Schoper 7 IP, 10 K.

Century: LP: Erin Ziebarth 2 IP, 2 BB. Other pitchers: Shantel Loos 1 IP, 2 BB; Jenna Brown 2 IP, 2 BB.

JM splits doubleheader with Mankato East

MANKATO — John Marshall continued its strong play this season by gaining a split with Big Nine power Mankato East in softball on Tuesday.

Mankato East won the first game 5-1 before the Rockets bounced back to win the nightcap 5-0.

JM was limited to five hits in the opener. Katie Boldt doubled to lead off the second inning but Mankato East got out of the inning. JM scored in the seventh when Lauren Kalwasinski singled and Kristen Erickson delivered a two-out RBI single.

Megan Ulrich pitched five shutout innings for East in the opener and Shelby Beckman hit a home run.

In game two, the Rockets got the board with two runs in the top of the first. Katie Boldt led off with a triple to the right-field corner. Erin Meyers then reached on a fielders choice and Kristen Erickson's infield ground out drove in Boldt. Haley Holtorf followed with a double off the center-field wall to score Meyers.

JM added single runs in the fourth, fifth and sixth and finished with 12 hits.

Boldt collected the win. She worked the first five innings and allowed three hits. Amber Prow relieved Boldt in the fifth with runners at second and third and no outs. She promptly got three ground ball outs to work out of the jam.

Boldt

"We lacked energy in game one, both in the field and at the plate," JM coach Thang Nguyen said. "The girls picked themselves up and responded well to shut down a potent Mankato East team and earn a split."

JM (8-3, 6-2 Big Nine) hosts Faribault in a doubleheader at 4 p.m. today at the Rochester Sports Stadium Bubble.

Mankato East 5, JM 1
First game

John Marshall.....000 000 1 — 1 5 2
Mankato East.....100 130 0 — 5 9 0

John Marshall: Kristen Erickson 2-for-3, 1 RBI; Lauren Kalwasinski 1-for-3, 1 R; Katie Boldt 1-for-3, 2B. LP: Kristen Erickson 6 IP, 9 H, 5 R, 3 ER, 1 BB, 1 K.

Mankato East: Shelby Beckman 1-for-2, R, RBI, HR; Savannah Quandt 2-for-3, 2B, 2R, 2 RBI. WP: Megan Ulrich 5 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 5 K. Other pitcher: Nicole Rasmussen 2 IP, 3 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 0 BB, 0 K.

JM 5, Mankato East 0
Second game

John Marshall.....000 000 1 — 1 5 2
Mankato East.....100 130 0 — 5 9 0

John Marshall: Kristen Erickson 3-for-4, 2B, R, 2 RBI; Erin Meyers 2-for-4, 2R, RBI; Katie Boldt 2-for-4, 3B, R; 2-4, 2B, RBI. WP: Katie Boldt 4 IP, 3H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 1 K. Sv: Amber Prow 3 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 0ER.

Mankato East: Jordan Kuster 1-for-3, 2B; Macy Anderson 1-for-3, 2B. LP: Megan Ulrich 5 IP, 11 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 1 BB, 4 K. Other pitcher: Nicole Rasumussen 2 IP, 1 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 1 K.

BOYS LACROSSE

Spartans fall to perfect St. Thomas Academy

Mayo now sits at 4-2

Post-Bulletin staff

MENDOTA HEIGHTS — St. Thomas Academy built a four-goal lead by halftime and held on to defeat Rochester Mayo 12-7 in a non-conference boys lacrosse game Tuesday.

Mayo had a two-game win streak halted and is now 4-2 overall. St. Thomas Academy improved to 6-0.

"This game was very challenging for our team as St. Thomas Academy had very good athletes at every position," said Mayo coach Eric Moore. "We had to really work on every possession to get a shot in goal, and their quickness and number of shooters really challenged our defense."

Ethan Moore scored four goals and Mike Fix had three goals to lead the Spartans. Nick Fix had a team-high five groundballs.

M. Fix

"I was proud of how our team competed for the entire game," Moore added. "Ethan Moore and Mike Fix combined for some beautiful goals, and we ran our offense better in the second half."

Mayo's next game is Saturday at Wayzata.

St. Thomas Academy 12, Mayo 7

Mayo.....3 0 1 3 — 7
St. Thomas Academy ..4 3 2 3 — 12

Mayo: Justin Rein 1 groundball; Ethan Moore 4 goals, 1 takeaway; Matt Moore 2 groundballs; Nick Fix 5 groundballs; Wyatt Ryan: 1 groundball; Loren Lorang 2 groundballs; Jack Cerhan 1 groundball; Mike Fix 1 assist, 3 goals, 1 groundball; Max Jorde 1 groundball; Jeff Craig 1 groundball; Zach Lorang: 1 groundball. Goalie: Troy Penz.

St. Thomas Academy: No stats provided.

ADAPTED SOFTBALL

Healy, Jones spark Raiders

Steffl earns win as team improves to 2-2

Post-Bulletin staff

The Rochester Raiders scored five runs in the fourth inning and won 12-7 over South Suburban in an adapted softball game Tuesday at Friedell Middle School.

"I thought we pulled together well; our defense was phenomenal and the hitting was fantastic," said Raiders coach Ryan Bacon.

Patrick Healy went 4-for-4 and scored four runs, and Connor Jones was 3-for-4 with two runs to lead the Raiders' offense. Healy is a John Marshall senior, and Jones is a junior at Mayo. Tanner Dickison, a John Adams seventh-grader, had a two-run double in the fourth.

Healy

Winning pitcher Alex Steffl pitched a complete game.

The Raiders, now 2-2, play Thursday against Dakota at Rosemount High School.

Faribault Daily News: **Jensen's walk-off single leads Faribault baseball to split with Rochester JM**

Posted: Tuesday, May 7, 2013 11:13 pm | Updated: 12:00 am, Thu May 9, 2013. By JOSH BERHOW jberhow@faribault.com.

Brent Hawkins thought about giving Evan Jensen the bunt sign. It's a good thing he didn't. Jensen busted out of a slump in a big way, shooting a base hit over the third baseman's glove to give the Faribault High School baseball team a 4-3, eight-inning walk-off win over Rochester John Marshall on Tuesday in Rochester. The win salvaged the split of the Big 9 Conference doubleheader after JM won the opening game 2-1.

"That's the kind of baseball I expect them to play," said coach Hawkins. "I expect them to play like they did tonight. We got into jams but we got out of them. We didn't give up a big inning, and I thought our infield was phenomenal tonight.". Nate Emge took the loss in the first game despite allowing two earned runs on five hits and three walks in six innings. The Rockets scored both of their runs in the third inning, and Faribault (3-4, 2-4 Big 9) scored its only run in the sixth when a Connor Wierschem RBI single scored Logan Murphy.
In Game 2, Faribault took a 2-1 lead in the third inning when Murphy, who reached base six of seven times on the day, singled to score Mitch Struve before Wierschem added an RBI single.

JM (2-4, 2-3) threatened in the fifth, as starter Austin Houge walked the bases full, but Tyler Smeby came in and got the final out. Faribault then went up 3-1 in the sixth when Tanner Tousignant doubled, went to third on a passed ball and scored when an infield bobbled a grounder hit by Struve.
"We were going on contact and Mitch did his job there," Hawkins said.Up 3-1, Smeby was a pitch away from closing it out in the top of the seventh — Faribault was the home team the second game – but JM cleanup hitter Kaeleb Stangler extended the game. With a runner on first, two outs and a full count, Stangler homered to tie the game at 3-3.

Faribault got a runner on in the bottom of the seventh but JM turned a double play to end the inning. In the eighth, the Rockets got runners on second and third with one out, but Smeby escaped when Murphy fielded a grounder at short and cut the runner down at home, and the next batter grounded out to Smeby to end the inning.

Smeby, getting some redemption after the seventh-inning homer, led off the eighth with a single and moved to second when Tousignant was hit by a pitch. Jensen followed with the game-winning hit, a jam shot that fell over the third baseman's outstretched glove.
"It was big for Evan to get that hit, and hopefully that gets him going," Hawkins said. "He's putting too much pressure on himself, so it was nice that he stayed loose."

"Overall, to go have a one-run loss and a one-run win against JM, we'll take it," Hawkins said.The Falcons host Austin (3-6, 3-6) at 5 p.m. on Thursday.

FHS GAME STATISTICS R H E
FHS 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 5 0
JM 0 0 2 0 0 0 X 2 5 0
Hitting leaders: Logan Murphy 1-2, BB, R; Aric Hallet 0-1, 2BB; Danny Pierce 1-3, 2B; Connor Wierschem 1-3, RBI; Tanner Tousignant 2-3, 2B
Pitching line:
Nate Emge (L) 6IP, 5H, 2R, 2ER, 3BB, 1K

FHS GAME STATISTICS R H E
JM 0 1 0 0 0 0 2 0 3 6 2
FHS 0 0 2 0 0 1 0 1 4 7 1
Hitting leaders: Logan Murphy 1-1, 3BB, R, RBI; Connor Wierschem 1-3, BB, RBI; Tyler Smeby 2-4, R; Tanner Tousignant 1-3, 2B, BB, R; Mitch Struve 0-2, R, RBI; Nate Emge 1-2; Evan Jensen 1-4, RBI
Pitching lines:
Austin Houge 4 2/3IP, 2H, 1R, 1ER, 6BB, 2K
Tyler Smeby (W) 3 1/3IP, 4H, 2R, 2ER, 2BB, 1K

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JUNIOR HOCKEY

Funk heads area talent drafted by USHL

4 players with area ties picked

BY JASON FELDMAN
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Brock Kautz, CJ Smith and Jason Pawloski were among the best young players in the North American Hockey League this season.

Alex Funk was among the top scorers in Minnesota high school hockey this past season.

All four of those players with ties to the area have a chance to play at a higher level next season, as they were all selected during Thursday's United States Hockey League Draft. The USHL is the top Junior A league in the country.

Funk, a senior at Rochester Lourdes, was selected in the fifth round, 65th overall, on Tuesday by the Cedar Rapids Roughriders.

He capped a stellar four-year career with a stellar senior season. The speedy, high-scoring forward finished the season with 82 points. He wrapped up his Lourdes career with 222 points, the second-most in program history. He trails only his long-time linemate, Jason Samuelson, on the Eagles' all-time list. Samuelson, who will play baseball at the University of Iowa beginning next school year, finished his Lourdes career with 226 points.

Funk

"He just works hard; he never backs down," Lourdes coach Josh Spaniol said about Funk, shortly after this past season. "He's not afraid to take a hit or give a hit. That makes him such a competitive player."

Fifth round for Kautz

Kautz, also a Rochester native, was also selected in the fifth round, by the Tri City Storm, based in Kearney, Neb.

Kautz left Rochester Century after his sophomore season to play junior hockey in the NAHL. He played 14 games for the now-defunct Owatonna Express of the NAHL in 2010-11, then has played in 57 games over the past two seasons for the Janesville (Wis.) Jets of the NAHL. Kautz had his best season in the NAHL — a Junior A, Tier II league — this season. He went 17-18-7 for the Jets, with a 2.62 goals-against average and a .921 save percentage.

Smith and Pawloski both recently wrapped up their seasons with the NAHL Central Division champion Austin Bruins.

Smith finished tied for 10th in the entire NAHL in scoring with 59 points. His 30 goals ranked sixth in the league. Smith, a Massachusetts-Lowell commit, was selected 17th overall on Tuesday by the Muskegon Lumberjacks.

Pawloski was selected by the Indiana Ice with the 13th overall selection on Tuesday. He was just 16 years old for the first three months of this past season, settled in nicely with the Bruins and became a second No. 1 goalie alongside veteran Nick Lehr. He finished the season 17-3-2 with a 2.52 GAA and a .919 save percentage.

Bruins forward John Simonson was also selected in Tuesday's draft. He was picked in the 20th round by Lincoln, No. 296 overall.

BASEBALL

Lourdes pitchers blank Hayfield in sweep

Post-Bulletin staff

Rochester Lourdes continued to make it tough for opponents to score runs in a doubleheader sweep over Hayfield Tuesday in Hiawatha Valley League baseball action.

Lourdes pitchers combined for 11 scoreless innings and beat Hayfield 3-0 and 11-0 in five innings in games at Hudson Field.

The second game was the third straight shutout win for Lourdes which improved to 8-0 overall.

John Bigler picked up his third win of the season in the first game, allowed no runs over 4 1/3 innings. Daniel Burriss starred offensively, going 2-for-2 with two RBIs.

In the second game, Joe Jennings lasted three innings in his first start of the year and got his second win. Burriss tossed two scoreless innings in relief.

The Eagles had 13 hits in the nightcap, with two each from Jennings, Andrew Ellingson, Zach Hillman, Jason Samuelson and Adam Ellingson. Jennings, Samuelson, Adam Ellingson, and Andrew Stanek all had two RBIs.

Lourdes plays a doubleheader at Kasson-Mantorville on Tuesday.

Lourdes 3, Hayfield 0
First game

Hayfield	000	000	—	0	6	0
Lourdes	021	000	—	3	7	0

Hayfield: Drew Streightiff 1-for-3; Jason Born 1-for-3; Connor Nelson 2-for-3; John Stackhouse 1-for-3. LP: Cole Kruger 5 IP, 7 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 5 BB, 0 K.

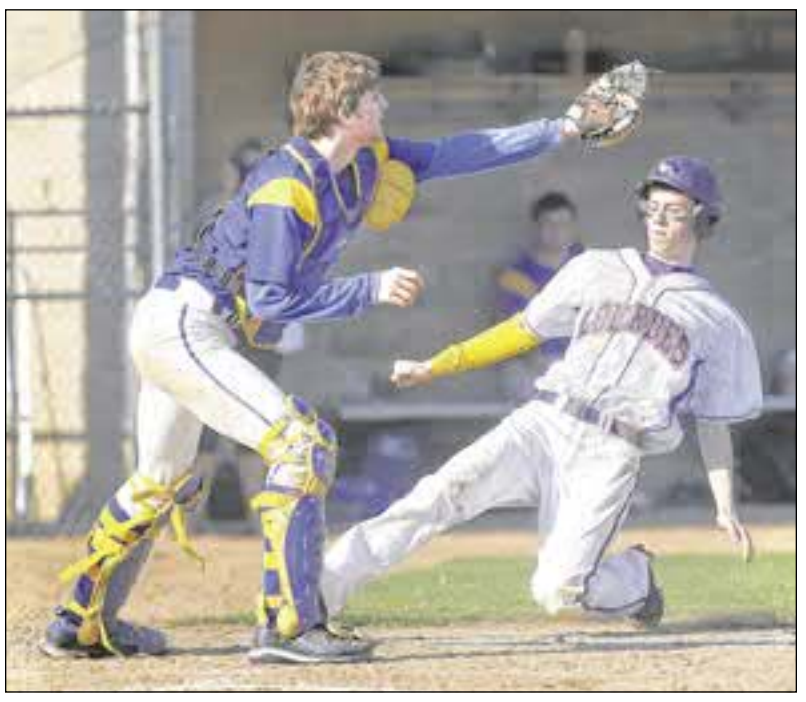
Lourdes: Chris Wasz 2-for-2; Andrew Ellingson 2-for-3; Daniel Burriss 2-for-2, 2 RBI, 1 SB; Henry Wittren 1-for-2. WP: John Bigler 4 1/3 IP, 6 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 3 BB, 1 K; Nick Hanson 2/3 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 0 K.

Lourdes 11, Hayfield 0
Second game

Lourdes	340	13	—	11	13	1
Hayfield	000	00	—	0	3	0

Lourdes: Thomas Elwell 1-for-2; Jason Samuelson 2-for-3, 2 RBI, 2 R, 1 SB; Zach Hillman 2-for-3, 1 RBI, 1 R, 1 SB; Andrew Ellingson 2-for-3, 1 3B, 1 R, 1 SB; Andrew Stanek 1-for-2, 2 RBI, 2 R; Adam Ellingson 2-for-2, 2 RBI, 1 R; Nick Hanson 1-for-2; Joe Jennings 2-for-4, 2 RBI. WP: Joe Jennings 3 IP, 3 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 4 K; Daniel Burriss 2 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 0 K.

Hayfield: Mat Walters 1-for-2; Jason Born 1-for-2; John Stackhouse 1-for-2. LP: Connor Nelson 3.67 IP, 9 H, 4 R, 1 ER, 0 BB, 0 K; Drew Streightiff 1/3 IP, 4 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 2 BB, 0 K; Carter Pesch 1 IP, 0 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 4 BB, 0 K.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Lourdes' Daniel Freiburger is called out sliding into home on Tuesday as Hayfield catcher Conner Nelson makes the catch.

Century can't stick with Winona

WINONA — Winona had 15 hits, including six for extra bases, in a 14-4 win over Century in five innings in Big Nine Conference baseball on Tuesday.

Daniel Kronebusch and Bryan Rohde both hit home runs for Winona.

Josh Newman's two-run single in the top of the second tied the game for Century. Winona followed with a run in the bottom of the second and then broke the game open with seven runs in the third.

"Winona hit everything hard today," Century coach Keith Kangas said. "Our pitchers needed to do a better job of keeping the ball down in the zone."

Sturchio

Matt Sturchio hit a two-run homer for Century in the fifth inning while Kainoa Gathje went 2-for-3.

Century (4-4, 4-3 Big Nine) will host John Marshall in a doubleheader at 4 p.m. on Thursday.

Winona 14, Century 4

Century	020	02	—	4	5	0
Winona	217	31	—	14	15	3

Century: Matt Sturchio 1-for-3, 1 HR, 2 RBI, 1 R; Josh Newman 1-for-2, 2 RBI; Kainoa Gathje 2-for-3; Brandon Knapp 1-for-2, 1 R. LP: Joshua Bakken 2 IP, 8 H, 9 R, 9 ER, 1 BB, 2 K. Other pitcher: Marvin Breuer 1.1 IP, 6 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 1 BB, 1 K.

Winona: Daniel Kronebusch 2-for-2, 1 2B, 1 HR; Tyler Kauphusman 1-for-3, 1 2B; Garrett Block 3-for-3, 1 2B; Jeff Schultz 3-for-4; Bryan Rohde 2-for-2, 1 HR. WP: Schults 5 IP, 5 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 1 BB, 2 K.

Rockets split with Faribault

Rochester John Marshall split a pair of one-run games with Faribault during Big Nine Conference baseball action Tuesday at John Adams Middle School.

Behind a strong pitching performance from Alex Brady, the Rockets won 2-1 during Game 1.

Brady tossed six innings, allowing one run on five hits, while walking four and striking out three. Janek Walker threw a perfect seventh inning to earn the save.

JM managed just five hits, but Kaeleb Stangler delivered a clutch two-RBI single in the third inning to give the Rockets all the offense they needed.

"Alex Brady threw well," JM coach Dutch Heiderscheit said.

In Game 2, Faribault scored a run in the bottom of the eighth inning to earn a 4-3 victory.

The Rockets had scored two in the seventh to tie it at 3-all.

"Faribault played a nice game and got some key defense and some timely hits," Heiderscheit said.

Walker took the loss in relief. He pitched one inning, allowing one earned run on two hits, while walking two.

Stangler

Zachary Schwieters started the game, throwing six innings and allowing three runs (two earned) on five hits.

He struck out three and walked three.

Stangler was big at the plate again, ripping a two-run home run in the top of the seventh. Aaron Grad was 2-for-3.

John Marshall 2, Faribault 1
First game

Faribault	000	001	0	—	1	5	0
JM	002	000	x	—	2	5	0

Faribault: Connor Wierschem 1-for-3, 1 RBI.

John Marshall: Kaeleb Stangler 1-for-3, 2 RBI. WP: Alex Brady 6 IP, 5 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 4 BB, 3 K. SV: Janek Walker.

Faribault 4, John Marshall 3
Second game

JM	010	000	20	—	3	6	2
Faribault	002	001	01	—	4	7	1

John Marshall: Aaron Grad 2-for-3; Kaeleb Stangler 1-for-4, 1 HR, 2 RBI. LP: Janek Walker 1 IP, 2 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 1 K; Zachary Schwieters 6 IP, 5 H, 3 R, 2 ER, 3 BB, 3 K.

Faribault: Evan Jensen 1-for-4; Tyler Smeby 2-for-4.

Errors prove costly in Mayo loss

OWATONNA — The Rochester Mayo baseball team committed five errors and couldn't muster much offense in a 6-1 Big Nine Conference loss to Owatonna on Tuesday.

The Huskies received a solid game on the hill from Jordan Howe, who allowed just four Mayo hits over seven innings. Howe surrendered one earned run, while striking out seven and walking four.

"He was a very good pitcher last year and it certainly looks like he has taken his game to the next level this year. I was very impressed with him," Mayo coach Dan Hoefs said.

Christian Rosenow had a double for Mayo, while Jerry Brownell scored the lone Spartans run.

Jackson Douglas took the loss for Mayo. He went five innings, allowing six runs on five hits. All six runs were unearned. Douglas struck out one and walked four.

"Right now we are not playing very good defense at all. Almost every game we commit multiple errors," Hoefs said. "Six unearned runs is unacceptable. We need to shore up our defense in a hurry or it will be difficult to win."

The game was tight until the bottom of the fifth. The Huskies led just 2-1 at that point but broke out for four in the fifth.

Owatonna 6, Mayo 1

Mayo	000	010	0	—	1	4	5
Owatonna	020	040	x	—	6	7	0

Mayo: Ryan Martin 1-for-3; Jerry Brownell 1 R; Christian Rosenow 1-for-2, 1 2B. LP: Jackson Douglas 5 IP, 5 H, 6 R, 0 ER, 4 BB, 1 K.

Owatonna: Luke Wanous 1-for-3, 1 R; Ryan Melcher 1 R; Jake Buswell 1-for-3; Riley Thompson 1-for-3, 1 RBI, 2 R; Aaron Kirsch 1-for-2, 3 RBI; Colton Schock 1-for-4, 1 RBI, 1 R. WP: Jordan Howe 7 IP, 4 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 4 BB, 7 K.

SOFTBALL

Rockets slip past Owatonna

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John Marshall scored in the bottom of the seventh to pull out a high-scoring 9-8 win over Owatonna in Big Nine Conference softball on Tuesday.

The win moves the Rockets to 9-2 in Big Nine play and keeps them in title contention.

With the game tied 8-8 in the bottom of the seventh, winning pitcher Amber Prow led off with a single. Pinch-runner Kayla Ness moved to third base on Blair LeBeck's single. Rachel Karp's infield single then scored the winning run.

Karp

JM finished with 17 hits. Prow, Katie Boldt and Karp all had three hits while LeBeck and Kristen Erickson had two each and Erin Meyers hit a triple.

Rachel Malo hit a three-run homer for Owatonna and the Huskies took advantage of four JM errors to score five unearned runs.

"Our hitting was the difference and (we) overcame the mistakes we made tonight," JM coach Thang Nguyen said. "Any win at this point in the season is a good win, so we'll take it."

JM (11-3 overall) plays a doubleheader at Winona on Monday. Owatonna is 5-2, 3-1 in the Big Nine.

John Marshall 9, Owatonna 8

Owatonna	200	321	0	—	8	6	0
John Marshall	031	301	1	—	9	17	4

Owatonna: Rachel Malo 1-for-3, 1 HR, 3 RBI, 2 R; Jessica Cole 1-for-3, 2 R; Lianna Pilcher 2-for-4, 2 R. LP: Shanna Thom 6 1/3 IP, 17 H, 9 R, 9 ER, 0 BB, 3 K.

John Marshall: Blair LeBeck 2-for-4; Kristen Erickson 2-for-4, 1 2B, 1 R; Erin Meyers 1-for-4, 1 3B, 2 R; Katie Boldt 3-for-4, 2 RBI, 1 R; Amber Prow 3-for-4, 2 RBI; Rachel Karp 3-for-5, 1 RBI, 1 R, 1 SB. WP: Amber Prow 7 IP, 6 H, 8 R, 3 ER, 2 BB, 7 K.

Century blows past Faribault

FARIBAULT — Century erupted for a season-high 16 runs to roll to a 16-3 win over Faribault in Big Nine Conference softball on Tuesday.

The Panthers scored four times in the first inning and five in the second en route to a 10-1 lead after three innings.

Morgan Lewison was 4-for-5 and hit a pair of triples for Century. Morgan Hartman was 3-for-6 and hit two doubles. Winning pitcher Erin Ziebarth and Frankie Mickelson were both 2-for-4.

Century 16, Faribault 3

Century	451	011	4	—	16	14	5
Faribault	010	101	0	—	3	7	2

Century: Erin Ziebarth 2-for-4; Morgan Hartman 3-for-6, 2 2B; Frankie Mickelson 2-for-4; Morgan Lewison 4-for-5, 2 3B. WP: Erin Ziebarth 7 IP, 7 H, 3R,4 K.

Faribault: No stats provided.

Lourdes' Bier blanks K-W

Kelly Bier pitched a complete-game shutout and led Rochester Lourdes to a 3-0 win over Kenyon-Wanamingo in a Hiawatha Valley League softball game Tuesday at Soldiers Field Park.

Biers tossed a four-hitter and struck out 11 with no walks. Lourdes won its fourth straight and improved to 5-3 overall.

"Bier pitched a gem," Lourdes coach Becky Macken assured. The coach was also happy with the Eagles' defense which made only one error.

Karrie Virgin, Sam Mack and Michaela Wermers had two hits each for Lourdes, and Melissa Carlson had three steals for the Eagles.

Lourdes is home against Kasson-Mantorville on Tuesday.

Lourdes 3, Kenyon-Wanamingo 0

K-W	000	000	0	—	0	4	1
Lourdes	210	000	0	—	3	7	1

Kenyon-Wanamingo: Maddie McLain 1-for-3; Toni Lubahn 1-for-3; Kailee Berquam 1-for-3; Maddie Anfinson 1-for-1. LP: Kailee Berquam 6 IP, 7 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 2 BB, 4 K.

Lourdes: Karrie Virgin 2-for-3; Sam Macken 2-for-3, 1 RBI, 1 R, 1 SB; Melissa Carlson 1-for-1, 1 RBI, 1 R, 3 SB; Michaela Wermers 2-for-3, 1 R. WP: Kelly Bier 7 IP, 7 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 11 K.

Packers' fast start beats Mayo

AUSTIN — Austin scored six runs in the first two innings and held on to defeat Mayo 6-4 in Big Nine Conference softball on Tuesday.

Leading 2-1, Austin scored four times in the bottom of the second to take a 6-1 advantage.

Abbey Ball pitched a nine-hitter to collect the win for Austin. Sydney Murphy went 3-for-3 while Cassidy Bawek hit a double and drove in two runs.

Laura Henderson and Madeline Dostal were both 2-for-4 for Mayo. Kali Aldrich allowed 11 hits and five earned runs to suffer the loss.

Austin 6, Mayo 4

Mayo	010	020	1	—	4	9	2
Austin	240	000	0	—	6	11	1

Mayo: Laura Henderson 2-for-4, 2 R; Madeline Dostal 2-for-4, 1 RBI, 2 R. LP: Kali Aldrich 6 IP, 11 H, 6 R, 5 ER, 0 BB, 6 K.

Austin: Cassidy Bawek 1-for-3, 1 2B, 2 RBI; Sydney Murphy 3-for-3, 1 R, 1 SB; Shayley Vesel 2-for-4, 2 R. WP: Abbey Ball 7 IP, 9 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 2 BB, 4 K.

LACROSSE

Trachsel scores 5 to help lead Century to win

Post-Bulletin staff

OWATONNA — Rochester Century controlled the second half and defeated Owatonna 11-7 in a Big Nine Conference boys lacrosse game Tuesday.

Johnny Trachsel had a big game for Century with five goals and three groundballs, and goalie Eric Rohleder was busy with 19 saves.

Trachsel

Century evened its record at 4-4, and Owatonna is 2-3 after its third straight loss.

"The game was well played between two similar teams," said Century coach Andy Roth.

Roth said Century got "big performances" from Rohleder, Nick Waara and Trachsel.

"We have matured as a team and it is good to see us commit to a strong team defense," Roth said. "We will continue to refine what we do to build towards the end of the season."

Century 11, Owatonna 7

Century	3	1	2	5	—	11
Owatonna	2	1	3	1	—	7

Century: Aaron Ajke 5 groundballs; Carter Scrimshaw 2 goals, 6 groundballs; Johnny Trachsel 5 goals, 3 groundballs; Nick Waara 1 goal, 5 groundballs; Ryan Sherden 6 groundballs; Sam Killinger 3 groundballs; Spencer Warfield 1 assist; Brandon Den Hartog 1 goal, 2 groundballs; Matt Birkholz 5 groundballs; Nic Howe 1 groundball; Seth Buryska 4 groundballs. Goalie: Eric Rohleder 19 saves.

Owatonna: Pete Hanson 3 goals, 1 assist; Ben Gillard 1 goal; Mike Schmitz 2 goals; Klein 1 goal. Goalie: Scott Swenson 8 saves.

GIRLS

Century holds on, beats Owatonna

Rochester Century built a big lead, then was able to hang on as it beat Owatonna 15-13 in girls lacrosse Tuesday.

The Huskies climbed right back, though, tying the score at 8 by halftime.

McKenna Bridges came up big for Century with five goals.

"The second half the team played together and worked the ball around the offensive end most the half to control the clock with the lead," Century coach Scott Swenson said. "We held the ball the last five minutes with a two-goal lead, never giving Owatonna a chance to get back into the game.

"McKenna Bridges came up big for our team tonight with five goals and Abby Cunningham made enough saves to support a strong defensive effort by our team."

Century (4-0) plays John Marshall/Lourdes tonight.

Century 15, Owatonna 13

Owatonna	8	5	— 13
Century	8	7	— 15

Owatonna: No stats provided.

Century: Rachel Christenson 1 goal, 1 assist, 2 takeaway, 1 groundball; Dasia Mestad 1 assist; Rachel Lovelace 1 goal; Nicole Philipps 2 goals, 1 groundballs; Elizabeth Nordlund 1 takeaways, ; McKenna Bridges 5 goals, 1 assist, 1 takeaway, 2 groundballs; Micaela Den Hartog1 takeaways, 3 groundballs; Sheridan Hawkins 1 groundballs; Katherine Aney 4 goals, 1 assist, 1 takeaway, 1 groundball; Sydney Sparks 1 takeaway, 1 groundball; Abigail Cunningham 1 groundball; Rebecca Lorsung 2 goals, 1 takeaway, 3 groundballs. Goalie: Goalie: Abby Cunningham 8 saves.

Albert Lea Tribune: Tigers fall to Rockets

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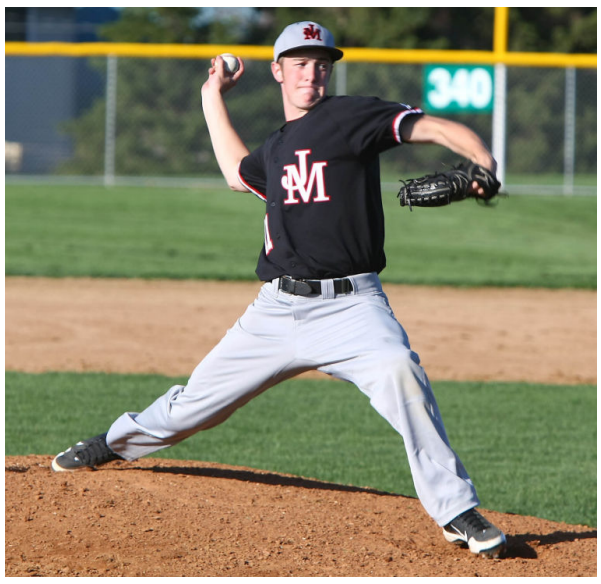
The Albert Lea baseball team lost a Big Nine Conference game Friday at Rochester John Marshall 12-2. The Rockets scored eight runs in the second inning to take the momentum.

“We walked eight batters in the second. It’s tough to come back from that,” Albert Lea head coach Joe Sczublewski said. “But, we hit the ball well and made some plays in the field.”

Albert Lea fought back with one run in the fourth inning and another in the fifth. In the fourth inning, Makael Lunning reached first base on an error and stole second. He scored on a hit by Chris Enderson. In the fifth, Zach Bordewick scored on a hit by Derek Burkard. However, Rochester John Marshall maintained its lead to secure the win.

The loss snapped the Tigers’ four-game winning streak, which started April 30. Albert Lea is 6-3 overall and 6-2 in the conference. Next, the Tigers play a doubleheader at Bell Field against Faribault at 4 p.m. on Tuesday.

John Marshall's Sam Broman dives safley back to first ahead of the throw and tag attempt of Albert Lea's Chris Enderson Friday at Alumni Field at John Adams Middle School in Rochester, MInn.



John Marshall's Janek Walker winds and delivers against Albert Lea Friday at Alumni Field at John Adams Middle School in Rochester, MInn.

Austin Daily Herald: **Packers split a pair of nail-biters with JM**

Published 10:35pm Monday, May 13, 2013

The Packers have come close to sweeping a couple of baseball doubleheaders this season and Austin finally looked to have a sweep locked up against Rochester John Marshall in Dick Seltz Field Saturday. The Packers had a 12-8 lead heading into the bottom of the seventh, but the Rockets stole the game when Sam Broman ripped a three-run, one out walk off triple to give JM a 13-12 win after the Packers won the opener 5-4.

“We were in it the whole game, we came back a couple of times and we had a couple of rough situations that we got through,” said Austin sophomore Nik Gasner on the nightcap loss. “To lose like that on a walk-off is just pretty frustrating. Knowing that we should’ve had that second game is the worst part.”
The Packers (6-9 overall, 5-8 Big Nine) committed five errors in the loss, but they also turned two key double plays to stop JM rallies. Austin also kept the pressure on by scoring two runs in the top of the sixth and seventh innings of the loss.

“You’ve go to give JM credit, they went out and won it,” Austin head coach Troy Watkins said. “I don’t think we gave it to them, those hits were legit. Give them credit for staying with it.” Austin won the opener when Steven Clennon delivered in his first career varsity start. Clennon avoided the big inning as he scattered five hits, three walks and three hit batters to get the win. “I just wanted to throw strikes. Little (Dylan) Gasner was putting the glove where I wanted it and I was hitting my spots for the most part,” Clennon said. “I walked more guys than I should’ve.” Clennon wasn’t sure he was even going to have a chance at a win, but the Packers received a break while trailing 4-3 in the bottom of the sixth inning. With runners on second and third and two outs, Austin’s Ethan Horstmann hit a line drive right at JM’s right fielder, who dropped the ball and allowed the Packers to take a 5-4 lead. Needing just three outs to get his first varsity mound win, Clennon had all the momentum he needed. “I went out there feeling great and that was a boost,” Clennon said. Watkins said that Clennon gave him a solid start against the Rockets (5-5 overall, 5-3 Big Nine) in game one.

“I thought Steven did a nice job in the first game and he really pitched well. He showed he could get guys out,” he said.
Nik Gasner had a huge day for the Packers as he went 5-for-6 with five RBIs. Gasner hit his first career varsity homerun in the nightcap when he drilled a three-run homer over the left field fence to put Austin up 7-3.

“My swing felt pretty good the whole day and I’ve been trying to get one of those for awhile,” Gasner said of his homer. “It was nice to get that first one.” Austin freshman Dylan Gasner was 2-for-4 with a double and two RBIs on the day and Austin senior Tommy Olmstead finished the day 4-for-8 with two RBIs and four runs scored. Austin racked up 24 hits on the day and the Rockets compiled 19 hits. “The conditions were good for offense,” Watkins said. “The infield is quick and the wind is blowing out, that leads to a lot of runs.”

JM 0 0 2 0 2 0 0 — 4 6 1
Austin 1 1 0 0 0 3 X — 5 10 1
Austin pitching: Steven Clennon (W), 7 IP, 5 H, 3 BB, 4 ER, 3 HBP, 5 K
Austin hitting: Tommy Olmstead, 2-for-4, RBI, 2 R, SB; Gabe Kasak, 1-for-3, SB, BB; Nik Gasner, 3-for-3, RBI, R, BB; Ethan Horstmann, 0-for-4; Zach Huntley, 0-for-4; Clennon, 1-for-2, RBI; Hunter Gleason, 0-for-3; Isaac Schumacher, 3-for-3, triple, R; Dylan Gasner, 0-for-3

Austin 1 0 1 5 1 2 2 — 12 14 5
JM 1 1 1 0 2 3 5 — 13 13 2
Austin pitching: Horstmann, 5 1/3 IP, 9 H, 4 BB, 8 R, 6 ER, 1 K; Jacob Kempen (L), 1 IP, 4 H, 1 BB, 5 ER, 1 K
Austin hitting: Olmstead, 2-for-4, RBI, 2 R, BB; Kasak, 2-for-4, RBI, SB, 2 R, BB; Nik Gasner, 2-for-3, HR, 5 RBIs, R; Horstmann, 1-for-4, RBI; Huntley, 2-for-5, double; Clennon, 0-for-3; Sean Coffey, 2-for-3, 2 R, BB; Kempen, 1-for-2, R, BB; Dylan Gasner, 2-for-4, double, 2 RBIs, 2 R

Local sports

BASEBALL

Rockets keep scoring, rock Mayo

Post-Bulletin staff

John Marshall scored runs in all seven innings and beat Mayo 12-8 in a Big Nine Conference baseball game that was started two weeks ago and concluded Friday night at Mayo Field.

JM finished with 13 hits and beat Mayo in their only meeting so far this season. The game was started on April 30 but was suspended by rain in the bottom of the third inning.

"It was just kind of a strange game to pick it up in the middle like we did," Mayo coach Dan Hoefs said. "Both teams are a little thin on pitching right now, and it came down to who was going to out-hit the other."

Both teams played conference games earlier on Friday as well. JM beat Albert Lea 12-2 in five innings at John Adams, and Mayo won 6-3 over Owatonna at Mayo Field.

JM evened its overall record at 4-4 with two wins, and 4-3 in the Big Nine, while Mayo went to 5-5 overall and 4-5 in the conference.

Broman

Sam Broman led JM's relentless offense going 3-for-4 with three doubles and three RBI. He pitched the first three innings, but Thomas Mulvey got the win in relief.

Brad Mathiowetz had a big game for Mayo going 2-for-2 with a triple, a home run, five RBI and three runs.

Mayo has another doubleheader beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday at Austin. When it's over Mayo will have played six games in 48 hours.

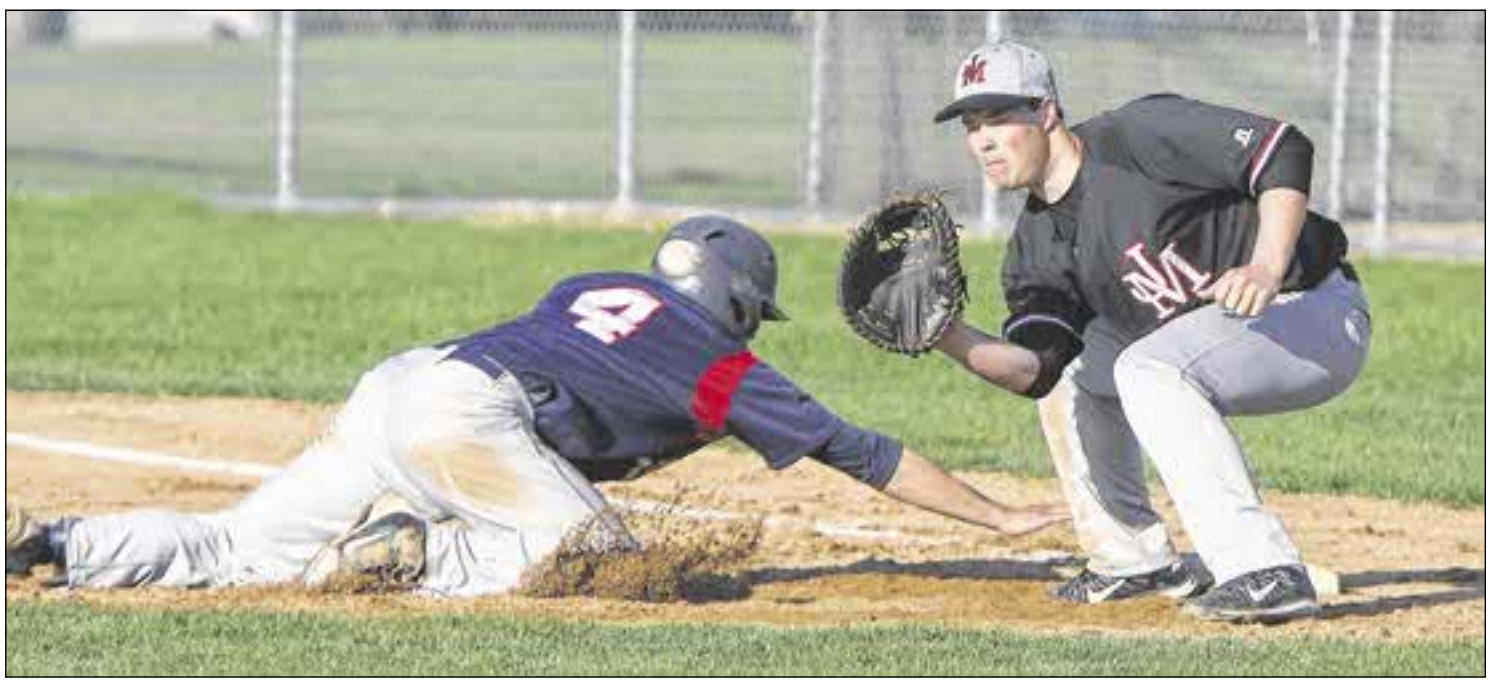
JM begins a busy week Monday at home against Winona. The Rockets will play nine games in a six-day period.

John Marshall 12, Mayo 8

John Marshall	212	221	2	—	12	13	1
Mayo	303	000	2	—	8	9	3

John Marshall: Alex Brady 2-for-4, 2 2B, 1 RBI; Jake Halverson 2-for-4, 1 RBI; Sam Broman 3-for-4, 3 RBI, 3 2B; Kaeleb Stangler 2-for-4, HR, 1 RBI. WP: Thomas Mulvey 3 IP in relief; Sam Broman 3 IP.

Mayo: Christian Rosenow 2-for-4, 2 R; Michael Mickalak 2-for-4, 2B, 2 R; Brad Mathiowetz, 2-2, 3B, HR, 5 RBI, 3 R; Bailey Kazeck 1-for-3 , 2 RBI. LP: Matt Rogers 4 IP in relief; Tommy Hanson 3 IP.



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John Marshall's Sam Broman waits for a pick-off throw from the pitcher while Makael Lunning of Albert Lea dives safely back to first on Friday at Alumni Field at John Adams Middle School.

JM walks all over Albert Lea in 5

John Marshall took advantage of free passes and walked to a 12-2 win in five innings over Albert Lea in a Big Nine Conference baseball game Friday at John Adams Field.

JM capitalized on 11 bases on balls and two hit batters issued by Albert Lea pitchers. The Rockets scored three in the fifth to end the game early and avenge an earlier 4-2 loss at Albert Lea.

Albert Lea dipped to 4-3 overall and 4-2 in the conference.

"They have a nice team, but It was a situation where we caught them and didn't face one of their top pitchers," JM coach Terry Heiderscheit said.

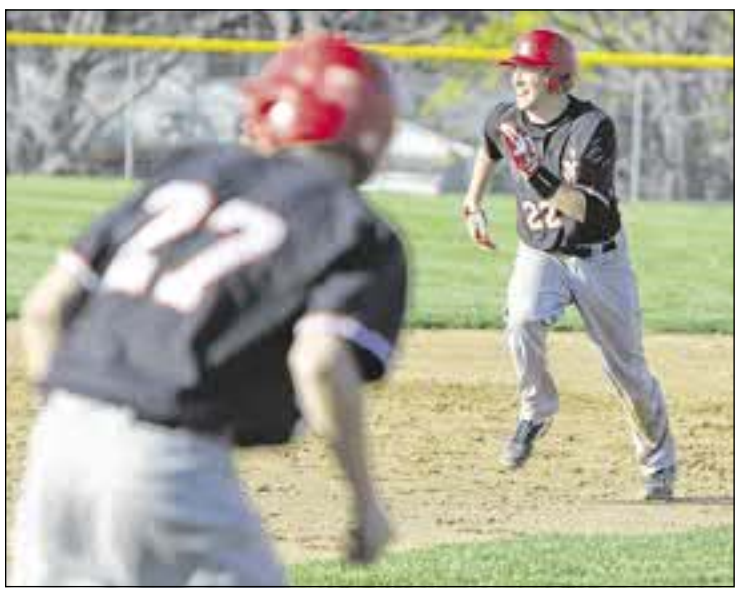
Alex Brady had two of JM's three total hits and he also walked twice. Janek Walker pitched a complete game for JM, allowing six hits.

John Marshall 12, Albert Lea 2, 5 innings

Albert Lea	000	11	—	0	2	2
John Marshall	072	03	—	9	11	0

Albert Lea: No stats provided.

John Marshall: Alex Brady 2-for-2, 2BB. WP: Janek Walker 5 IP, 6 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 0 BB, 4 K.



John Marshall's Alex Brady and Kevin Henslin watch a ball drift foul against Albert Lea on Friday at Alumni Field at John Adams Middle School. JM beat Albert Lea 12-2 in five innings, and then the Rockets went to Mayo Field and beat Mayo 12-8 in a game that was suspended by rain a few weeks earlier.

Mayo powers past Owatonna

Mayo smacked two home runs in the first inning to get off to a good start in a 6-3 win over Owatonna in a Big Nine Conference baseball game Friday at Mayo Field.

Christian Rosenow opened the game with a solo home run for Mayo, and Bailey Kazeck followed later in the first inning with a three-run homer.

Mayo scored four runs in the first inning and that was enough for starting pitcher Ryan Martin. Martin pitched a complete game allowing two earned runs with six strikeouts. He improved to 2-0.

"I think it was big that we came out in the first inning and scored some runs," Mayo coach Dan Hoefs said. He said that Martin settled in after the second inning and pitched a gem.

"He got his curve diving into the dirt and his fastball was sneaky fast," Hoefs said. "He really threw well."

Rosenow finished 3-for-4 and also doubled to lead Mayo's nine-hit attack.

Mayo 6, Owatonna 3

Owatonna	120	000	0	—	3	8	1
Mayo	410	100	x	—	6	9	3

Owatonna: No stats provided.

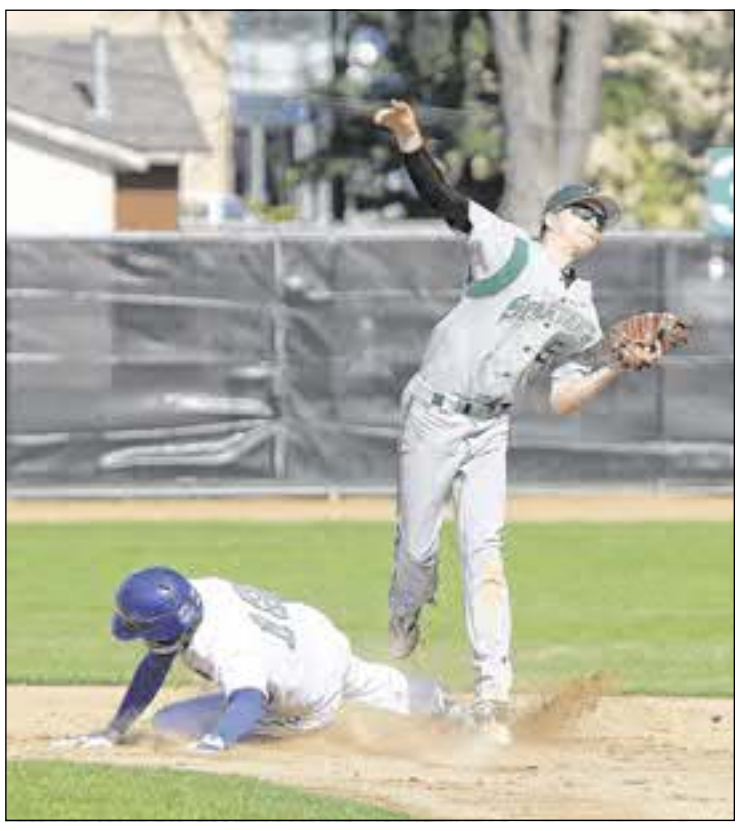
Mayo: Christian Rosenow 3-for-4, 2B, HR, 1 RBI; Sam Hinsch 2-for-3, 1 RBI; Bailey Kazeck 1-for-2, HR, 3 RBI. WP: Ryan Martin c7 IP, 3 R, 2 ER, 1 BB, 6 K, 1 BB.

With win, Lourdes improves to 9-1

PINE ISLAND — Henry Wittren had three hits and scored three runs to help lead Rochester Lourdes to a 8-1 win over Pine Island in an Hiawatha Valley League baseball game Friday.

Lourdes grabbed control early with six runs in the first inning against Pine Island starting pitcher Ben Warneke.

Lourdes rolled to its ninth win in 10 games, while Pine Island's record leveled at 7-7.



Mayo's Tate Deach makes the force at second on Taylor Phelps of Owatonna and throws to first to complete the double play on Friday at Mayo Field.

John Bigler pitched five scoreless innings for Lourdes for the win, with three strikeouts and no walks. Lourdes has a home game against La Crescent at 5 p.m. today at Hudson Field.

Lourdes 8, Pine Island 1

Lourdes	610	001	0	—	8	11	1
Pine Island	000	000	1	—	1	5	3

Lourdes: Thomas Elwell 1-for-2, 1 RBI, 1 SB; Jason Samuelson 2-for-3, 1 2B, 1 RBI, 1 R; Michael Brandt 1-for-2, 1 RBI, 1 SB; Ryan Fallon 1-for-2, 1 SB; Daniel Burriss 1-for-2, 1 R, 1 SB; Henry Wittren 3-for-5, 1 RBI, 3 R, 1 SB; John Bigler 2-for-3, 1 RBI. WP: John Bigler 5 IP, 4 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 3 K.

Pine Island: Jordan Cook 1-for-1; Adam Pleschcourt 1-for-3; Colton Sinning 1-for-3, 1 RBI; Jared Lohmeyer 2-for-3, 1 R; Ian Radtke 1-for-2. LP: Ben Warneke 5 IP, 9 H, 7 R, 2 ER, 3 BB, 5 K.

LACROSSE

Mayo starts slow, tops Owatonna

JM/Lourdes can't keep up with Lakeville South

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OWATONNA — Rochester Mayo got off to a slow start, but then found its focus and beat Owatonna 12-9 in boys lacrosse Friday.

Mayo trailed 3-1 after the first period, but led 6-4 at halftime.

"We started slowly, but then we found our focus and scored some goals in transition which changed the momentum of the game," Mayo coach Eric Moore said. "Our attack players of Ethan Moore, JT Rein and Mike Fix played very well, and our goalie Troy Penz has one of the top-three save percentages in the game."

Ethan Moore scored four goals. Wyatt Ryan and Fix had two goals apiece.

Mayo plays Century at 6:30 p.m. Monday at Rochester Regional Sports Center.

Mayo 12, Owatonna 9

Mayo	1	5	6	0	—	12
Owatonna	3	1	2	3	—	9

Mayo: Matt Roe 1 groundball; Justin Rein 2 goals, 1 groundball; Ethan Moore 4 goals, 1 assist, 1 groundball; Jacob Orvidas 4 groundballs; Matthew Moore 12 groundballs; Nicholas Fix 1 takeaway, 6 groundballs; Wyatt Ryan 2 goals, 3 groundballs; Justin Adams 1 goal; Loren Lorang 1 groundball; Jack Cerhan 1 goal, 2 assists, 1 groundball; Michael Fix 2 goals, 5 assists, 2 groundballs; Max Jorde 2 groundballs; Craig Jeffrey 1 groundball; Zach Lorang 2 groundballs. Goalie: Troy Penz 61% saves;

Owatonna: No stats submitted.

Rockets fall short against Panthers

LAKEVILLE — The Rochester John Marshall/Lourdes boys lacrosse team had a hard time finding the goal in a 12-3 loss to Lakeville South on Friday.

Lakeville South built a 7-2 lead by halftime and then held JM/Lourdes to a single goal in the second half.

"We started to take more shots but were not able to capitalize on the opportunities," said JM/Lourdes coach Marc Olive. "We are looking ahead to Farmington and are going to work on taking advantage of our scoring opportunities."

Ian Hackman led JM/Lourdes with two goals, and Sean O'Donnell was busy in goal making 19 saves.

JM/Lourdes (0-7) plays at Farmington on Tuesday.

Lakeville South 12, JM/Lourdes 3

JM/Lourdes	1	1	0	1	—	3
Lakeville South	4	3	3	2	—	12

John Marshall/Lourdes: Ashton Praska 1 groundball; Dylan Livingston 1 groundball; Brandon Raehsler 1 groundball; William Elder 1 groundball; Tim Wente 1 goal; Ian Hackman 2 goals, 1 groundball. Goalie: Sean O'Donnell 19 saves.

Lakeville South: Aaren Larsen 4 goals,; Leo Steinmetz 4 goals. Goalie: Not provided.

SOFTBALL

Lourdes slips past Pine Island

Mayo scores big in 3rd, 6th to top Albert Lea

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Rochester Lourdes squeaked out a 4-3 win Friday over Pine Island on Senior Night for the Eagles in Hiawatha Valley League softball.

The Eagles got the tying and winning runs in the sixth inning.

Virgin

Michaela Wermer's sacrifice bunt brought in the tying run and Anna Maiers forced a Pine Island error to bring in the winning run.

Karrie Virgin had two hits for Lourdes. Kelly Bier worked all seven innings and allowed five hits and three walks to record the win.

Pine Island got two hits each from Alison Newton and Taylor Bates.

Lourdes improves to 7-4 overall with the victory. The Eagles are 5-4 in the Hiawatha Valley League.

Lourdes 4, Pine Island 3

Pine Island	002	010	0	—	3	5	2
Lourdes	200	002	0	—	4	5	2

Pine Island: Alison Newton 2-for-4, 1 2B, 1 RBI, 1 R, 1 SB; Taylor Bates 2-for-3, 1 R; Candace Uhde 1-for-2. LP: Kaitlyn Champa 6 IP, 5 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 3 BB, 2 K.

Lourdes: Karrie Virgin 2-for-3, 1 SB; Georgi Younger 1-for-2; Sam Macken 1-for-4, 1 SB; Melissa Carlson 1-for-2, 1 R, 3 SB. WP: Kelly Bier 7 IP, 5 H, 3 R, 2 ER, 3 BB, 5 K.

Big innings lift Mayo

ALBERT LEA — Mayo used a pair of four-run innings en route to a 9-3 win over Albert Lea in Big Nine Conference softball on Friday.

Brakke

The Spartans used a four-run third to build a 5-0 lead. After Albert Lea scored three runs in the bottom of the third, Mayo sealed the win with four runs in the sixth inning.

Anna Brakke went 3-for-3 with an RBI for Mayo while Nikki Ketzeback drove in two runs. Laura Henderson was 2-for-4 with a double, an RBI and scored three runs.

Ketzeback

Maddie Hermes also drove in a run for Mayo and Kayla Fitzpatrick went 2-for-4. Kali Aldrich allowed six hits and three earned runs to earn the win.

With the win Mayo improves to 4-10 overall and 3-8 in the Big Nine. The win also snaps a five-game losing streak for the Spartans.

Mayo 9, Albert Lea 3

Mayo	014	004	0	—	9	12	1
Albert Lea	003	000	0	—	3	6	2

Mayo: Nikki Ketzeback 1-for-3, 2 RBI, 1 R, 1 SB; Laura Henderson 2-for-4, 1 2B, 1 RBI, 3 R; Maddie Hermes 1-for-3, 1 RBI, 1 R; Anna Brakke 3-for-3, 1 RBI, 1 R; Kayla Fitzpatrick 2-for-4, 1 R. WP: Kali Aldrich 7 IP, 6 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 3 BB, 7 K.

Albert Lea: Taylor Thompson 3-for-3, 1 2B, 1 RBI, 1 R. LP: Haley Harms 7 IP, 12 H, 9 R, 7 ER, 3 BB, 4 K.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Robley's shutout helps RCTC takes 2 from Anoka-Ramsey

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COON RAPIDS — Conner Robley tossed a complete-game two-hitter and helped Rochester Community and Technical College sweep a baseball doubleheader from Anoka-Ramsey on Friday.

Robley, a freshman right-hander from Fargo, N.D., led the Yellowjackets to an 11-0 win in the first game with seven shutout innings. He struck out seven and walked two to improve to 3-0.

Koby Knaus pitched five innings and didn't allow an earned run as Rochester won the second game 11-1. Knaus allowed four hits and fanned five, and now has a 3-1 record.

Rochester improved to 22-7 and plays its last games of the regular season today with a doubleheader against Ridgewater at Willmar.

The Yellowjackets pitchers got plenty of offensive support in both games. In the opener, Mitch Anderson went 3-for-5 and scored four runs with one RBI. Robley and Matt Stubbs had one hit and two RBIs each.

Five Rochester players had multiple hits in the second game, led by Stubbs' 3-for-3 effort with two runs and three RBIs.

Also for RCTC, Mitch Anderson was 2-for-4, with two runs scored and a solo homer in the first inning; Luke Beachler was 2-for-4, with a double and two runs scored; Sean Geelan was 2-for-4 with a double and one RBI; and Tanner Marvin was 2-for-4 and scored a run.

RCTC coach Steve Hucke explained that Anoka-Ramsey is still reeling emotionally, after one of the team's players fell through the ice and perished a few weeks ago in northern Minnesota.

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LACROSSE

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Jack Cerhan of Mayo, left, tries to close in on Seth Buryska of Century on Monday at the Rochester Regional Sports Stadium. The Spartans used their defense to eke out a 10-7 win over the Panthers.

Mayo holds off Panthers' late rally

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Rochester Mayo used some sturdy defense to slip past Century 10-7 in boys lacrosse on Monday at Rochester Regional Sports Stadium.

"We played a great defensive game," Mayo coach Eric Moore said. "Century has two of the leading scorers in the state and very strong attackmen in Drew Applegath, Johnny Trachsel and Carter Scrimshaw — and I thought Nick Fix, Zach Lorang and James Johnston did a very solid job keeping them from getting quality shots."

Mayo grabbed a 3-2 first-period lead, then was able to hang on. However, Century made a game of it in the third period when it scored four goals.

Mayo scored three more times in the fourth period. Ethan Moore finished with five goals for the Spartans and Michael Fix had four, as well as three assists.

"We executed our transition very well and got an early lead and did enough to maintain it until the end," Eric Moore said. "I am very proud of our team in how we responded to their run in the second half. We need to maintain that mental toughness as we finish the season and approach the playoffs."

Mayo moved to 7-3, while Century is 5-6.

Matt Birkholz had three goals for Century and Applegath had two. Nick Waara had a team-high 13 groundballs.

Century coach Andy Roth liked what he saw from his team and the game overall.

"It was very enjoyable to be a part of such an up-tempo matchup by both squads," Roth said. "I am proud of our effort and how the boys played against a very good Mayo team. We just came up a bit short, but this was how a lacrosse game was meant to be played — fast paced and back and forth."

Mayo 10, Century 7

Century	2	0	4	1 —	7
Mayo	3	3	1	3 —	10

Century: Drew Applegath 2 goals, 1 assist, 3 groundballs; Aaron Ajke 3 groundballs; Carter Scrimshaw 5 groundballs; Johnny Trachsel 1 goal, 4 groundballs; Nick Waara 13 groundballs; Grant Leet-Otley 1 goal, 1 groundball; Matt Birkholz 3 goals; Seth Buryska 2 groundballs; Jordon Roth 2 groundballs; Eric St. Marie 1 groundball. Goalie: Garrett Wohlford 14 saves.

Mayo: Justin Rein 2 groundballs; Ethan Moore 5 goals, 6 groundballs; Jacob Orvidas 2 groundballs; Matthew Moore 5 groundballs; Nicholas Fix 1 assist, 7 groundballs; Wyatt Ryan 1 assist, 2 groundballs; Loren Lorang 1 goal, 2 groundballs; James Johnston 1 groundball; Jack Cerhan 4 groundballs; Michael Fix 4 goals, 3 assists, 5 groundballs; Max Jorde 5 groundballs; Craig Jeffrey 1 groundball; Zach Lorang 3 groundballs. Goalie: Troy Penz 63 percent saves.

Jacob Orvidas of Mayo throws the ball against Century on Monday.

GIRLS

Fast start pushes Century past Mayo

Rochester Century scored 10 times in the first half and rode off with a 15-9 girls lacrosse win over Mayo on Monday at Rochester Regional Sports Stadium.

"The team worked hard getting to a bunch of groundballs and working the ball in the offensive end," Century coach Scott Swenson said. "They adjusted (well) in the second half with nice passes in the midfield and finding the open person on the field."

Katie Aney and McKenna Bridges had big offensive games for Century, Aney with six goals and Bridges with five. Rebecca Lorsung also contributed a pair of goals for Century.

Mayo was led by Jamie Poethke's four goals. Ella Solinger had 18 saves for the Spartans.

"Our girls should be proud of how we played against a strong Century team," Mayo coach Nikki Anglin said. "We had some good offense with goals coming from six different players. Our defense made Century work for their goals and they moved well together as a unit. Our midfield including Ellison Stead, Cassidy Oakley, Lex Robertson and Maddie Sawyer did a nice job of putting some pressure on in the midfield."

Century 15, Mayo 9

Century	10	5	— 15
Mayo	3	6	— 9

Century: Rachel Christenson 6 groundballs; MaKenzie Birkestrand 2 groundballs; Rachel Lovelace 1 groundball; Nicole Philipps 2 goals, 5 groundballs; Elizabeth Nordlund 6 groundballs; McKenna Bridges 5 goals, 1 groundball; Micaela Den Hartog 3 groundballs; Sheridan Hawkins 1 groundball; Katherine Aney 6 goals, 2 groundballs; Sydney Sparks 2 groundballs; Abigail Cunningham 1 groundball; Rebecca Lorsung 2 goals, 2 groundballs. Goalies: Abby Cunningham 1 save; Gina Bierman 2 saves.

Mayo: Makenzi Tijerina 1 takeaway; Alexa Robertson 1 groundball; Anne Wolf 1 goal, 1 assist, 4 groundballs; Jamie Poethke 4 goals; Olivia Kemp 1 goal, 1 groundball; Madison Tschann 1 goal, 2 assists; Caroline Anglin 1 groundball; Ashley Weber 1 goal, 2 groundballs; Ellison Stead 2 assists, 1 takeaway, 1 groundball; Gabi Mintz 1 goal, 1 groundball; Madelyn Sawyer 1 groundball; Kate McBane 1 groundball. Goalie: Ella Solinger 18 saves.

SOFTBALL

K-M wins battle of state, HVL powers

No. 5 KoMets nip top-ranked Z-M

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KASSON — The Zumbrota-Mazeppa softball team is perfect no more.

The Cougars had their 15-game winning streak snapped on Monday by Kasson-Mantorville in a battle of highly ranked Class AA teams and Hiawatha Valley League heavyweights.

The Cougars have been scoring runs in bunches all season, but K-M rode the stellar pitching of Maddie Damon and was aided by a strong wind to nip Z-M 1-0.

Z-M (15-1) entered ranked No. 1 in Class AA, and the KoMets (13-2) are ranked fifth. K-M has now won nine straight games.

"It's always nice to beat the No. 1-ranked team in the state," K-M catcher Cori Kennedy said.

Damon, a sophomore right-hander and one of the elite pitchers in the area, tossed a three-hit shutout. She struck out seven and walked just one.

"They're a good team, so we always try to beat them," Damon said.

Z-M had scored at least 10 runs in 12 of its first 15 games. But the Cougars did not advance a runner as far as third on Monday and only had two reach second.

"We just tried to mix up the pitches around the plate," Damon said. "Just more spin on the ball and keep it out of the (hitting) zone."

Damon credited Kennedy for calling a strong game.

"We used the change-up probably the most we have all season," Kennedy said. "We were just trying to keep them off balance."

A strong wind knocked down any ball hit in the air.

"The fact is, Z-M is an incredible hitting team," K-M coach Jeff Fague said. "We were able to get them to hit the ball in the air and the wind held it up."

The Cougars hit several hard balls in the air that did not carry well.

"They had to play in it, too," Z-M coach Kevin Nelson said of the wind.

Morgan Olson, who drilled one ball held up by the wind, was the hard-luck loser. The freshman lefty allowed just five hits and one unearned run.

K-M scored in the third inning when Danielle Head singled, Kaylea Schorr reached on an infield error and Kennedy continued her recent tear with an RBI single.

"(It was) a good battle," Nelson said. "Unfortunately we had an error."

That Kennedy should supply the big hit for the KoMets should come as no surprise. She has had 16 RBIs in the past week, including seven in one game when she hit a two-run double and grand slam in the first inning.

"Cori Kennedy has had an incredible week," Fague said.

Both teams have a busy last week of the regular season. K-M, which has won five games by shutout this season, is now 9-0 in HVL play. Z-M slips to 9-1 in the HVL. They could also be headed for a showdown in subsection play as both are in 1AA West. The postseason begins next week.

"They've got respect and we respect them," Fague said of the Cougars. "Every time you play them, you have to play your best and we did (Monday)."

Kasson-Mantorville 1, Z-M 0

Z-M	000	000	0	—	0	3	3
K-M	001	000	x	—	1	5	1

Zumbrota-Mazeppa: Morgan Olson 1-for-3; Carley Henning 1-for-2; Taylor Mort 1-for-2. LP: Morgan Olson 6 IP, 5 H, 1 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 6 K.

Kasson-Mantorville: Danielle Head 1-for-3, 1 R; Kaylea Schorr 2-for-3; Cori Kennedy 1-for-2, 1 RBI; Dana Rasmussen 1-for-2. WP: Maddie Damon 7 IP, 3 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 2 BB, 7 K.

BASEBALL

Lourdes splits with Cotter, keeps share of division lead

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WINONA — Rochester Lourdes went from more than enough hits to too little offense and split a Hiawatha Valley League baseball twinbill with Winona Cotter on Monday.

Lourdes smashed 18 hits in the first game and won 18-8, and Cotter won the second game 5-2. The split makes Lourdes 11-2 overall and tied atop the HVL Gold Division with Kasson-Mantorville, both at 7-2.

Cotter is 7-6, 4-5 in the HVL Gold.

Zach Hillman went 4-for-6, drove in four runs and scored two to lead Lourdes' 18-hit offensive in the first game. Jason Samuelson was 3-for-5 with four runs and three RBIs, and he pitched 3 1/3 innings of scoreless relief.

In the second game, Cotter rallied for three runs in the top of the sixth to break a 2-2 tie.

Lourdes coach Dan Herold credited Cotter's Owen Burnikel with pitching a "good game" in the nightcap. He scattered six hits and struck out three.

Cotter's John DeMarais had two hits and two RBIs, and Burnikel had a hit with and RBI. For Lourdes, Samuelson and Hillman had two hits apiece.

Lourdes plays a single game at Stewartville today, and is home on Thursday against Triton.

Lourdes 18, Winona Cotter 8

First game

Lourdes	076	131	—	18	18	2
Winona Cotter	413	000	—	8	7	3

Lourdes: Jason Samuelson 3-for-5, 3 RBI, 4 R; Michael Brandt 3-for-4, 3 RBI, 1 R; Chris Wasz 2-for-4, 1 RBI, 1 R; Zach Hillman 4-for-6, 4 RBI, 2 R; Andrew Ellingson 1-for-4, 3 R; Ryan Fallon 1-for-1; Daniel Burriss 1-for-2, 1 RBI, 1 R; Henry Wittren 1-for-2; John Bigler 1-for-3, 2 RBI. WP: Daniel Burriss 2.33 IP, 6 H, 6 R, 5 ER, 2 BB, 2 K; Jason Samuelson 3 1/3 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 3 BB, 4 K; Joe Jennings 1/3 IP, 1 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 1 BB.

Winona Cotter: Zack Hefel 1-for-3, 1 RBI, 2 R; John DeMarais 1-for-4, 1 R; Nick Masaga 1-for-2, 1 RBI, 1 R; Roger Brosnahan 1-for-3, 1 R; Nate Karnick 2-for-2, 2 RBI, 1 R; Owen Burnikel 1-for-3. LP: Joe Tlougan 1 2/3 IP, 8 H, 7 R, 2 ER, 0 BB, 0 K; Samuel French 1/3 IP, 4 H, 6 R, 6 ER, 2 BB, 0 K; Matt Masyga 2 2/3 IP, 6 H, 4 R, 1 ER, 3 BB, 0 K; Steve Cordes 1 1/3 IP, 2 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 0 BB, 0 K.

Winona Cotter 5, Lourdes 2

Second game

Winona Cotter	200	003	—	5	4	2
Lourdes	000	020	—	2	6	3

Winona Cotter: Zack Hefel 1-for-2, 1 RBI; John DeMarais 2-for-3, 2 R; Owen Burnikel 1-for-3, 1 RBI. WP: Owen Burnikel 6 IP, 6 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 2 BB, 3 K.

Lourdes: Jason Samuelson 2-for-3, 1 2B, 1 RBI, 1 R; Zach Hillman 2-for-3; Daniel Burriss 1-for-3; John Bigler 1-for-3, 1 RBI. LP: Nick Hanson 5 1/3 IP, 4 H, 5 R, 2 ER, 2 BB, 3 K; Zach Hillman 2/3 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 3 BB, 2 K.

Rockets rally in 7th, split with Austin

AUSTIN — Sam Broman tripled in three runs and helped John Marshall rally from behind to beat Austin 13-12 in the second game of a Big Nine Conference baseball doubleheader Monday at Riverland Community College.

Austin won the first game of the twinbill, 5-4. The split leaves JM 5-5 overall and 5-4 in the conference; Austin is 6-9, 5-9 in the Big Nine.

Broman

Broman smacked a three-run triple in the bottom of seventh inning as JM rallied for five runs and came from behind in the second game. He finished 3-for-4 with five RBIs, and Aaron Grad was 4-for-4 with 2 RBIs.

"We had a lot of hits and we were lucky to stay in this one," said JM coach Terry Heiderscheit. "We made some defensive mistakes with two outs that helped them get several runs."

Austin had a three-run sixth inning in the first game to erase JM's 4-3 lead. Isaac Schumacher went 3-for-3 to lead the Packers' nine-hit attack, and Steven Clennon pitched seven complete innings for the win.

"We gave them some chances and they took advantage of some errors we made; we need to play cleaner games to win consistently," Heiderscheit said.

It was the start of a very busy week for JM, which plays nine games in five days. The Rockets play a single game today at home, and are at Century on Wednesday for a doubleheader.

Austin 5, John Marshall 4

First game

JM	002	020	0	—	4	6	2
Austin	110	003	0	—	5	9	0

John Marshall: Zachary Schwieters 2-for-4. LP: Jack Kall 5 IP, 9 H, 4 R, 2 ER, 3 K.

Austin: Tommy Olmstead 2-for-3; Nik Gasner 2-for-3; Isaac Schumacher 3-for-3. WP: Steven Clennon 7 IP, 6 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 4 BB, 5 K.

John Marshall 13, Austin 12

Second game

Austin	101	512	2	—	12	11	2
JM	111	023	5	—	13	14	2

Austin: Tommy Olmstead 2-for-4; Nik Gasner 2-for-3, 1 HR, 5 RBI; Sean Coffey 2-for-3.

John Marshall: Aaron Grad 4-for-4, 2 RBI; Jack Kall 1-for-3, 1 HR; Kaeleb Stangler 2-for-3; Sam Broman 3-for-4, 5 RBI.

Century splits with Owatonna

OWATONNA — Rochester Century pulled off a comeback win Monday in the first game of a baseball doubleheader with Owatonna, winning 9-8 in Big Nine Conference action. The Panthers then dropped Game 2, 4-1.

Century overcame a six-run deficit in the first game. The Panthers scored four runs in the fifth and five in the sixth, with Mitch Gade supplying the game-winning hit.

Kainoa Gathje picked up the pitching win, and Josh Bakken worked two scoreless innings for the save.

Jordan Jasik, Riese Zmolek, Matt Stuchio and Nick Smith all had two hits for Century.

In the second game, Century allowed Owatonna a seven-out third inning and three unearned runs as it wasted a fine pitching performance by Ross Luinenburg.

Century's only run came in the second on an RBI by Darryl Martin.

"I liked how we competed at the plate all day," Century coach Keith Kangas said. "Our pitchers gave us a chance. Our outfield has been really solid all season. We need to shore up our infield play down the stretch."

The Panthers finished with nine errors in the two games.

Century returns to action at 4 p.m. on Wednesday at home during a doubleheader against John Marshall.

Century 9, Owatonna 8

First game

Century	000	450	0	—	9	12	5
Owatonna	012	320	0	—	8	6	5

Century: Matthew Sturchio 2-for-4, 1 RBI; Nicholas Smith 2-for-3; Jordan Jasik 2-for-4, 1 2B; Ryan Goll 1-for-1, 1 RBI; Riese Zmolek 2-for-5, 1 RBI; Mitchel Gade 1-for-4, 2 RBI. Pitching: Erik Thorvilson 3.2 IP, 3 H, 6 R, 1 ER, 7 BB, 2 K; WP: Kainoa Gathje 1.2 IP, 2 H, 2 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 3 K; Joshua Bakken 2 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 2 K.

Owatonna: No stats submitted.

Owatonna 4, Century 1

Second game

Century	001	000	0	—	1	6	4
Owatonna	003	100	0	—	4	6	1

Century: Matthew Sturchio 1-for-3; Nicholas Smith 1-for-3; Jordan Jasik 1-for-4, 1 SB; Tyler Gathman 1-for-3; Darryl Martin, 2-for-3. LP: Ross Luinenburg 6 IP, 6 H, 4 R, 1 ER, 3 BB, 2 K.

Owatonna: No stats submitted.

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Century's Nick Smith makes the force on Aaron Grad of John Marshall and the relay to first for the double play during Big Nine action Wednesday at Century High School.

Century's Darryl Martin dives back to first ahead of the throw and tag attempt of Sam Broman of John Marshall during Big Nine action Wednesday at Century High School.

Century's Matt Stuchio is greeted by team mates after hitting a two run homer against John Marshall during Big Nine action Wednesday at Century High School.

John Marshall's Aaron Grad with the force at second on Matt Sturchio of Century and the relay to first to complete the double play during Big Nine action Wednesday at Century High School.

Century's Mitch Gade dives safely back to first ahead of the throw and tag attempt by Sam Broman of John Marshall during Big Nine action Wednesday at Century High School.

John Marshall's Jake Halverson is picked off at second tagged by Nick Smith during Big Nine action Wednesday at Century High School.

John Marshall's Aaron Grad tags out Darryl Martin of Century after a long run down during Big Nine action Wednesday at Century High School.

John Marshall's Aaron Grad hammers out an infield single against Century during Big Nine action Wednesday at Century High School.

John Marshall's Alex Brady checks the runner at first against Century during Big Nine action Wednesday at Century High School.

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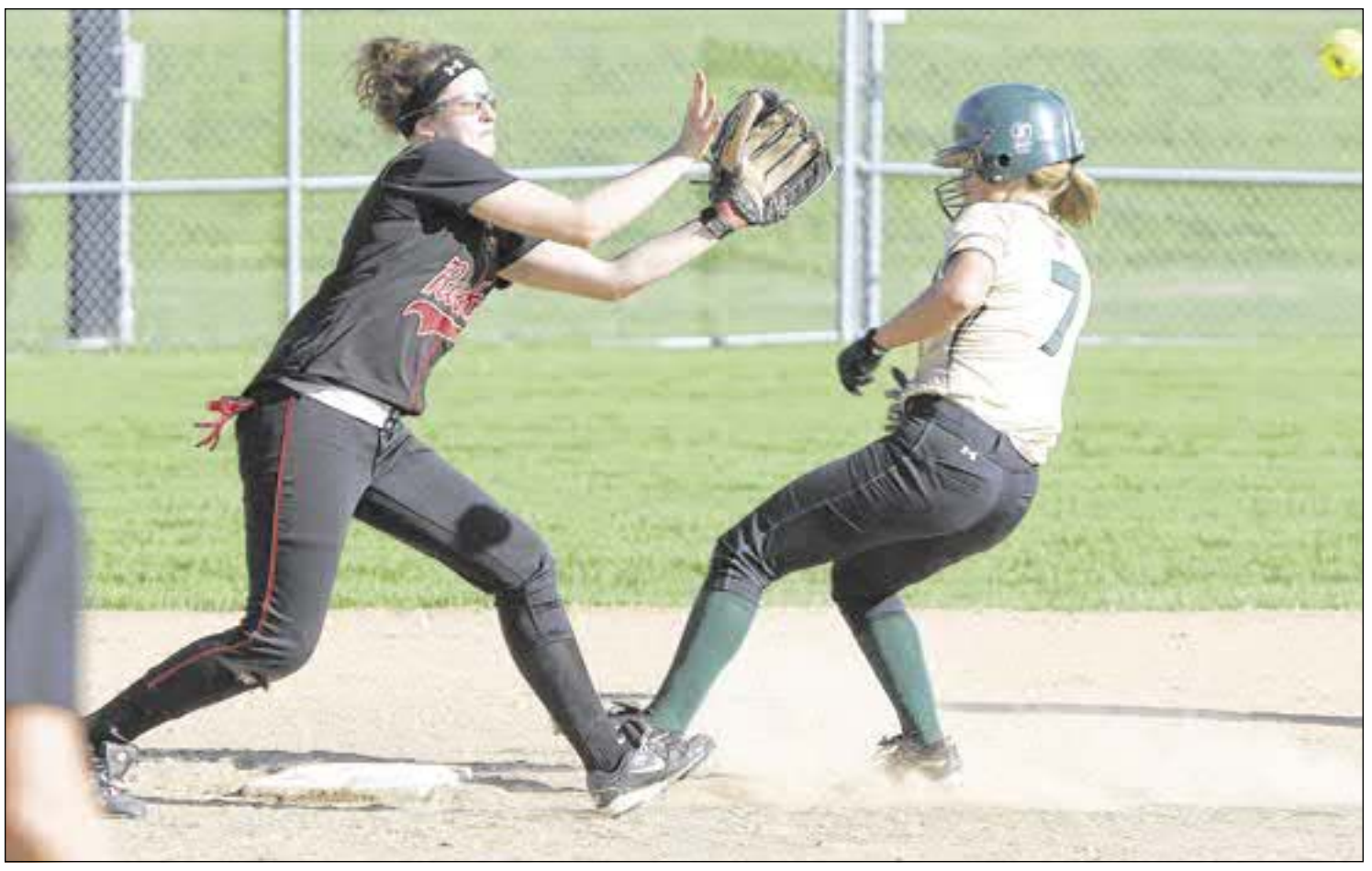

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John Marshall's Lauren Kalwasinski has to reach to avoid Mayo's Madeline Dostal on a play at second on Tuesday at Mayo High School.

JM scores early, defeats Mayo

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Rochester John Marshall grabbed an early lead, then held off a late surge by rival Rochester Mayo for a 4-3 victory in a Big Nine Conference softball game on Tuesday at Mayo High School.

JM scored three runs in the top of the first and never trailed.

Mayo rallied with single runs in the second, fifth and seventh innings, but JM pitcher Amber Prow got key outs when she needed them. Mayo put two runners on base with one out in the seventh, but couldn't get the tying run across.

Ashley Jochum led the Rockets, going 3-for-4. Kristen Erickson, Katie Boldt, Rachel Karp and Haley Holtorf all had two hits for JM. Boldt had a double and a solo home run. Prow also pitched a complete game. She earned the victory by allowing no walks and striking out 10 hitters.

"It was a typical JM-Mayo game where both teams battled and competed for seven innings," JM coach Thang Nguyen said. "We jumped out to the early lead and held on. Amber came up big in the circle. This gives us the opportunity to play Mankato East on Friday for a shot at the Big Nine title."

The Rockets are 11-2 in the Big Nine and 13-4 overall.

Madeline Dostal was 2-for-2 with an RBI and two runs scored for Mayo (3-8, 4-11).

Mackenzie Paulson suffered the loss. She pitched a complete game and struck out five batters.

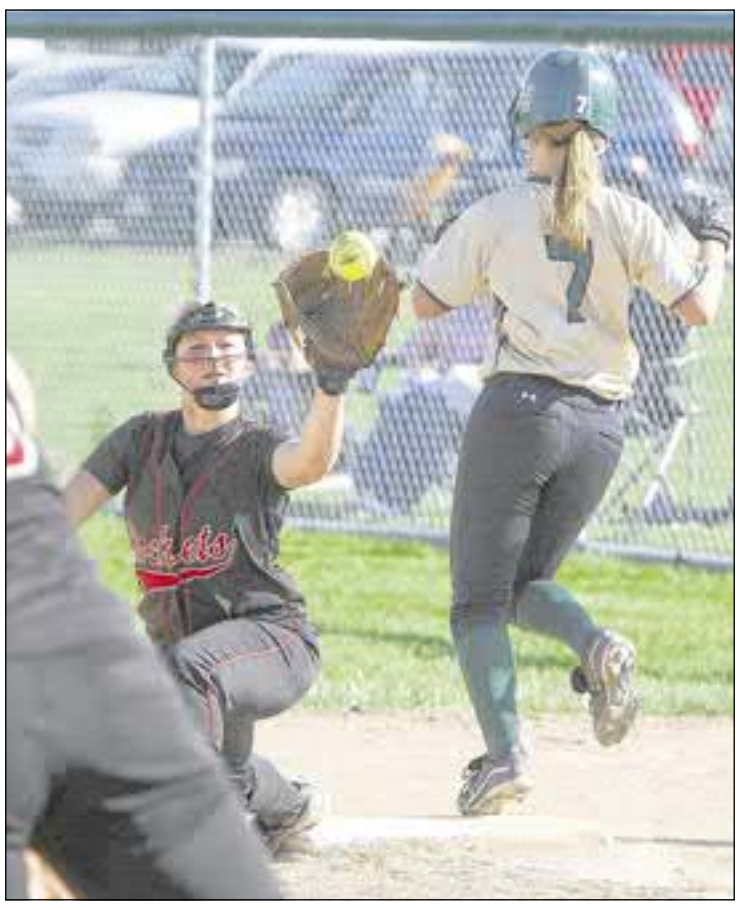
"We had our opportunities, but couldn't quite finish," Mayo coach Clint Thome said. "We played a very good JM team and we played them tough. That is all I can ask for from my players. Hopefully we can play well down the final stretch of the regular season in preparation for the section tournament."

JM 4, Mayo 3

John Marshall ..... 300 000 1 — 4 12 1
Mayo ..... 010 010 1 — 3 6 2

John Marshall: Ashley Jochum 3-for-4, 1 R; Kristen Erickson 2-for-4, 1 2B, 1 RBI; Katie Boldt 2-for-4, 1 2B, 1 HR, 1 RBI, 1 R; Rachel Karp 2-for-4, 1 R; Haley Holtorf 2-for-4, 1 2B; WP: Amber Prow 7 IP, 6 H, 3 R, 1 ER, 0 BB, 10 K.

Mayo: Madeline Dostal 2-for-2, 1 RBI, 2 R, 2 SB; Kayla Fitzpatrick 1-for-3, 1 RBI; LP: Mackenzie Paulson 7 IP, 12 H, 4 R, 2 ER, 1 BB, 5 K.



John Marshall's Katie Boldt makes a great stretch at first but Mayo's Madeline Dostal beats the throw for an infield single.

Eagles ride Bier's arm to victory

Rochester Lourdes broke open a close game in the middle innings and picked up a Hiawatha Valley League softball victory on the road, 7-1 against Stewartville on Tuesday.

Kelly Bier kept the Tigers' bats contained. Bier, Lourdes' pitcher, threw a complete game, allowing a run on seven hits, with two walks and five strikeouts.

Sam Macken led the way at the plate for the Eagles. Macken went 3-for-4 with a double, a home run and two RBIs. Melissa Carlson was 2-for-3 for Lourdes.

Jena O'Byrne led Stewartville, going 2-for-3 with a triple, and Meghan Schmitz hit a solo home run.

Lourdes is 7-3 in the HVL and 8-7 overall. Stewartville drops to 5-4, 9-5.

Lourdes 7, Stewartville 1

Lourdes ..... 101 023 0 — 7 10 0
Stewartville ..... 100 000 0 — 1 7 4

Lourdes: Karrie Virgin 1-for-4, 1 RBI; Eleanor Berg 1-for-1; Sam Macken 3-for-4, 1 2B, 1 HR, 2 RBI, 2 SB; Melissa Carlson 2-for-3, 2 SB; Michaela Wermers 1-for-4; Kelly Bier 1-for-4, 1 2B, 1 RBI; WP: Kelly Bier 7 IP, 7 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 5 K.

Stewartville: Jackie Bleifus 1-for-3; Emily Ahart 1-for-3; Jena O'Byrne 2-for-3, 1 3B; Meghan Schmitz 1-for-4, 1 HR, 1 RBI; Sydney Quackenbush 1-for-1; Natalie Howell 1-for-3; LP: Caitlyn Hughes 5 IP, 8 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 1 BB, 6 K; Jena O'Byrne 2 IP, 2 H, 3 R, 1 ER, 0 BB, 3 K.

BASEBALL

Winona rallies to edge JM in 8 innings

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Rochester John Marshall led 2-0 through six innings, but Winona scored four times in the seventh and another in the eighth to rally for a 5-4 Big Nine Conference baseball victory over the Rockets on Tuesday night.

Winona scored four times in the top of the seventh to go up 4-2, but the Rockets came right back with two in the bottom of the seventh to tie it and force extra innings. Winona scored one in the top of the eighth, and the Rockets couldn't answer in their half.

Mulvey

"It was a pretty good ball game," JM coach Dutch Heiderscheit said. "We need to clean up our defense, and we will have a chance to win some of these close games."

Thomas Mulvey threw well for the Rockets, pitching into the seventh inning in his first start. He tossed 6 1/3 innings, allowing four runs on four hits, while walking two. Jake Halverson took the loss in relief.

Alex Brady and Garrett Strom paced the Rockets with two hits apiece.

JM plays a doubleheader today at Century.

Winona 5, John Marshall 4

Winona ..... 000 000 41 — 5 8 1
John Marshall ..... 100 001 20 — 4 8 3

Winona: Garrett Block 2-for-4, 2 RBI; Chris Hansen 2-for-3; Thompson 5 IP; WP: Kronebush 3 IP.

John Marshall: Alex Brady 2-for-4; Garrett Strom 2-for-4; Thomas Mulvey 6 1/3 IP, 4 H, 4 R, 2 BB; LP: Jake Halverson 1 2/3 IP.

Lourdes' hot bats help top Stewartville

Rochester Lourdes hit the ball well early and earned a 9-4 Hiawatha Valley League baseball victory against Stewartville on Tuesday.

Brandt

Lourdes put up a total of five runs in the first three innings, then added three in the sixth to seal the victory.

Jason Samuelson led the Eagles, going 3-for-4 with a double, two RBIs, two runs scored and a stolen base. Michael Brandt and Zach Hillman both were 2-for-4 with a double for Lourdes. Brandt earned the victory, pitching four innings and allowing two runs while striking out eight hitters.

Paul Trisko led Stewartville. He went 4-for-4 with two RBIs and a stolen base.

Lourdes plays at Triton at 4:15 p.m. Thursday. Stewartville was scheduled to play at Kasson-Mantorville today at 3:45 p.m.

Lourdes 9, Stewartville 4

Lourdes ..... 221 103 0 — 9 11 0
Stewartville ..... 020 020 0 — 4 8 6

Lourdes: Jason Samuelson 3-for-4, 1 2B, 2 RBI, 2 R, 1 SB; Michael Brandt 2-for-4, 1 2B, 2 R; Zach Hillman 2-for-4, 1 2B, 1 R; WP: Michael Brandt 4 IP, 5 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 5 BB, 8 K; Jason Bigler 2 IP, 3 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 0 BB, 1 K; Chris Wasz 1 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 1 K.

Stewartville: Paul Trisko 4-for-4, 2 RBI, 1 SB; Jeremiah Iverson 1-for-2, 2 R; Nate Muller 1-for-2, 1 3B, 1 RBI, 2 R; Takota Wieck 2.1 IP, 4 H, 3 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 1 K; LP: Aaron Simmons 4.2 IP, 8 H, 6 R, 3 ER, 0 BB, 5 K.

West sweeps Spartans

The Rochester Mayo baseball team had 20 hits in two games against Mankato West on Tuesday night, but the Spartans still dropped both games of a Big Nine Conference doubleheader at Mayo Field.

Six Mayo errors in Game 1 allowed West to rally for an 8-7 victory. Mayo led 7-5 heading into the seventh inning, but West scored three times for the win.

Michael Michalek led Mayo, going 3-for-4 with two runs scored, two doubles and an RBI. Zachary Robertson also was 3-for-4 with an RBI and two doubles. Brad Mathiowetz added two hits, a run scored and three RBIs.

Ryan Martin took the loss on the mound, tossing six innings. He allowed eight runs (four earned) on seven hits, while walking two and striking out two.

West rallied again in Game 2 for a 6-5 win. Mayo led 5-4 through five innings, but the Scarlets scored twice in the top of the sixth and held on for the win.

Sam Hinsch and Christian Rosenow had three hits apiece to lead Mayo. Rosenow had three runs scored, a triple and a double, and Hinsch had an RBI and a double. Mathiowetz added two hits and two RBIs, and Michalek blasted a home run.

Hinsch took the loss on the mound.

"We are hitting the ball pretty well right now," Mayo coach Dan Hoefs said. "We have five or six guys that are banging the ball around. Our pitching has not been getting itself in trouble, and for the most part have been throwing quite a few strikes. Our defense has been killing us. With sections right around the corner, we need to get that problem solved in a hurry if we want to make any noise in the section tournament."

Mayo dropped to 8-8 overall and 7-8 in Big Nine play. The Spartans return to action on Thursday at Faribault.

Mankato West 8, Mayo 7

First game

West ..... 003 201 3 — 8 8 1
Mayo ..... 200 041 0 — 7 11 6

Mankato West: Schwickert 3-for-4, 2 R, RBI, 3 2B; Wollenzien 2-for-3, R, RBI; Weber 1-for-4, 3 RBI, 2 R. WP: Schwickert 6 IP, 10 H, 7 ER, 5 BB, 4 K; SV: Cook.

Mayo: Michael Michalek 3-for-4, 2 R, RBI, 2 2B; Zachary Robertson 3-for-4, RBI, 2 2B; Brad Mathiowetz 2-for-4, R, 3 RBI, 2B. LP: Ryan Martin 6 IP, 7 H, 8 R, 4 ER, 2 BB, 2 K.

Mankato West 6, Mayo 5

Second game

West ..... 202 002 0 — 6 10 2
Mayo ..... 201 200 0 — 5 9 2

Mankato West: Schwickert 2-for-3, 2 RBI, HR. WP: Johnson 7 IP, 9 H, 5 R, 4 ER, 3 BB, 5 K.

Mayo: Sam Hinsch 3-for-4, RBI, 2B; Christian Rosenow 3-for-4, 3 R, 3B, 2B; Brad Mathiowetz 2-for-3, 2 RBI; Michael Michalek 1-for-3, HR, 2 R, 2 RBI. LP: Sam Hinsch.

BASEBALL PREVIEW

RCTC takes aim at NJCAA Region XIII title

Tourney winner advances to NJCAA World Series

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Rochester Community and Technical College is the No. 3 seed heading into the NJCAA Region XIII Tournament in baseball.

The Yellowjackets open with No. 6 Fergus Falls at 1:30 p.m. Thursday in the eight-team, double-elimination tourney, which is being held in St. Cloud. The winner of the event qualifies for the NJCAA Division III World Series.

"I don't think there's a clear favorite," RCTC coach Steve Hucke said. "I think it's anybody's game."

Century is the No. 1 seed and St. Cloud Tech is seeded second. RCTC split a pair of games with Fergus Falls late in the regular season, winning 12-3 and losing 2-1 in 13 innings.

RCTC tied with St. Cloud for the Southern Division championship with a 9-3 mark. RCTC is 24-7 overall and has been very strong (19-3) since returning from its spring trip to Florida.

"I feel we're starting to come on hitting-wise," Hucke said. "Our pitching's been pretty solid all year."

Hucke said the Yellowjackets have had good depth on the mound this season. Freshman left-hander Kody Knaus (3-0, 1.33 ERA) likely will start the opener against Fergus Falls. Staff ace TJ Nowak (5-0, 3.41 ERA) likely will pitch the second game when RCTC plays either St. Cloud or No. 7 Central Lakes at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday.

Other pitchers who could get starts for RCTC in the tournament include Bryce Christopher (3-1, 2.60 ERA), Adam Rude (2-1, 4.50 ERA) and Conner Robley (3-0, 1.37 ERA).

Luke Beachler (4.35 ERA, two saves) has been the team's closer. Other key relievers are Dylan Weber (1-2, 1.65 ERA), Matt Dammen and Cory Strable. Neither Dammen or Strable has allowed a run in 6 1/3 innings of work.

"We have a lot of guys who know their roles and have helped us get through some close games," Hucke said.

RCTC's pitching staff has an overall ERA of 2.92. The Yellowjackets are hitting .277 as a team.

"I think our hitting's been coming on," Hucke said. "It's been pretty much a strong team effort. Guys have stepped up at the right time."

Sean Hohmeister of Stewartville leads the team in both batting average (.347) and RBIs (29). Rochester's Matt Stubbs is second in both categories (.326, 25) and has one home run. Leadoff hitter Mitch Anderson leads the team with 35 runs scored and is batting .321 with 14 RBIs and a homer.

Beachler is batting .296 with 18 RBIs and has two of the team's five home runs. Robley is hitting .333 while playing a little more than half of the time. He has 11 RBIs and one home run.

"We've been playing pretty well defensively," Hucke said. "We're going to have to have some guys step up (at the plate).

"It's going to come down to pitching and clutch hitting," he added.

RCTC won the region title in 2011 and qualified for the Division III World Series. The Yellowjackets were the region runner-ups last season.

The region will be held from Thursday to Sunday. Sunday's title game is set for 1 p.m.

The national tournament is May 25-30 in Tyler, Texas.

At a glance

What: Region XIII Tournament in baseball.

Where/When: The eight-team, double elimination event is being held in St. Cloud from Thursday-Sunday.

First round Thursday: No. 1 Century vs. No. 8 Northland, 11 a.m.; No. 4 Itasca vs. No. 5 Mesabi Range, 11 a.m.; No. 3 RCTC vs. No. 6 Fergus Falls, 1:30 p.m.; No. 2 St. Cloud vs. No. 7 Central Lakes, 1:30 p.m.

Up next: The region winners earns a berth in the NJCAA Division III World Series on May 25-30 at Tyler, Texas.

HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

GIRLS GOLF

HIAWATHA VALLEY LEAGUE

• At Soldiers Field, par 70

Lourdes (391): Jenny Rahman 96, Madeline Pagel 97, Anna Hennessey 97, Anna Becker 101.

Kasson-Mantorville (418): Camille Snyder 96, Maria Eggler 104, Emma Bumfield 107, Brie Westrom 111.

Triton (435): Gretchen Keller 111, Carli Kruckeberg 106, Kali Kispert 108, (final score missing).

THREE RIVERS CONFERENCE

• At Piper Hills Golf Course, par 36

Lewiston-Altura (208): Elli Hennessy 41, Sydney Rinn 55, Brittnie Kieselhorst 56, Heather Kelly 56.

Plainview-Elgin-Millville (276): Danielle Gander 62, Sarah Wescott 64, Kallie Baker 68, Jayden Munsch 82.

BOYS GOLF

BIG NINE CONFERENCE

• At Northern Hills Golf Course

John Marshall (346): Cole Donahue 83, Nick Paulson 86, Brett Helling 87, Ross Faber 90.

Mankato West (323): Matt Newman 72, Justin Else 81, Tripp Bastian 85, Jordan Hellie 85.

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• At Eastwood, par 60

Meet called after 15 holes due to darkness

Owatonna (263): Ted Urch 63, Peter Jones 64, Gage Schuster 66, Kyle Dickerman 70.

Century (275): Chris Captain 67, CJ Fritcher 68, Matthew Boeker 69, Anthony Crowson 71.

HIAWATHA VALLEY LEAGUE

*** At Soldiers Field, par 70**

Lourdes (300): Michael Dearani 71, Gabe Salerno 74, Ben Weir 77, Kyle Kapraun 78.

Kasson-Mantorville 314): Keagan Koochie 74, Seth Kollman 79, Turner Krueger 79, Nick Larson 82.

Triton (320): Zach Otto 73, Preston Pflaum 80, Jaden Thiemann 81, Ethan Otterbein 86.

THREE RIVERS CONFERENCE

• At Piper Hills Golf Course, par 36

Lewiston-Altura (178): Brady Borkowski 41, Jake Baer 44, Thomas Hennessy 44, Jay Sommers 49.

Plainview-Elgin-Millville (188): Hunter Rau 43, Brady Kellner 47, Matt Sackreiter 48, Garrett Chick 50.

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BASEBALL

Century, JM split doubleheader

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Much as has been the case all season for the Rochester schools in the Big Nine Conference, errors were a problem during Wednesday's intra-city doubleheader between Century and John Marshall.

In Game 1 at Century High School, the Rockets and Panthers combined for seven errors but a seven-run fifth inning helped Century earn an 11-7 victory.

JM trailed 11-0 at one point before rallying for seven runs in the final two innings, but it wasn't enough.

Century received clutch hitting up and down the lineup in the opener. Matt Sturchio went 2-for-4 and blasted a two-run home run in the first inning. Mitch Gade smoked a three-run bomb in the fifth, and Riese Zmolek had a three-run double in the fifth. Zmolek also scored three runs scored. Ryan Gol added two RBIs.

Struchio got the win on the mound, going 5 2/3 innings. He allowed three runs on three hits, while walking one and striking out four.

Kaeleb Stangler paced John Marshall, going 2-for-4 with a double and two RBIs. Zach Becker also had an RBI double.

John Marshall's Sam Broman stretches and snags a high throw that wasn't in time as Riese Zmolek of Century is called safe.

Alex Brady suffered the loss for the Rockets. He tossed 4 2/3 innings and allowed nine runs.

In Game 2, Stangler drove in the game-winning run in the bottom of the sixth inning to help JM earn the 5-4 victory and the doubleheader split.

The game was tied at 4-all entering the bottom of the sixth, but Alex Brady smacked a hit and Jake Halverson also reached with a hit before Stangler delivered the game-winner.

Brady had a huge game, going 4-for-4 with a double, a triple and two runs scored. Halverson was 3-for-4 with an RBI.

Janek Walker tossed all seven innings to earn the win on the hill. He allowed four runs on nine hits, while striking out two.

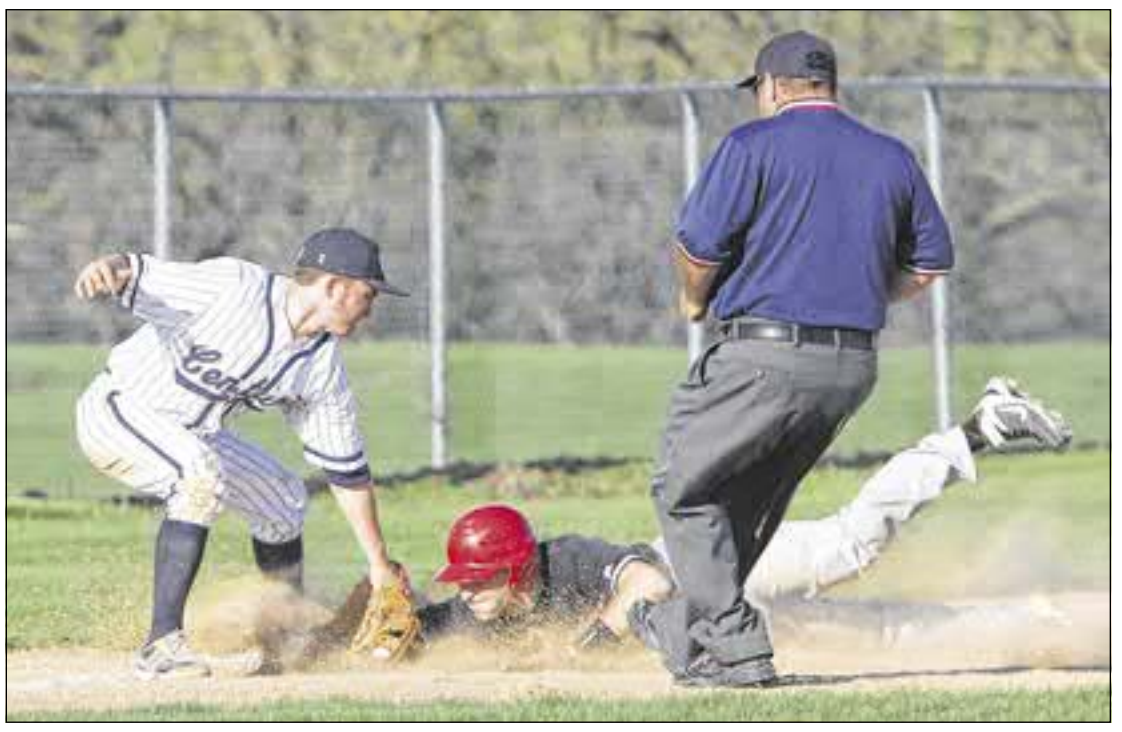
Darryl Martin led Century, going 3-for-4. Tyler Gathman was 2-for-3 with a double and a run scored, while Struchio added a two-RBI single.

Nicholas Smith suffered the loss on the mound, throwing two innings in relief. Jordan Jasik was the starter.

He went four innings, allowing four runs on seven hits, while walking three and striking out two.

Century is now 6-8 overall and 6-7 in Big Nine play, while John Marshall is 6-7 overall and 6-6 in the Big Nine.

The Panthers host Albert Lea in a doubleheader today, while JM is back in action Friday in a home doubleheader against Owatonna.



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John Marshall's Alex Brady dives safely into third just ahead of the throw and tag attempt of Matt Sturchio of Century during Big Nine action on Wednesday at Century High School.

Century 11, John Marshall 7
First game

JM	000	003	4	—	7	6	3
Century	200	072	0	—	11	10	4

John Marshall: Zachary Becker 1-for-1, 1 2B, 1 RBI; Kaeleb Stangler 2-for-4, 1 2B, 2 RBI. LP: Alex Brady 4.2 IP, 9 R.

Century: Matthew Sturchio 2-for-4, 1 HR, 2 RBI, 2 R; Nicholas Smith 1-for-3, 1 R; Jordan Jasik 1-for-3, 2 R; Ryan Goll 1-for-3, 2 RBI; Riese Zmolek 2-for-3, 1 2B, 3 RBI, 3 R; Mitchel Gade 1-for-3, 1 HR, 3 RBI. WP: Matthew Sturchio 5.2 IP, 3 H, 3 R, 2 ER, 1 BB, 4 K.

John Marshall 5, Century 4
Second game

Century	300	100	0	—	4	9	3
John Marshall	202	001	0	—	5	9	1

Century: Matthew Sturchio 1-for-3, 2 RBI; Tyler Gathman 2-for-3, 1 2B, 1 R; Darryl Martin 3-for-4 LP: Nicholas Smith 2 IP, 3 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 1 BB, 2 K; Jordan Jasik 4 IP, 7 H, 4 R, 3 ER, 3 BB, 2 K.

John Marshall: Jake Halverson 3-for-4, 1 RBI; Aaron Grad 1-for-4, 1 R; Kaeleb Stangler 1-for-2, 1 RBI; Alex Brady 4-for-4, 1 2B, 1 3B, 2 R. WP: Janek Walker 7 IP, 9 H, 4 R, 0 BB, 2 K.

SOFTBALL

Lourdes rallies, pulls away to double up Hayfield

Post-Bulletin staff

Rochester Lourdes fell behind early, but strung together three strong innings to pull away for an 8-4 Hiawatha Valley League softball victory against Hayfield on Wednesday.

Hayfield led 2-0 after two innings, but Lourdes scored twice in the fourth and sixth innings, while putting up four runs in the fifth.

Karrie Virgin led the Eagles at the plate, going 3-for-3 with three RBIs. Sam Macken was 3-for-4 with a triple and two RBIs and Kelly Bier was 2-for-3 with a double. Bier also pitched a complete game to earn the victory. She didn't walk a batter and struck out four.

Lezlie Sorensen went 2-for-3 with a double for Hayfield, while Grace Mindrup was 2-for-4 with a double.

Lourdes is back in action Friday at Soldiers Field. The Eagles play host to La Crescent at 4:30 p.m. and Byron at 7 p.m.

Lourdes 8, Hayfield 4

Hayfield	110	002	0	—	4	8	1
Lourdes	000	242	0	—	8	11	1

Hayfield: Jessie Foster 1-for-3, 2 R, 1 SB; Alyssa Monahan 2-for-3, 1 RBI; Bhrett Zahnle 1-for-4, 1 R; Lezlie Sorensen 2-for-3, 1 2B, 1 R; Grace Mindrup 2-for-4, 1 2B, 1 RBI. LP: Alyssa Monahan 6 IP, 11 H, 8 R, 8 ER, 3 BB, 2 K.

Lourdes: Karrie Virgin 3-for-3, 3 RBI; Georgi Younger 1-for-2, 2 R; Sam Macken 3-for-4, 1 3B, 2 RBI, 1 R; Melissa Carlson 1-for-3, 2 R, 1 RBI, 1 SB; Michaela Wermers 1-for-2, 1 RBI; Kelly Bier 2-for-3, 1 2B; WP: Kelly Bier 7 IP, 8 H, 4 R, 2 ER, 0 BB, 4 K.

Eastview too much for John Marshall

Rochester John Marshall couldn't match Eastview on either side of the ball in a 9-2 loss in a non-conference softball game Wednesday.

JM (13-5 overall) jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead when Katie Boldt hit a two-out, two-run home run in the bottom of the first inning. Eastview's pitchers limited JM to just one hit over the next six innings, though, and the Lightning pulled away.

Eastview tied the score with two runs in the second inning, then put up four in the fourth and three in the fifth.

"Eastview knocked it around pretty good," JM coach Thang Nguyen said. "Their hitters were disciplined and they ran the bases well. It was a good lesson for our team."

The Rockets are back in action Friday at 4 p.m. against Mankato East in Mankato. The winner then faces Mankato West for the Big Nine Conference championship.

Eastview 9, John Marshall 2

Eastview	002	430	0	—	9	16	1
JM	200	000	0	—	2	3	2

Eastview: Melissa Barry 3-for-5, 1 2B, 2 RBI, 2 R, 1 SB; Julia Luciano 2-for-4, 1 2B, 1 3B, 1 RBI, 1 R; Ericka Schlosser 3-for-3, 1 2B, 1 RBI, 2 R, 1 SB. WP: Kerrigan Hoshaw 3 IP, 2 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 0 BB, 3 K; Melissa Barry 2 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 3 K; Marissa Leners 2 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 3 K.

John Marshall: Blair LeBeck 1-for-2; Erin Meyers 1-for-3, 1 R; Katie Boldt 1-for-2, 1 HR, 2 RBI, 1 R; LP: Kristen Erickson 5 IP, 15 H, 9 R, 9 ER, 0 BB, 2 K; Katie Boldt 2 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 1 K.

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Hayfield's Lezlie Sorenson slides into second base safely after beating the throw and tag attempt of Sam Macken of Lourdes on Wednesday.

Panthers split with Owatonna

OWATONNA — Rochester Century built a 5-0 lead after the first three innings and held off Owatonna 5-2 in the first game of a doubleheader in Big Nine Conference softball on Wednesday.

Owatonna rebounded to win the second game 6-1.

"Morgan Hartman and Morgan Lewison provided a nice 1-2 punch early in the game," Century coach Chad Buchmann said of the opener. "Taylor Monnet and Erin Ziebarth both had great at-bats that led to timely hits to increase our lead."

Hartman went 3-for-3 with a pair of doubles for Century. Monet and Lewison were both 2-for-3.

Erin Ziebarth pitched the first 4 1/3 innings for the victory for the Panthers.

"Erin did a great job pitching and keeping them off balance," Buchmann said.

In the nightcap, Owatonna snapped a 1-1 tie with two runs in the fourth and added three more in the sixth.

Anna Grinde went 3-for-3 for Century while Frankie Mickelson and Monnet went 2-for-3.

Century 5, Owatonna 2
First game

Century	122	000	0	—	5	10	1
Owatonna	000	100	1	—	2	6	1

Century: Morgan Hartman 3-for-3, 2 2B; Taylor Monnet 2-for-3, 1 2B; Morgan Lewison 2-for-3; WP: Erin Ziebarth 4.1 IP, 1 K. Other pitcher: Shyanne Stolp 2.2 IP, 3 K.

Owatonna: No stats provided.

Owatonna 6, Century 1
Second game

Century	000	100	0	—	1	8	3
Owatonna	010	203	x	—	6	8	0

Century: Morgan Hazelton 1-for-3, 1 2B; Frankie Mickelson 2-for-3; Taylor Monnet 2-for-3; Anna Grinde 3-for-3. LP: Erin Ziebarth 5 IP. Other pitcher: Shyanne Stolp 1 IP.

Owatonna: No stats provided.

Mayo, Winona split twinbill

Rochester Mayo and Winona played to a Big Nine Conference softball doubleheader split on Wednesday night.

In Game 1, Mayo put together an impressive seventh-inning rally. The Spartans trailed 2-1 heading into the bottom of the seventh, but they scored two runs to pull out the 3-2 win.

Emily Hindal scored the tying run on an error. She stole third base, and the throw from the catcher got away from the Winona third baseman. Hindal raced for home and made it safely. One at-bat later, Laura Henderson smacked the game-winning RBI single, driving in Maddie Dostal.

Kali Aldrich earned the pitching win. She also went 2-for-3 at the plate. Aldrich tossed seven innings, allowing two runs on nine hits, while striking out three. She did not walk a batter.

Nikki Ketzeback added two hits, two stolen bases and an RBI for the Spartans.

Winona scored eight runs in the first two innings of Game 2 and rolled to a 12-3 win. The Winhawks belted 19 hits.

Mackenzie Paulson suffered the pitching loss.

Henderson paced Mayo at the plate, going 2-for-4 with two RBIs and a run scored. Katelyn Harrington added a hit, two runs scored and a stolen base.

Mayo 3, Winona 2
First game

Winona	000	110	0	—	2	9	1
Mayo	000	100	2	—	3	7	2

Winona: Crystal Franzwa 2-for-4, 1 R; Emilee Morrison 2-for-3, 1 2B, 1 RBI, 1 R. LP: Kalley Jo Schultz 7 IP, 9 H, 3 R, 1 ER, 3 BB, 7 K.

Mayo: Nikki Ketzeback 2-for-3, 1 RBI, 2 SB; Kali Aldrich 2-for-3. WP: Kali Aldrich 7 IP, 9 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 0 BB, 3 K.

Winona 12, Mayo 3
Second game

Winona	350	220	0	—	12	19	0
Mayo	102	000	0	—	3	6	2

Winona: Melissa Peterson 3-for-5, 1 2B, 1 HR, 3 RBI, 3 R; Cassidy Bittle 3-for-4, 1 HR, 6 RBI, 1 R.

Mayo: Katelyn Harrington 1-for-3, 2 R, 1 SB; Laura Henderson 2-for-4, 2 RBI, 1 R. LP: Mackenzie Paulson 1 2/3 IP, 9 H, 8 R, 8 ER, 0 BB, 1 K; Kali Aldrich 5 1/3 IP, 10 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 1 BB, 2 K.

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Local sports

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Herkimer wins Division III national championship

New York team beats Brookdale in title game

BY GUY N. LIMBECK
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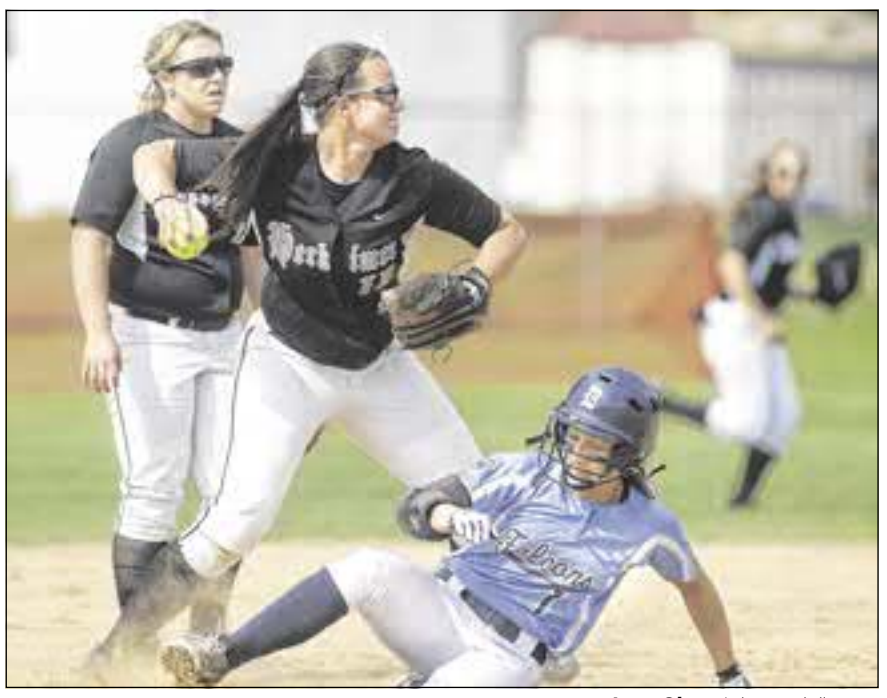
When Herkimer County Community College left Rochester a year ago after finishing in fifth place in the Division III NJCAA National Softball Tournament, the team departed with a sense of unfinished business.

But before the team traveled back to Herkimer, N.Y., it parted by doing a little community service, and perhaps giving itself a bit of karma in the process. Before the 20-plus hour bus ride, the Herkimer players spent three hours at St. Marys Hospital engaging with youth patients.

"We gave away T-shirts, wristbands, signed autographs and played games," Herkimer coach PJ Anadio said. "We love being here."

The Herkimer squad returned to Rochester this past weekend, and this time the Generals left with the Division III junior college national championship. Herkimer, the No. 2 seed, swept four straight games in the eight-team double elimination tournament to win its first softball championship.

Herkimer (43-2) defeated top-seeded Brookdale (59-4) 5-2 in the championship on Saturday night at McQuillian Fields. It was Herkimer's second win of the day. Brookdale, which battled its way back through the losers bracket, had to play four games on Saturday after rain washed away play on Friday.



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Herkimer shortstop Tina Karaqi gets the out on Tori Ostrum of Dutchess but is unable to turn the double play Saturday at McQuillan Field. Karqai was named the Most Outstanding Offensive Players and the tournament MVP. She was 3-4 with a home run in the championship game against Brookdale.

Freshman shortstop Tina Karaqi of Herkimer was named the Outstanding Offense Player and the MVP of the tournament. She had a big championship game, going 3-for-4 with a solo home run and three runs scored.

"We've been working so hard for the past year, 6 a.m. (practices) and running hills," Karaqi said. "And it paid off."

Karaqi bats fifth in the Herkimer lineup, but she might not have predicted she would take home tourney MVP honors.

"I had a rough season, but when you have to pull through for your teammates, you have to try and come through," she said.

Karaqi had plenty of support. Herkimer's Toni Secreti was named Top Pitcher of the tournament. Sophomore center fielder Stephanie Siriano added several game-turning plays in the title game.

Siriano opened the fifth with a solo homer on the first pitch of the inning to give Herkimer a 4-1 lead. Karaqi homered two batters later. Siriano then made an outstanding running catch in right-center with two outs and two on in the bottom of the fifth to rob Angela Hauser of an extra-base hit and two RBIs.

"Last year I think we felt differently," Anadio said of playing on the national stage. "We were just glad to be here. This year we wanted to go out and finish the job."

When the job was finished, and the title secured, Anadio yelled to his team "You guys can drink soda tonight." That produced a huge yell from the players.

"We're not allowed to have soda or fatty foods, nothing heavy." Karaqi said. "Only healthy things."

"The girls have bought into it," Anadio said. "It's a lot of sacrifice. It's tough on them, a lot of (eating) chicken and fish.

"Our attention to detail is why we're standing here today with this (championship) trophy," he added.

Herkimer also denied Brookdale in its quest to win a fourth softball championship.

Anadio, in his fourth season coaching Herkimer, hopes his squad makes many more return trips to Rochester. Karaqi expects to return as well.

"We're coming back (next year), I promise you," she said.

• Eighth-seeded Dutchess Community College was in the winners bracket final on Saturday but suffered a narrow 6-5 loss to Herkimer. Dutchess then dropped to the elimination final where it lost to Brookdale 5-1.

With the two losses, Dutchess had to settle for third place.

"There's always next year," Dutchess freshman pitcher Abby Canning said.

Division III NJCAA National Tournament

At McQuillan Fields, Rochester
Saturday's results
Winners bracket
Herkimer 6, Dutchess 5
Elimination bracket
Brookdale 8, Rock Valley 6
Monroe 7, Itasca 6
Brookdale 5, Monroe 3
Brookedale 5, Dutchess 1 (third place)
Seventh-place game
St. Cloud 13, Ann Arundel 12
Fifth-place game
Itasca 3, Rock Valley 1
Championship game
Herkimer 5, Brookdale 2

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Century, Austin split pair; JM, Lourdes win

Post-Bulletin staff

AUSTIN — Rochester Century played its third doubleheader in four days and came away with the same result Saturday, splitting the two games with Austin.

Century won the opener 8-1 behind sophomore Erik Thorvilson's complete game five-hitter, and Austin came back to win the second game 7-1 at Riverland Community College.

"Thorvilson stepped up and pitched an outstanding game when we needed someone to eat up some innings," said Century coach Keith Kangas, whose Panthers played eight games in six days. "He has worked hard on the side, and today it paid off."

Jordan Jasik led Century's 12-hit attack going 3-for-4 with a double and two runs scored. Riese Zmolek was 2-for-4 with a three-run homer in the fifth.

In the second game Century had a 1-0 lead and was working on more in the third inning, when Austin made a key defensive play to throw out a Panthers runner at the plate. Kangas said that play changed the momentum.

Austin answered with a four-run rally in the bottom of the third and then added three more runs in the fourth.

Sophomore Darryl Smith went 2-for-2 in the second game after going 2-for-3 in the first, and Kangas said he had "great day at the plate and in the field" for the Panthers.

Century, 8-9 in the Big Nine and 8-10 overall, closes its regular season with a single game Tuesday at Mayo.

Century 8, Austin 1

First game

Austin	000000	1	—	1	4	1
Century	200131	1	—	8	12	3

Century: Nicholas Smith 1-for-4, 2 RBI; Jordan Jasik 3-for-4, 1 2B, 2 R, 1 SB; Ryan Goll 1-for-2, 2 R; Kainoa Gathje 2-for-4, 1 RBI; Riese Zmolek 2-for-4, 1 HR, 3 RBI, 1 R; Mitchel Gade 1-for-3, 1 RBI, 1 R; Darryl Martin, 2-for-3, 2 R, 1 SB. WP: Erik Thorvilson 7 IP, 4 H, 1 R, 0 ER, 4 BB, 5 K.

Austin: No stats provided.

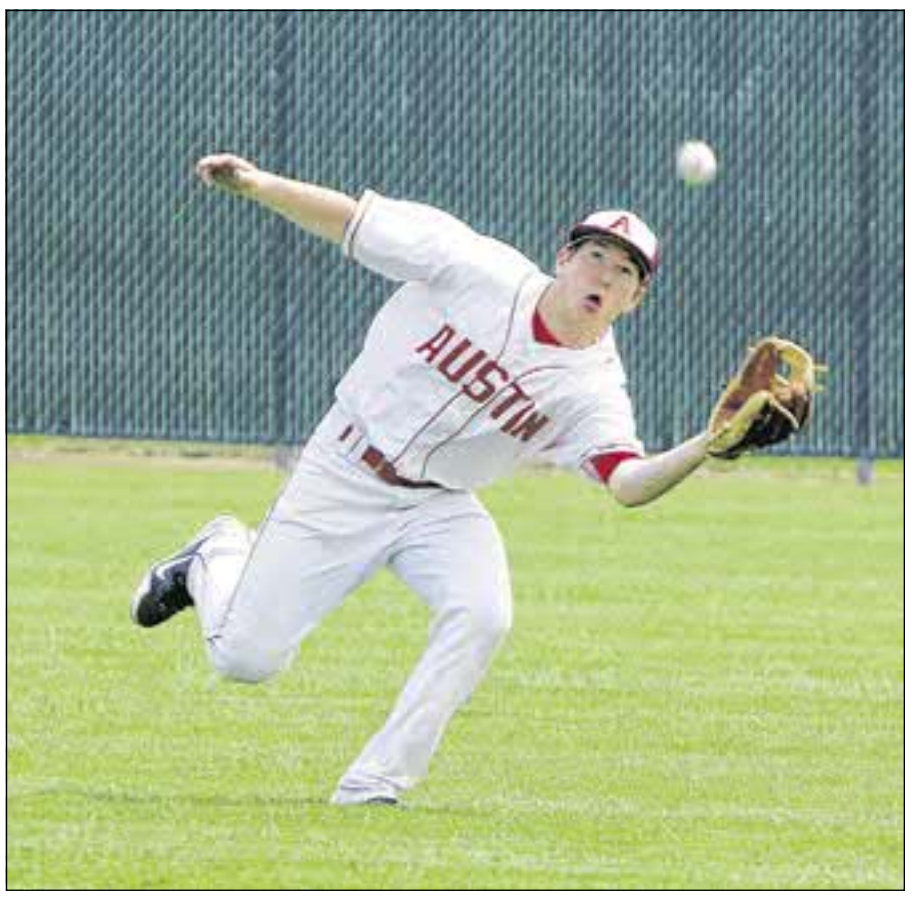
Austin 7, Century 1

Second game

Century	010000	0	—	1	6	3
Austin	004300	0	—	7	8	2

Century: Matthew Sturchio 1-for-3; Nicholas Smith 2-for-3, 1 2B; Mitchel Gade 1-for-3, 1 RBI; Darryl Martin 2-for-2. LP: Jordan Jasik 2 2/3 IP, 4 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 2 BB, 2 K.

Austin: WP: Jacob Kempen 7 IP, 6 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 1 BB, 2 K.



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Austin right fielder Ethan Horstmann makes a running catch against Century on Saturday. Century won the first game of the doubleheader, 8-1, but the Packers took the nightcap, 7-1.

Century pitcher Erik Thorvilson pitched a complete game, 5-hitter Saturday against Austin in Austin. The Panthers won the opener, 8-1.

JM earns split with Mankato West

Rochester John Marshall unleashed a 16-hit attack in the second game to salvage a split in a doubleheader against Mankato West in a Big Nine Conference baseball game Saturday at John Adams field.

John Marshall dropped the first game 11-6 and came back for a 14-4 win in five innings in the nightcap.

"We came out hitting the ball pretty aggressively in the second game, and Thomas Mulvey did a great job on the mound for us," JM coach Terry Heiderscheit said. Mulvey, a senior, allowed five hits and two earned runs in five innings for the win.

It was the third straight doubleheader split for JM in just six days and makes the Rockets 7-8 overall and 7-7 in the conference. West is 10-6 overall and in the Big Nine.

Jake Halverson, Aaron Grad and Zachary Schwieters all had three hits for the Rockets in the second game. Grad doubled twice and drove in two runs.

In the first game, Mankato West scored three runs in the first inning against JM starter Sam Moen, and the Scarlets never relinquished the lead. They broke it open with five runs in the fifth.

"We hung in there, but we just didn't stop them from scoring; they continued to put up runs, and we just couldn't catch them," Heiderscheit said.

Grad, Sam Broman and Jack Kall all had two hits for JM.

Mankato West 11, John Marshall 6

First game

Mankato West	302150	0	—	11	11	2
John Marshall	010302	x	—	6	10	2

Mankato West: Isaac Weber 2-for-5; Conor Wollenzien 2-for-5; Josh Athey 2-for-4; Steven Nessler 2-for-4. WP: Schwiechert 7 IP, 10 H, 6 R, 6 ER, 2 BB, 3 K.

John Marshall: Aaron Grad 2-for-4; Jack Kall 2-for-3; Sam Broman 2-for-4. LP: Sam Moen 3 2/3 IP, 7 H, 6 R, 4 ER, 1 BB, 4 K.

John Marshall 14, Mankato West 4

Second game

Mankato West	040 00	—	4	5	0
John Marshall	632 3x	—	14	16	1

Mankato West: No stats provided.

John Marshall: Jake Halverson 3-for-4; Aaron Grad 3-for-4, 2 2B, 2 RBI; Zachary Schwieters 3-for-3; Jack Kall 1-for-2, 1 2B, 3 RBI; Alex Brady 2-for-3; Jacob Dravis 2-for-2. WP: Thomas Mulvey 5 IP, 5 H, 4 R, 2 ER, 2 BB, 1 K.

Early runs doom Mayo

WINONA — Winona scored five runs in the first inning and never looked back, rolling to an 8-1 Big Nine Conference baseball win over Rochester Mayo on Saturday.

The Spartans managed just four hits.

Winona's Daniel Kronebusch hit a grand slam in the opening inning to set the tone.

Sam Hinsch took the loss on the hill for Mayo. He went five innings, allowing eight runs on 12 hits, striking out four and walking one.

Zach Robertson had a hit and a stolen base for the Spartans, and Michael Michalak had a hit and scored Mayo's lone run.

"Winona has a pretty good ball club," Mayo coach Dan Hoefs said. "With Rohde, Kruse and Schultz, they can throw three quality guys at you on the hill"

Mayo's final game of the season is at 5 p.m. today at Mayo Field against Rochester Century. Seedings for the Section 1AAA tournament will be announced today.

Winona 8, Mayo 1

Mayo	100000	0	—	1	4	1
Winona	500120	x	—	8	12	4

Mayo: Christian Rosenow 1-for-4; Zach Robertson 1-for-3, 1 SB; Michael Michalak 1-for-4, R. LP: Sam Hinsch 5 IP, 12 H, 8 R, 8 ER, 1 BB, 4 K; Tommy Hanson 1 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 2 K.

Winona: Hunter Kruse 2-for-4, 1 2B, 2 R; Daniel Kronebusch 1-for-3, 1 HR, 4 RBI, 1 R; Emmet Hedin 3-for-3, 1 2B, 2 R; Drew Fakler 1-for-3; Garrett Block 2-for-3, 1 2B, 1 RBI, 1 R; Drew Thompson 2-for-3, 2 RBI, 1 R. WP: Hunter Kruse 7 IP, 4 H, 1 R, 0 ER, 2 BB, 10 K.

Brandt's shutout lifts Lourdes

Michael Brandt pitched a four-hit shutout as Lourdes nipped Cannon Falls 1-0 in Hiawatha Valley League baseball on Saturday.

Brandt struck out nine and did not issue a walk in his gem against Cannon Falls, the Blue Division champ of the HVL.

Brandt

Lourdes improved to 14-2 overall and is 8-2 in the HVL Gold Division, a half-game behind division leader Kasson-Mantorville.

Henry Wittren drove in the game's lone run in the bottom of the third for Lourdes. Jason Samuelson reached on a single, stole second, moved to third on an error and scored on Wittren's sacrifice fly.

Noah Callister pitched the first five innings for Cannon Falls and suffered the loss. He allowed just five hits and did not issue a walk.

"This was a great game with two excellent pitchers going head-to-head," Cannon Falls coach Bucky Lindow said. "This was a very important game for us to be in prior to playoffs."

Both teams will begin the playoffs in Section 1AA on Thursday.

Lourdes 1, Cannon Falls 0

Cannon Falls	000000	0	—	0	4	2
Lourdes	001000	x	—	1	5	0

Cannon Falls: Derek Johnson 1-for-3; Brock Peterson 2-for-3; Clay Broze 1-for-3. LP: Noah Callister 5 IP, 5 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 0 BB, 3 K. Other pitcher: Levi Prestegard 1 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 1 K.

Lourdes: Thomas Elwell 1-for-2, 1 SB; Jason Samuelson 1-for-3, 1 R, 1 SB; Chris Wasz 1-for-3; Zach Hillman 1-for-3, 1 SB; Andrew Ellingson 1-for-2; Henry Wittren 1 RBI. WP: Michael Brandt 7 IP, 4 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 9 K.

PREVIEW

SECTION 1AA BOYS TENNIS
Semifinals, finals

Tuesday's semifinals: No. 1 South Division seed Mayo vs. No. 2 North Division seed Red Wing, 9 a.m., at Mayo High School. No. 1 North Division seed Lakeville South vs. No. 2 South Division seed Century, 9 a.m., at John Marshall High School.

Tuesday's finals: The two semifinal winners meet approximately one hour after the conclusion of those matches, at Mayo. The winner advances to the June 4-5 state team tournament, at the University of Minnesota's Baseline Tennis Center.

Mayo's quarterfinals, notes: Mayo (11-6) had a tough time getting past No. 4 North Division seed Lakeville North, winning just 4-3. However, the Panthers were using a full and healthy lineup for one of the few times all season, and they showed how much better they are at full strength. Mayo picked up a key win at No. 2 singles by seventh-grader Sebastian Vile to nail down its dual victory. Mayo swept the doubles (its strength), getting all three wins in straight sets. . .

Mayo is the only ranked team out of Section 1AA. All of the other nine ranked teams in the state are from the Twin Cities, with Wayzata (a 7-0 winner over Mayo just over a week ago) at No. 1. . .Mayo has played Red Wing once this season, winning 6-1. The Wingers' only win there came at No. 1 singles, where Isaac Toivonen beat Michael Poeschla 6-0, 6-1. Mayo beat Red Wing 6-1 in last year's section championship. . .Mayo has played Century once this season, again winning 6-1. Three of those matches went to three sets. . .Mayo has been to the state tournament 10 straight years, winning it twice. . .Red Wing beat Owatonna 5-2 in its quarterfinal dual.

Century's quarterfinals, notes: Century (10-2) had a relatively easy time in its quarterfinals, topping No. 3 North Division seed Northfield 5-2. The Panthers won at Nos. 2, 3 and 4 singles, and Nos. 1 and 3 doubles. Century needed three sets to win at No. 2 singles and No. 1 doubles. . .Century has lost just twice this season, once to No. 9-ranked Mayo 6-1 and once to No. 3 Class A ranked Rochester Lourdes 5-2. . .

A year ago, Century fell in the section quarterfinals, one of the few times it's failed to reach the semifinals in recent years. Showdowns with Mayo in the finals have been the norm, which could happen again in this section tournament. . .Mayo has gotten excellent play recently from seventh-grader Nick Aney. He won the Big Nine title at No. 3 singles. He was positioned at No. 4 singles in the 5-2 win over Northfield. . .Lakeville South barely beat No. 4 North Division seed Hastings 4-3 in its quarterfinal match. It was blasted by No. 10-ranked Bloomington Jefferson 7-0 on May 9. It also lost 6-1 to unranked Eagan and 7-0 to unranked Burnsville, both early-season tests.

— Pat Ruff

AMATEUR BASEBALL

Red Wing Aces 16, Randolph 3

Randolph	030 000	0	—	3	7	3
Red Wing	204 802	0	—	16	17	1

Red Wing: Steve Boldt 5-for-5, 3 RBIs, 4 R, 2 2Bs, HR, 3B; Adam Thygesen 3-for-5, 3 R; Zach Laffey 2-for-4, 2 R, 4 RBIs; Kyle Blahnik 2-for-3, 2 R, 2 RBI, 2B; Josh Thygesen 2-for-3, 3 RBIs, SB. WP: Andy Gibart 5 IP, 7 H, 3 ER, 1 BB, 5 K.

Randolph: Paul Weidner 2-for-4, RBI; Dillion Sellner 1-for-3, R, RBI. LP: Ethan Kuehn 3 IP, 6 H, 6 ER, 3 BB, 4 K.

John Marshall's Jake Halverson dives safely back to first ahead of the throw and tag attempt by Nick Brink of Mankato East Tuesday at Alumni Field at John Adams Middle School in Rochester.

John Marshall's Zach Schwieters is safe at second as the ball gets away from Sean Allan of Mankato East Tuesday at Alumni Field at John Adams Middle School in Rochester.

John Marshall's Jake Halverson with a single against Mankato East Tuesday at Alumni Field at John Adams Middle School in Rochester.

Posted: May 21, 2013

John Marshall's Zach Schwieters rounds third but gets the stop sign against Mankato East Tuesday at Alumni Field at John Adams Middle School in Rochester.

John Marshall's pitcher Jack Kall flips his helmet to Patric Sadecki after hitting a single against Mankato East Tuesday at Alumni Field at John Adams Middle School in Rochester.

John Marshall's Jack Kall winds and delivers against Mankato East Tuesday at Alumni Field at John Adams Middle School in Rochester.

John Marshall's Sam Broman rounds third and scores against Mankato East Tuesday at Alumni Field at John Adams Middle School in Rochester.

John Marshall's Sam Broman dives safely back to first ahead of the throw and tag attempt by Nick Brink of Mankato East Tuesday at Alumni Field at John Adams Middle School in Rochester.

John Marshall's Aaron Grad makes the force at second on Patrick Rohlfing of Mankato East and the throw to first for the double play Tuesday at Alumni Field at John Adams Middle School in Rochester.

Faribault Daily News:
Faribault baseball is top seed in Section 1AAA

Posted: Wednesday, May 22, 2013 4:33 pm | Updated: 10:51 pm, Wed May 22, 2013.

The Faribault High School baseball team received the No. 1 seed in the Section 1AAA Tournament and will host the winner of eighth-seeded Hastings and ninth-seeded Albert Lea at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday at Bell Field.

By earning a first-round bye, the Falcons are already into the double-elimination portion of the bracket and if will play at 11 a.m. on Monday at Bell Field with a win on Saturday, or will play at 1:30 p.m. on Monday at Bell Field with a loss. The Falcons will play one of three teams in their second game: No. 4 Owatonna, No. 5 Rochester John Marshall or No. 12 Farmington.

The Falcons beat Albert Lea 2-1 and 5-4 on May 14, lost 10-3 and 2-1 to Owatonna and split with JM, winning 4-3 in eight innings and losing 2-1. Faribault has not faced Hastings or Farmington this season.

Faribault's last section win came in 2009 when it beat Austin 3-2 in the first round before losing back-to-back games to Rochester Mayo.

This means Faribault Academies' opening round Section 2AA game against Waseca has been moved back to 2:30 p.m. at Bell Field on Saturday.

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Farmington Independent:
Baseball: Tigers blanked in section opener

Posted: Thursday, May 23, 2013 9:33 pm *By: **Matt Steichen**, The Farmington Independent*

Four times during the regular season the Farmington baseball team lost games where its pitching and defense held an opponent to four or fewer runs.

It happened again in the opening round of the Section 1AAA tournament. The 12th-seeded Tigers traveled to Rochester John Marshall last Thursday and couldn't string together enough hits in a season-ending 2-0 loss to the fifth-seeded Rockets.

The Tigers finished .500 in the Missota Conference for the first time in seven years, but were 0-4 outside of the league and finished the season with three straight losses where they totaled four runs.

"We just couldn't get anything going." Farmington coach Mike Winters said. "Both teams had five hits, they just had two drives over our heads, which proved to be the difference."

One of those drives scored the Rockets' first run in the bottom of the third against Farmington starter Jordan Beschorner. It stayed 1-0 until the sixth when the Tigers' lone error led to an unearned insurance run that doubled the home team's lead.
Beschorner walked two and struck out one over six innings.

"Beschorner pitched well and gave us legitimate chance to win. That's all you can hope for," Winters said.

Spencer Merle doubled for the Tigers. Nick Schoening, Bobby Eckert, Zach Speikers and Jordan Decroock each added singles.
The Tigers finished with a record of 7-11. Snow cover that lasted into early May forced them to play 14 of those games as part of doubleheaders, and play 17 of their 18 games in a span of 28 days.

"Mother Nature messed with us this spring, but our kids' work ethic, attitude, effort and personality were phenomenal. It was definitely one of my most enjoyable seasons."

Switching gears: From runner to volunteer

Tuma family will have new view of Med City Marathon

BY PAUL CHRISTIAN
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Mikki Tuma finished the Boston Marathon this year with a nice time of 3 hours, 53 minutes.

You know the rest of the story.

"It turned out to be a very emotional day," said Tuma. "It was my first time to run Boston and what should have been a very happy day turned incredibly sad.

"We were a couple of blocks away from the finish line when the bombs went off. You could tell something was not quite right but we didn't find out for sure until we got back to the hotel.

"I felt, 'No way, did that really happen?' Even the next day, it was so surreal."

Tuma still finds it hard to shake that Boston experience, even though it has been longer than a month.

"It's hard to let go," she said.

Not that she wants to, either.

"I didn't know what to do," she said. "Maybe donate some money to different organizations, that always helps I guess, but still I wanted to do something more.

"I thought, maybe I could volunteer at the Med City Marathon. I'm not sure how that's linked with Boston, but why not? I've always been supportive of my hometown race.

"So many people helped me out in Boston and I feel maybe we should be doing the same thing here."

All six sign up

Bingo. Mikki, her husband Marty and their four daughters — Madison (12), McKray (10), Marly (7) and Morgan (5) — signed up to volunteer at Sunday's Med City Marathon.

You'll be able to see them right around mile 14, out near Quarry Hill. They'll be directing traffic, and pointing out which way to go.

"There are a couple of turns where runners could make the wrong turn," Mikki said. "Basically, our job is to help them stay on course."

And also to cheer, wave, shout and yell.

"Wally (Arnold, the race director) told us to bring along a little crazy," she said, "and I hope he meant it.

"The kids are all excited, they've already made all of their signs."

Runners appreciate shouts of encouragement during the race almost as much as a cup of Gatorade.

"I've been there," Mikki said.

The Tumas have generally reserved the Sunday of the Memorial Day weekend to the Med City. In fact, Mikki has run every race that has been offered during the years except for the marathon.

"I've done the half marathon, the half marathon relay, the four-person relay and last year did the 20K as a training run," she said. "Maybe someday I will do the marathon. I don't think I'm in any kind of shape to be running a distance this week anyway. I'm still trying to recover from Boston."

Mikki and Marty Tuma moved to Rochester 15 years ago from Wisconsin and, yes, they are Packers fans. Mikki is a speech therapist with the Dover-Eyota school system while Marty is a physical therapist at Mayo Clinic.

"Everybody in Boston was so good and kindhearted," Mikki said. "Now, we want to do is the same. I still get chocked up thinking about it.

"As a family we want to do our part to help any runner achieve his or her goals, whatever they may be. Helping random strangers in a race, that's a good thing."

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are still needed for the Med City Marathon, both Saturday and Sunday. If interested, contact race director Wally Arnold at arnoldw@live.com

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After Mikki Tuma experienced the Boston Marathon bombing, she and her family decided to volunteer for the Med City Marathon on Sunday. Her husband Marty and their children Morgan, McKray, Marly and Madison will all help.

Many can say 'I Am the P-B'

Getting to know the sports staff

PRESSBOX VIEW
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We sports writers generally like to watch, interview, write and stay in the background.

That's not to say we don't feel a little twinge of pride looking at our byline or seeing our face accompanying a column such as this one.

But a full-length picture, on a third-of-a-newspaper-page ad? That might also be posted in a Rochester skyway?

That makes some of us a little nervous.

But we're team players and even those of us who had a bit of apprehension joining in the Post-Bulletin's "I Am the P-B" promotional ad campaign. It's a competitive media landscape out there and we need to do more than just do our jobs well; we need build identities and connect with our readers.

I've certainly enjoyed reading the ads for my colleagues in other departments. It was interesting to learn, for example, how Cynthia Armstrong in the business office is from a family of nine children ... and the other eight are all boys!

And that our public safety reporter Kay Fate raised four sons.

And that Bob Retzlaff, who has been here even longer than I have, once interviewed Casey Stengel.

Then I started to see the ads for the guys in my department.

I've worked with Jason Feldman for eight years and didn't know he hated ketchup.

Or that Ben Pherson is a Leo (although I should have been able to guess).

I was not surprised that Guy Limbeck — who is only a few years younger than me — shares my love of The Doors, but I didn't expect that "Good Night Moon" was his favorite book.

It will probably interest readers that Paul Christian loves all things Chicago; not just the Cubs, Bears and Bulls, but the musical group Chicago, too. It doesn't surprise those of us who work with him.

This is what the "I Am the P-B" ads look like. The columnist's ran on March 13; the series continues.

I smiled at being reminded that Donny Henn got to cover Game 7 of the 1991 World Series for us. A lot of people have written sports for decades and not had an experience like that.

Regular sports page readers probably were surprised that Pat Ruff's favorite athlete is not a basketball player. It's Adrian Peterson.

But maybe they didn't know Ruff has four kids. After a "late" start, he leads our league in that category.

Mine? My main issue was a picture that wouldn't make me look weird. Did that. Like everyone else I've talked to who has been part of the campaign, I've had many people say they saw it and enjoyed it. (And they've liked all the other ones they've seen, too).

I think I answered the questions accurately. We all answered the same ones and some needed to be left out for space purposes.

In my case, one was a question I couldn't answer. The one about "headline for your most embarrassing moment." There haven't been any.

Paul Christian and Craig Swalboski of the Post-Bulletin give readers a perspective they can't get elsewhere each Wednesday in their "view from the press box." Swalboski can be reached at swalbo@postbulletin.com.

Heiderscheit ends long run as JM girls basketball coach

Iowa native guided program for 23 seasons, 310 wins

BY DONNY HENN
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Local basketball fans anticipated that one longtime Rochester high school girls basketball coach might hang it up after the 2012-13 season. Just not this one.

Three weeks after Myron Glass decided that he will return for a 31st season at Lourdes, Terry Heiderscheit has announced that he will not be back for a 24th season at John Marshall.

Heiderscheit, 53, will continue as a special education teacher at JM and also will stay on as coach of the JM baseball program that he has guided since 2001. Before that he was the Rockets' softball coach for 17 seasons.

"I just thought its been long enough; it takes a lot of time to be the coach of two sports," Heiderscheit said. "I really enjoyed girls basketball but the season is never-ending, so I thought I'd just stick with baseball."

Heiderscheit said he wants to have more time to spend with his family, which includes his wife Kristi and their three grown daughters, Tess, 25, Luka, 24, and Nell, 21. Tess lives in Milwaukee, and Luka and Nell both work at Mayo Clinic.

"Coach Heiderscheit has built one of the most successful programs in Rochester working with thousands of student athletes over his 29-year career," JM athletic director Paul Cox said. "He is highly respected among his coaching colleagues and his leadership will be missed."

Heiderscheit coached JM girls baskeball for 23 seasons and finished with a 310-271 career record. His Rockets won several Big Nine Conference titles, and section titles in 1998 and 2009.

Heiderscheit leaves a program with good promise for the seasons ahead, led Jamie Ruden and Nicole Fautsch, two six-footers and double-figure scorers who will be sophomores next year.

John Marshall finished 14-13 in March, after a 7-3 start, and ended a string of three straight sub-.500 seasons. The Rockets were fifth in the Big Nine at 9-9.

"I probably am walking away from a winner, which is good; I think I'm leaving the program in pretty good shape for the next coach," he said.

Heiderscheit said he told his assistant basketball coaches on Monday about his decision and he isn't sure whether they plan to return. Andy Ollenburg, Mike Fautsch and Phil Schroeder have all been part of his staff for many years. He also talked to some of the players.

"I told them it's not like I'm going anywhere; I'll still be here if they ever want to come talk to me," Heiderscheit said. He added that he would like to have some input on his replacement.

Heiderscheit was a standout high school pitcher at Lansing, Iowa, and still holds the national record for career wins with 69 in four seasons from 1975-78, according to the National Federation of State High School Associations.

P-B file photo

John Marshall head girls basketball coach Terry Heiderscheit watches his team as they face White Bear Lake in this 2011 file photo. On Tuesday, Heiderscheit announced his resignation.

INSIDE TODAY

Braves outlast Twins in extras. **D3**

MOUTHPIECE: Wolves own 9th pick in draft

The NBA draft lottery was held on Tuesday to determine the top 14 slots in the draft. The Minnesota Timberwolves went in with the No. 9 slot and they stayed in that position after the lottery.

Now the Timberwolves, a non-playoff team, have to try to make a savvy pick in the first round to improve their club. There appears to be no clear-cut immediate star in this year's draft but it is thought to be rather deep. This should give the Wolves a shot at picking a solid player.

A good fit for the Timberwolves might be Shabazz Muhammad, a small forward from UCLA. He is 6-foot-6 and has the potential to be an inside and outside scorer in the NBA. He played just one year of college ball but was All-Pac-12 first team and voted co-Pac-12 Freshman of the Year.

A guard would also be nice. He might not be around at No. 9, but if he is, Trey Burke of Michigan would fit in nicely with the Timberwolves.

— Guy N. Limbeck

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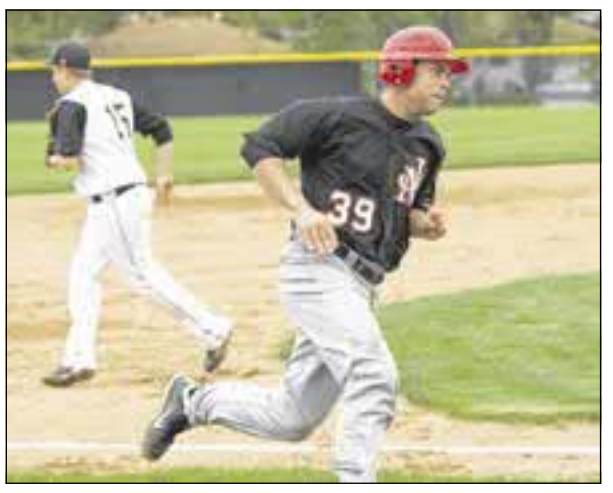

◀ Scott Jacobson has a photo gallery of the **Mankato East at John Marshall** baseball game.

Jacobson also has a photo gallery of the **Houston at Schaeffer Academy** baseball game.

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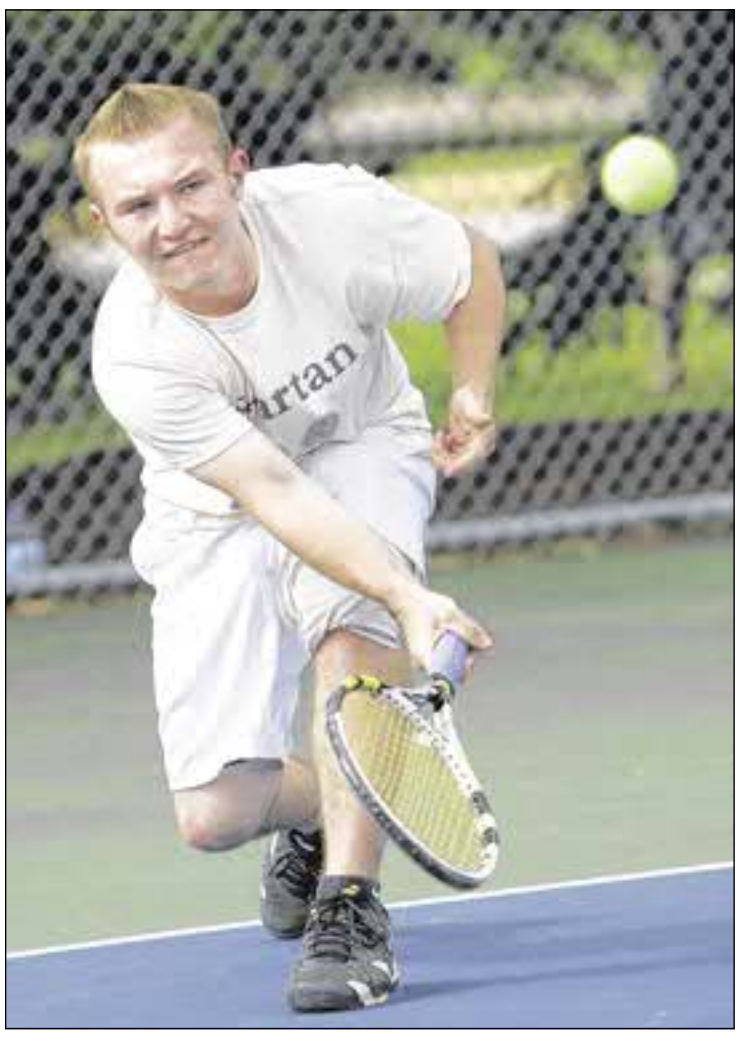

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Playing in the No. 3 singles slot for Mayo, Andrew Johnson slices a forehand on Tuesday during his Section 1AA semifinal match with Red Wing's Noah Christenson. Christenson beat Johnson 6-2, 6-3.

HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

Deep Spartans get it done again

Top Century, head to state

BY PAT RUFF
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Depth has separated Rochester Mayo and every other Section One, Class AA boys tennis team for more than a decade.

It happened again on Tuesday as the Spartans pushed their way into the state tournament for the 11th straight season.

And as has so often been the case, it was city rival Century that felt that depth last. Mayo used all of its depth to sweep the three doubles spots in the Section 1AA finals and beat the Panthers 4-3 at the Mayo courts.

That came after Mayo beat Red Wing 4-3 in the semifinals Tuesday morning. Century rolled to a 5-2 win over Lakeville South in its semifinal, at Rochester John Marshall.

"Mayo has solid depth in doubles," Century No. 1 singles players Simon Brandt said.

Century coach Nick Crossley took it a step further.

"Their doubles teams were too tough," Crossley said. "They didn't give us an inch."

Nobody in the finals represented the strength of those doubles better than Mayo's No. 1 combination of junior Ray Zhang and Michael Poeschla.

Zhang/Poeschla battered their way to a 6-2, 6-0 win over Century's Charlie Sarano and Andy North. Zhang was left shaking his head over how well he and Poeschla played in that one.

If there really is such thing as a "zone" in sports, Zhang and Poeschla were in it.

"We were on fire today," said Zhang, who has yet to lose a match this season when paired with Poeschla.

Mayo coach Jeff Demaray was thrilled with what he got from Zhang and Poeschla. They played their doubles exactly as Demaray wants it to be played — with aggression.

"Those two returned well and they were all over the net," said Demaray, whose team takes a 13-6 record into the June 4-5 state tournament at the University of Minnesota's Baseline Tennis Center.

Mayo's other doubles wins against Century came from Sawyer Bock and Andy Stroebel at No. 2, and Ashwin Kushwaha and Haakon Stans at No. 3.

Century prevailed at No. 1 singles (Brandt), No. 2 singles (Alex Senjem) and No. 3 singles (Nick Aney).

Crossley, whose Panthers finished the team portion of their season 11-3, liked the way they performed Tuesday. But that didn't make losing easier.

"I feel especially bad for our seniors," said Crossley, with Brandt being among them. "They really wanted this. But I'm happy with the way everyone competed."

As for Demaray, he's just happy to be heading back to state. After graduating his top four players a season ago, then losing Cameron Bruce to an injury, he wasn't sure his team team had enough to be state-bound again.

Poeschla wasn't so sure, either, which left him with one overriding emotion when the day was done.

"I feel a lots of relief," Poeschla said.

SEMIFINALS

Mayo 4, Red Wing 3

Singles: Isaac Toivonen (RW) def. Nick Ackerman 6-1, 6-0; Sebastian Vile (M) def. Alex Holm 6-1, 6-3; Noah Christenson (RW) def. Andrew Johnson 6-2, 6-3; Charlie Bengtson (M) def. Nick Meyer 6-2, 6-0. **Doubles:** Ray Zhang/Michael Poeschla (M) def. Luke Bryant/Nick Powers 6-3, 6-1; Marcus Veith/Travis Toivonen (RW) def. Sawyer Bock/Andy Stroebel 7-5, 6-2; Ashwin Kushwaha/Haakon Stans (M) def. Alex Bettich/Josh Lyons 6-3, 6-2.

Century 5, Lakeville South 2

Singles: Chase Roseth (LS) def. Simon Brandt 6-2, 6-4; Feman Zimmermann (LS) def. Sahil Chhugani 7-5, 6-3; Alex Senjem (C) def. Cash Rodamaker 7-5, 6-3; Nick Aney (C) def. Trevor Tatge 6-3, 7-5. **Doubles:** Charlie Sarano/Andy North (C) def. Mitch Johnson/Spencer Linse 6-3, 2-6, 6-2; Jeff Par/Greg Nathan (C) def. Matt Barry/Tyler Scharber 6-3, 6-3; Jackson Rainville/Enoch Tan (C) def. Nick Swaney/Nick Benz 6-1, 7-5.

FINALS

Mayo 4, Century 3

Singles: Brandt (C) def. Ackerman 4-6, 6-2, 10-6; Vile (M) def. Chhugani 6-2, 6-4; Senjem (C) def. Johnso 6-1, 2-6, 10-2; Aney (C) def. Bengtson 6-7 (7-5), 6-1, 10-2.**Doubles:** Zhang/Poeschla (M) def. Sarano/North 6-2, 6-0; Bock/Stroebel (M) def. Park/Nathan 6-2, 6-2; Stans/Kushwaha (M) def. Rainville/Tan 6-2, 6-3.

HIGH SCHOOL LACROSSE

Mayo outscores Farmington 12-11

Post-Bulletin staff

Mayo held off Farmington to win a high-scoring 12-11 game in boys lacrosse on Tuesday — Senior Night for the Spartans.

Mayo built an 11-7 lead after three quarters and withstood Farmington's rally in the fourth quarter.

Mike Fix

Matt Moore

"We are a team that has rallied all year around our senior leadership and tonight, on Senior Night, they showed us why they are so vital to our success," Mayo coach Eric Moore said. "During a very physical and hard-fought game against a Farmington team that competed all game long at a high level, our senior core of Nick Fix, Mike Fix, Matt Moore, Jacob Orvidas and Troy Penz played stellar defense, came up with big goals at crucial times, made great saves, and played their hearts out."

Ethan Moore and Michael Fix both had four goals and three assists for Mayo. Justin Rein added two goals and an assist.

Mayo 12, Farmington 11

Farmington	2	3	2	4	— 11
Mayo	4	3	4	1	— 12

Farmington: No stats provided.

Mayo: Justin Rein 2 goals, 1 assist, 2 groundballs; Ethan Moore 4 goals, 3 assists; Jacob Orvidas 2 groundballs; Matthew Moore 1 goal, 7 groundballs; Nick Fix 1 takeaways, 7 groundball; Wyatt Ryan 1 goal, 2 groundballs; Justin Adams 1 groundball; Loren Lorang 1 assist, 1 groundball; Blake Hess 1 assist, 1 groundball; Michael Fix 4 goals, 3 assists, 3 groundballs; Max Jorde 1 takeaway, 3 groundballs; Craig Jeffrey 2 groundballs; Sean Gibson 2, groundballs. Goalie: Troy Penz 61 percent saves.

Century falls to 6-6 with Tuesday's loss

St. Thomas Academy used a strong first half to roll to an 8-2 win over Century in boys lacrosse on Tuesday.

St. Thomas led 6-0 at the half before both teams scored two goals in the second half.

"Tonight we played a solid second half and had strong performance in goal from Eric (Rohleder)," Century coach Andy Roth said. "We need to make sure we play a solid 48 minutes every game going forward.

"If we play like we did in the second half we should be very competitive in the section tournament which is what we've been home building toward."

Rohleder finished with 12 saves in goal for Century. Carter Scrimshaw had both goals for the Panthers.

St. Thomas Acad. 8, Century 2

Century	0	0	2	0	— 2
St. Thomas Academy	4	2	2	0	— 8

Century: Drew Applegath 1 assist, 3 groundballs; Aaron Ajke 1 groundball; Carter Scrimshaw 2 goals; Johnny Trachsel 1 groundball; Nick Waara 3 groundball; Ryan Sherden 3 groundball; Matt Birkholz 3 groundball; Seth Buryska 2 groundball. Goalie: Eric Rohleder 12 saves.

St. Thomas Academy: No stats provided.

GIRLS

Shattuck-St. Mary's roughs up Rockets

FARIBAULT — John Marshall/Lourdes couldn't find the net in the second half and lost 18-6 to Shattuck-St. Mary's in a girls lacrosse game Tuesday.

JM/Lourdes trailed 13-6 at halftime but the Rockets didn't score again in the second half.

"Simply put they were hard to slow down let alone contain when they had the ball," said JM/Lourdes coach Kerry McAllister.

"Shattuck has several girls who were unbelievably fast and accurate tonight."

Goalie Mia Bruesewitz made 12 saves in goal for JM/Lourdes, and six players scored single goals for the Rockets.

JM/Lourdes plays its final regular season game against Century at 11 a.m. Saturday at Rochester Regional Sports Stadium.

Shattuck 18, JM/Lourdes 6

JM/Lourdes	6	0	— 6
Shattuck-St. Mary's	13	5	— 18

John Marshall/Lourdes: Savannah Seeger 1 goal; Ciera Hardyman 1 takeaway; Betty Walter 1 goal; Lauren Jennings 1 goal, 2 assists, 1 groundball; Jiana Chezick 1 goal; Samantha Schmid 2 takeaways; Kate Valentine 1 goal; Shelby Greer 1 groundballs; Brie Lee 1 goal, 1 groundball; Maddi Wahlen 2 groundballs; Lauryn Baker 1 groundball. Goalie: Mia Bruesewitz 12 saves.

Shattuck-St. Mary's: No stats provided.

Martinson scores 3 goals in Mayo loss

Rochester Mayo got off to a strong start but couldn't sustain it as it fell 13-6 to Owatonna in girls lacrosse on Monday.

"Mayo held them from scoring for the first eight minutes of the game with solid defense and patience," Mayo coach Nikki Anglin said. "Mayo won several draws and was possessing the ball nicely very early in the game."

Abby Martinson had three goals for the Spartans.

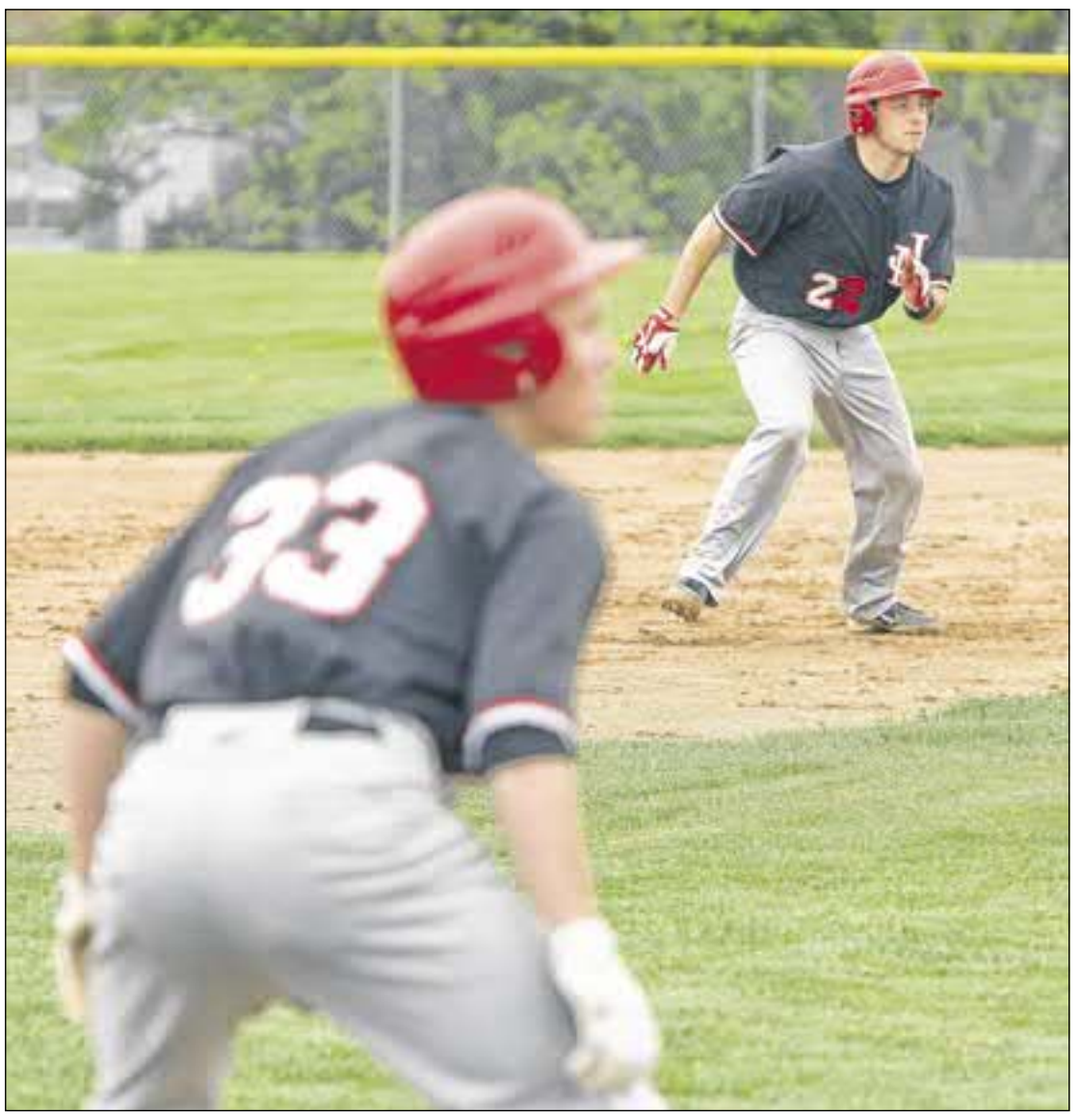
Goalie Ella Solinger had 15 saves.

Owatonna 13, Mayo 6

Mayo: Makenzi Tijerina 1 takeaway; Alexa Robertson 1 groundball; Hannah Poppen 1 takeaway, 1 groundball; Jessica Lettelleir 1 assist; Jamie Poethke 1 goal; Madison Tschann 1 goal, 2 groundballs; Cassidy Oakley 1 takeaway, 1 groundball; Ashley Weber 1 goal, 2 assists; Gabi Mintz 1 groundball; Abby Martinson 3 goals, 1 takeaways. Goalie: Ella Solinger 15 saves.

Owatonna: No stats submitted.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL



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John Marshall's Jake Dravis leads off third while Alex Brady takes his lead off second against Mankato East on Tuesday.

Rockets end regular season with sweep

Post-Bulletin staff

The Rochester John Marshall baseball team will enter the postseason with a winning streak.

The Rockets swept a Big Nine Conference doubleheader Tuesday night over Mankato East at John Adams Middle School.

JM ended its regular season 9-8. The Section 1AAA seeding meeting is today, and opening-round games are Thursday night.

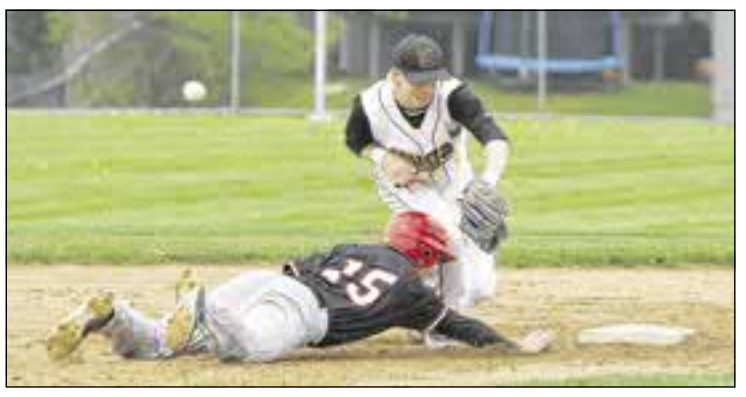
The Rockets received a strong pitching performance from Jack Kall in Game 1 and rolled to a 9-2 win.

JM played played error-free ball throughout the doubleheader.

Kall went all seven innings, allowing two earned runs on six hits, while striking out three and walking one.

"We hit the ball well, and Jack threw a good game," JM coach Dutch Heiderscheit said. "It was nice to play a clean defensive game, too."

Alex Brady and Sam Broman paced the Rockets at the plate with three hits each. Brady was 3-for-4 with two doubles and three RBIs, and Broman was 3-for-3 with two RBIs. Zach Schwieters added a pair of hits.



John Marshall's Patric Sadecki dives back to second as the ball skips away from Sean Allan of Mankato East on Tuesday in Big Nine Conference play in Rochester.

Broman was the hero in Game 2, tossing a shutout and helping the Rockets earn a 5-0 win.

Broman went six innings, allowing three hits, while walking three.

Brady came up big at the plate again, going 3-for-4 with two doubles. Broman and Jacob Dravis had two hits each.

"Sammy threw well in Game 2," Heiderscheit said. "He also had a big day at the plate, as did Alex Brady. Again, we don't make errors, and we are a pretty competitive team."

JM 9, Mankato East 2

First game

East	010	000	1	—	2	6	2
JM	054	000	0	—	9	12	0

Mankato East: Brent Adams 2-for-3.

John Marshall: Zachary Schwieters 2-for-3; Alex Brady 3-for-4, 2 2B, 3 RBI; Sam Broman 3-for-3, 2 RBI. WP: Jack Kall 7 IP, 6 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 1 BB, 3 K.

JM 5, Mankato East 0

Second game

East	000	000	0	—	0	3	0
JM	050	000	0	—	5	10	0

Mankato East: Not provided.

John Marshall: Alex Brady 3-for-4, 2 2B; Jacob Dravis 2-for-3; Sam Broman 2-for-3. WP: Sam Broman 6 IP, 3 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 3 BB, 0 K.

H.S. SOFTBALL

Game times changed for 1AA West games

Post-Bulletin staff

The starting times for the West Subsection 1AA softball tournament games on Friday have been changed.

The games, originally scheduled to begin at 4 p.m., have been moved up two hours.

The subsection championship game will now begin at 2 p.m., as will a loser-out game between the losers of today's subsection semifinal games. A second loser-out game will take place Friday at 3:30 p.m.

The top four seeds in the subsection will play in Cannon Falls on Friday. Today's subsection semifinals will determine the matchups for Friday's games.

Today, top-seeded Kasson-Mantorville plays host to fourth-seeded Rochester Lourdes and second-seeded Zumbrota-Mazeppa plays host to third-seeded Byron. Today's games begin at 5 p.m.

The East Subsection 1AA championship game, and a pair of loser-out games, are scheduled to be played at St. Charles on Friday, with start times of 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

AUSTIN AREA CALENDAR

TODAY

High School Boys Golf
Austin at Big Nine Conference (Rochester, Eastwood), 10 a.m.

High School Girls Golf
Austin at Big Nine Conference (Mankato Northlinks Golf Course), 10 a.m.

High School Softball
Section One, Class AAA, Albert Lea vs. Austin, at John Marshall, 3:30 p.m.
Section One, Class AAA, Austin and Albert Lea winner at John Marshall, 5:30 p.m.

Amateur Baseball
Hayfield Heat at Austin Greyhounds (Marcusen Park), 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

High School Baseball
Section One, Class A, West Subsection, Lyle/Pacelli at Southland, 5 p.m.
Section One, Class AAA, TBA.

High School Boys Golf
Section One, Class A subsection, at Rochester Northern Hills, 9 a.m.

High School Girls Golf
Section One, Class A subsection, at Rochester Northern Hills, 9 a.m.

High School Boys Tennis
Section One, Class AA Individual, Austin, at Rochester Mayo.

FRIDAY

High School Softball
Section One, Class AAA, third round, at Todd Park. 4 p.m.

High School Boys Track/Field
Austin at Big Nine Conference (Century), 10:30 a.m. (field events). 1:30 p.m. (running finals).

High School Girls Track/Field
Austin at Big Nine Conference (Century), 10:30 a.m. (field events), 1:30 p.m. (running finals).

Auto Racing
At Chateau Speedway, Lansing, 6:30 p.m.

Local sports

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Defense is postseason key for JM, Century, Mayo

Section 1AAA tourney looks wide-open

BY BEN PHERSON
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There are 12 coaches saying the same thing as they enter the Section One, Class AAA baseball tournament.

"If we play good defense, we have a chance to win."

The three Rochester teams in the 1AAA tournament echoed those sentiments this week as they prepared to break down 12 teams all capable of beating each other on any given day.

The seeds were scheduled to be announced today. Only five teams enter section play with a winning record.

How even is the section? Winona (13-5) is expected to be the No. 1 seed. Austin (8-12) will be around the No. 10 seed. The Packers and Winhawks split one-run games this season. Throughout the Big Nine Conference season, teams split doubleheaders on a regular basis.

"It's a very different season," Mayo coach Dan Hoefs said. "Winona has been pretty consistent. But top to bottom, everybody probably feels if they play defense, they have a shot."

John Marshall's doubleheader sweep of Mankato East on Tuesday night made it the only Rochester team with a winning record. The Rockets enter postseason play at 9-8. Mayo is 9-10 and Century finished 8-11.

"We have shown signs of being a pretty good team this spring but not on a consistent basis," JM coach Dutch Heiderscheit said. "We have some good hitters, and while we don't have an overpowering pitcher, we have several guys that when they throw strikes they can be effective."

All three city teams have dangerous hitting lineups, sluggers who have given them a chance to win every game. However, lackluster defense, particularly on the infield, has made for an unpredictable spring.

Winona, Faribault (14-5) and Northfield (12-5) likely will be the top three seeds. Owatonna, JM and Albert Lea will be close behind. But, after those top three teams, the rest of the teams have similar records.

The section also adopted a new format this season. Thursday's opening-round games will be at the high seeds, while the top four seeds will receive first-round byes. The four losing teams from Thursday night are eliminated. The winners move on to face the top four seeds Saturday, with the top seeds hosting and the tournament format switching to double-elimination.

The action heats up Monday at two sites, with the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds hosting. The four winners square off, with the winners of those two games punching their ticket to the Final Four in Red Wing. Two teams in the losers bracket also will advance to Red Wing.

"We will go as far as our defense takes us," Century coach Keith Kangas said. "Our pitching, led by Matt Sturchio and Josh Bakken, has been pretty solid and in most games we have scored enough runs to win."

The city coaches all felt Winona had the best chance to make it through the tournament. The Winhawks have three solid pitchers and have been hot at the end of the season.

"Winona has a deep pitching staff," Heiderscheit said. "They've been consistent and so has Faribault. But this thing is wide open. Many teams have a guy or two that can beat any team in the section. It should be a fun tournament."

TUESDAY'S AREA HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

BASEBALL

NON-CONFERENCE

Tri-City United 2, Z-M 1

Zumbrota-Ma.	000	100	00	— 1	3	2
Tri-City United	000	000	11	— 2	7	1

Zumbrota-Mazeppa: Kevin Niebuhr 1-for-3, 1 2B, 1 RBI; Cody Heitman 1-for-3, 1 2B. LP: Autin Walstad 1 IP, 1 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 3 K. Other pitchers: Kevin Niebuhr 1 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 1 K; Michael Wicks 2 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 2 BB, 0 K; Jacob Ugland 3 1/3 IP, 3 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 3 BB, 0 K.

Tri-City United: Cole Pint 2-for-4; Austin Buss 2-for-3. WP: Ted Christian 8 IP, 3 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 1 BB, 7 K.

SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

Schaeffer Acad. 12, Houston 6

Houston	600	000	0	— 6	5	3
Schaeffer	20(10)	000	0	— 10	15	2

Houston: No stats provided.

Schaeffer Academy: Joe Vaughan 2-for-3, 1 3B, 1 RBI, 3 R; Drew Nelson 1-for-4, 2 RBI, 1 R; Gabe Kaufmann 3-for-4, 1 2B, 1 RBI, 1 R, 1 SB; Anthony Baber 2-for-3, 1 2B, 2 RBI, 1 R; Tanner Fiek 1-for-3, 1 RBI, 1 R; Luke Harris 1-for-5, 2 RBI, 2 R, 1 SB; Roman Lahr 1-for-3, 1 R; Luke Foley 3-for-4, 3 RBI, 1 R. WP: Luke Foley 7 IP, 5 H, 6 R, 3 ER, 2 BB, 5 K.

Notes: Schaeffer had a 10-run third inning in which every player scored at least one run and had at least one hit.

Schaeffer 9, Mabel-Canton 8

Monday

Mabel-Canton	001	004	3	— 8	10	0
Schaeffer	120	202	2	— 9	15	5

Mabel-Canton: LP: Collin O'Bieglo 3 IP.

Schaeffer Academy: Joe Vaughan 1-for-2, 1 RBI, 2 R; Drew Nelson 2-for-3, 2 2B, 1 R; Gabe Kaufmann 2-for-4, 2 RBI, 1 R; Anthony Baber 2-for-4, 1 R; Tanner Fiek 3-for-4, 2 RBI; Luke Harris 2-for-4, 1 2B, 1 RBI, 2 R, 1 SB; Luke Foley 2-for-4, 1 2B, 1 RBI. Pitching: Joe Vaughan 6 1/3 IP, 9 H, 8 R, 3 ER, 1 BB, 4 K; WP: Luke Harris 2/3 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 2 K.

Notes: Gabe Kaufmann hit a walk-off double, driving in the tying and winning runs in the bottom of the seventh.

BOYS GOLF

SUBSECTION 1A EAST

• At Willow Creek, par 70

TEAM SCORES
(Top two teams advance)

Wabasha-Kellogg 318, Fillmore Central 338, Rushford-Peterson 340, Lewiston-Altura 345, Houston 352, Lanesboro 381, Kingsland 417.

Wabasha-Kellogg (318): Fletcher Blaschko 74, Nic Schmit 77, Winston Fosmo 83, Brian Pierce 84.

Fillmore Central (338): Jordan Miller 74, Matt Guttormson 86, Ascher Ostrom 88, Trevor Barnes 90.

TOP 5 INDIVIDUALS

1. (tie) Fletcher Blaschko (WK) 74, Jordan Miller (FC) 74, 3. Nic Schmit (WK) 77, 4. (tie) Brady Borkowski (LA) 80, Liam Dorn (L) 80.

INDIVIDUALS ADVANCING

Lewiston-Altura: Brady Borkowski 80, Thomas Hennessy 85, Jay Sommers 88.

Rushford-Peterson: Charlie Krambeer 82, Hudson Stensgar 82, Kyle Wiedmann 83.

Houston: Sam Ross 81, Matt Johnson 87, Joe Jore 91.

Lanesboro: Liam Dorn 80.

(Top 10 other than those from first- and second-place teams advance to Section 1A tournament May 28 at Eastwood)

BIG NINE TRIANGULAR

• At Austin Country Club, par 72

Winona (311): Will Leaf 71, Ryan Ewert 78, Logan Ellinghuysen 81, Brevin Galewski 81

Austin (338): Alex Thorson 77, James Shoe 84, Tony Baudler 88, Nick Ross 89.

Mayo (343): Grant Coleman 75, Adam Alcott 88, Blake Riess 90, Neel Pruthi 90.

BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

SUBSECTION 4A

TEAM SCORES

Byron 246.5, Pine Island 162, Kenyon-Wanamingo 112, Zumbrota-Mazeppa 101, Medford 74, Bethlehem Academy 72, Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf 69, Cannon Falls 59.5.

RUNNING EVENTS

100 — 1. Lucas Ziemba (ZM) 11.38, 2. Tyler Paqun (KW) 11.62, 3. Ben Farrell (PI) 11.76. **200** — 1. Drew Fuchs (B) 23.25, 2. Kyle Keller (KW) 23.70, 3. Lucas Ziemba (ZM) 23.88. **400** — 1. Kyle Keller (KW) 52.19, 2. Devyn Stordahl (KW) 54.45, 3. Jason Hoerle (PI) 54.71. **800** — 1. Mitchel Acker (PI) 2:00.78, 2. Paul Kohner (PE) 2:01.38, 3. Drew Busch (BA) 2:05.10. **1,600** — 1. Mitchell Malecha (BA) 4:42.20, 2. Drew Busch (BA) 4:48.10, 3. Eric Hokanson (KW) 4:54.10. **3,200** — 1. Isaiah Rutten (PI) 10:46.00, 2. Jack Luebbe (M) 10:57.0, 3. Ben Nystuen (KW) 11:04.0. **110 hurdles** — 1. Nicholas Sigrist (B) 15.90, 2. Ricky Brown (B) 16.15, 3. Caleb Greseth (KW) 16.30. **300 hurdles** — 1. Nicholas Sigrist (B) 41.95, 2. Ricky Brown (B) 41.43, 3. Matt Freeberg (MSAD) 43. 61.

RELAYS

400 — 1. Byron (Drew Fuchs, Jordan Hickey, Nathan Bahr, Thor Knutson) 44.59, 2. K-W 45.48, 3. MSAD 45.61. **800** — 1. Byron (Drew Fuchs, Jordan Hickey, Ricky Brown, Thor Knutson) 1:33.04, 2. MSAD 1:35.13, 3. Medford 1:36.48. **1,600** — 1. Byron (Henry Hartzler, Thor Knutson, Nicholas Sigrist, Jacob Bieber) 3:33.25, 2. MSAD 3:34.41, 3. Pine Island 3:36.67. **3, 200** — 1. Pine Island (Logan Meurer, Paul Kohner, Isaiah Ondler, Mitchel Acker) 8:27.0, 2. Byron 8:36.0, 3. K-W 8:47.0.

FIELD EVENTS

High jump — 1. Sam Edwards (ZM) 5-10, 2. (tie) Joe Matejcek (BA) 5-10, Cody Baumbach (B) 5-10, Evan Richardson (B) 5-10. **Pole vault** — 1. Robert Mesenburg (B) 13-4, 2. Nick VanWatermeulen (CF) 12-4, 3. Nicholas Sigrist (B) 11-10. **Long jump** — 1. Lucas Ziemba (ZM) 20-9, 2. Drew Fuchs (B) 20-7, 3. Ben Farrell (PI) 20-7. **Triple jump** — 1. Cody Baumbach (B) 41-4, 2. Jacob Ostreng (B) 40-8 3/4, 3. Ben Farrell (PI) 40-7. **Shot put** — 1. Brian Burroughs (B) 45-5, 2. Joe Smith (B) 42-7 1/2, 3. Jon Wagaman (M) 41-9 1/2. **Discus** — 1. Joe Smith (B) 130-6 1/2, 2. Shaun Novella (MSAD) 127-10 1/2, 3. Jack Miller (PI) 126-0.

GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

SUBSECTION 4A

TEAM SCORES

Byron 233, Pine Island 178, Cannon Falls 162, Kenyon-Wanamingo 90, Medford 82, Zumbrota-Mazeppa 78, Bethlehem Academy 48, Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf 22.

RUNNING EVENTS

100 — Jillian Krier (B) 13.11, 2. Anne Christopherson (B) 13.59, 3. Darby Dodds (B) 13.69. **200** — 1. Jillian Krier 27.37, 2. Madi Owen (PI) 27.58, 3. Grace Rutter (CF) 28.54. **400** — 1. Caitlin Schartau (PI) 1:03.54, 2. Tess Hokanson (KW) 1:03.63, 3. Emma Thomley (CF) 1:05.19. **800** — 1. Emi Trost (CF) 2:16.00, 2. Skylar Jacobson (ZM) 2:28.00, 3. Katherine Hoffman (CF) 2:30.00. **1,600** — 1. Emi Trost (CF) 5:00.20, 2. Skylar Jacobson (ZM) 5:42.00, 3. Gianni Sao (M) 5:47.20. **3,200** — 1. Gianni Sao (M) 12:42.00, 2. Amanda Wulf (CF) 13:24.00, 3. Justine Scheider (B) 13:26.00. **100 hurdles** — 1. Mara Quam (KW) 15.78, 2. Kelsey Von Berge (B) 16.50, 3. Eliza Warneke (PI) 16.74. **300 hurdles** — 1. Mara Quam (KW) 48.64, 2. Eliza Warneke (PI) 49.63, 3. Brooke Hogan (CF) 49.95.

RELAYS

400 — 1. Byron (Anne Christopherson, Camille Fawcett, Kelsey Von Berge, Jillian Krier) 51.46, 2. Cannon Falls 53.58, 3. Pine Island 53.95. **800** — 1. Pine Island (Caitlin Schartau, Madi Owen, Brittney Arndt, Eliza Warneke) 1:52.15, 2. Cannon Falls 1:55.81, 3. Byron 1:57.19. **1,600** — 1. Pine Island (Caitlin Schartau, Sara Schartau, Brittney Arndt, Laura Torgeson) 4:22.45, 2. Cannon Falls 4:27.21, 3. Bethlehem Academy 4:35.28. **3,200** — 1. Pine Island (Sara Schartau, Adeline Angst, Abby Gushulak, Laura Torgeson) 10:46.36, 2. Cannon Falls 10:52.22, 3. Kenyon-Wanamingo 11:19.93.

FIELD EVENTS

High jump — 1. Nicole Fokken (PI) 5-1, 2. Eliza Warneke (PI) 4-11, 3. Ellyn Luebbe (M) 4-11. **Pole vault** — 1. Jillian Krier (B) 8-9, 2. Hannah Coleman (B) 8-3, 3. Sam Larson (M) 8-3. **Long jump** — 1. Anne Christofferson (B) 16-7, 2. Madasyn Hofstedt (CF) 15-5 3/4, 3. Mara Quam (KW) 15-5 1/4. **Triple jump** — 1. Mara Quam (KW) 35-4, 2. Anne Christofferson (B) 35-1 3/4, 3. Taylor Knesel (B) 33-8. **Shot put** — 1. Maddie Lindhart (ZM) 36-1 1/2, 2. Crystal Nickles (B) 32-8 1/4, 3. Margaret Silhasek (B) 29-11 1/2. **Discus** — 1. Maddie Lindhart (ZM) 110-7, 2. Margaret Silhasek (B) 101-11, 3. Ashley Gilbertson (M) 87-1 1/2.

GIRLS GOLF

SUBSECTION 1A EAST

• At Willow Creek, par 70

TEAM SCORES
(Top two teams advance)

Wabasha-Kellogg 379, Lewiston-Altura 389, Fillmore Central 411, Lanesboro 506, Houston 541, Kingsland incomplete.

Wabasha-Kellogg (379): Courtney Sill 83, Alyssa Hartert 95, Kortney Wobbe 100, Mallory Patrow 101.

Lewiston-Altura (389): Elizabeth Hennessy 88, Sydney Rinn 96, Amanda Ranvik 101, Mariah Langerud 104.

TOP 5 INDIVIDUALS

Courtney Sill (WK) 83, Johanna Bearson (Lanesboro) 87, Elizabeth Hennessy (L-A) 88, Karli Bly (Kingsland) 89, Katie Tammel (FC) 95, Alyssa Hartert (WK) 95.

INDIVIDUALS ADVANCING

Lanesboro: Johanna Bearson 87.

Kingsland: Karli Bly 89, Megan Back 113.

Fillmore Central: Katie Tammel 95, Keely Todd 97, Grace Miller 107, Laura Donney 112, Skyelar Veiseth 127.

Houston: Kelly Jerviss 104, *Ruby Johnson 130.

* Won two-hole playoff for last qualifying spot.

(Top 10 other than those from first- and second-place teams advance to Section 1A tournament May 28 at Eastwood)

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Schaeffer Academy's Nolan Hershey leaps for a high throw at first during Tuesday's game with Houston at Mayo Field. Safe on the play is Houston's Tyler Hoskins. The Lions won the Southeast Conference game 12-6, thanks to a 10-run third inning.

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Above left, Wabasha-Kellogg's Courtney Sill chips during Tuesday's Section 1A East Subsection meet at Willow Creek Golf Course in Rochester. Watching is Kingsland coach Brent Kohn. Sill was girls medalist with an 83. Above right, Fillmore Central's Ascher Ostrom takes a shot on the first hole. Fillmore Central and W-K both advanced their boys teams to next week's Seciton 1A meet.

HIGHLIGHTS AND HEROES

Blaschko

Boys golf

• Wabasha-Kellogg rode a 74 from **Fletcher Blaschko** and a 77 from **Nic Schmit** as it won the Section 1A East tournament with a 318. Fillmore Central, which along with W-K will advance to the section tournament, was second with a 338. **Jordan Miller** shot a 74 for Fillmore Central and **Matt Guttormson** 86.

Baseball

• **Gabe Kaufmann** and **Luke Foley** were both 3-for-4 and Foley drove in three runs to lead Schaeffer Academy in a 12-6 win over visiting Houston. Foley also pitched a complete game for the win.

Girls track and field

• Byron's **Jillian Krier** won the 100 (13.11), the 200 (27.37), and the pole vault (8-feet-9) to help Byron to the team title in the Subsection 4A meet. The Bears scored 233 points for first place. Pine Island was second with 178. Cannon Falls' **Emi Trost** won the 800 (2:16) and the 1,600 (5:00). Kenyon-Wanamingo's **Mara Quam** won the 100 hurdles (15.78), the 300 hurdles (48.64) and the triple jump (35-4). Zumbrota-Mazeppa's **Maddie Lindhart** swept the shot put (36-1 1/2;) and the discus (110-7). The subsection meet is a qualifier for next week's Section 1A meet.

Krier

Boys track and field

• Byron dominated the Subsection 4A meet, scoring 246.5 points for first place. Runner-up was Pine Island with a distant 162. The Bears got a double win from **Nicholas Sigrist**, as he claimed the 100 hurdles (15.90) and the 300 hurdles (41.95). Teammate **Ricky Brown** was second in both events. Byron also won both throwing events. **Brian Burroughs** won the shot put (45-5) and **Joe Smith** won the discus (130-6 1/2;). Zumbrota-Mazeppa's **Lucas Ziemba** won the 100 (11.38) and the long jump (20-9). Byron also won three of the four relays.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

SECTION 1A

EAST SUBSECTION

QUARTERFINALS
Monday, May 20
Chatfield 10, Mabel-Canton 0
Wabasha-Kellogg 8, Rushford-Peterson 6
Lewiston-Altura 5, Fillmore Central/Lanesboro 1
Houston 5, Goodhue 0

SEMIFINALS
Wednesday, May 22
(At high seed)
No. 4 Wabasha-Kellogg at No. 1 Chatfield
No. 7 Lewiston-Altura at No. 3 Houston

CHAMPIONSHIP
Friday, May 24
(At Lewiston)
W-K/Chatfield winner vs. L-A/Houston winner, 5 p.m.

LOSER-OUT
Friday, May 24
(At Lewiston)
W-K/Chatfield loser vs. L-A/Houston loser, 5 p.m.
Championship game loser vs. 5 p.m. winner, 6:30 p.m.

WEST SUBSECTION

FIRST ROUND
Saturday, May 18
Glenville-Emmons 7, Medford 6, 8 innings

QUARTERFINALS
Monday, May 20
Blooming Prairie 14, Glenville-Emmons 0
Randolph 7, Alden-Conger 5
Kenyon-Wanamingo 6, Southland 0
Hayfield 13, Waterville-Elysian-Morristown 3

SEMIFINALS
Wednesday, May 22
(At high seed)
No. 4 Randolph (13-3) at No. 1 Blooming Prairie (16-3)
No. 3 Kenyon-Wanamingo (10-5) at No. 2 Hayfield (10-7)

CHAMPIONSHIP
Friday, May 24
(At Austin)
Randolph/BP winner vs. K-W/Hayfield winner, 5 p.m.

LOSER-OUT
Friday, May 24
(At Austin)
Randolph/BP loser vs. K-W/Hayfield loser, 5 p.m.
Championship game loser vs. 5 p.m. winner, 6:30 p.m.

SECTION FINAL 4

At Todd Park, Austin

SEMIFINAL
Tuesday, May 28
West Subsection champion vs. East Subsection champion, 5 p.m.

LOSER-OUT
Tuesday, May 28
West Subsection runner-up vs. East Subsection runner-up, 5 p.m.
Semifinal game loser vs. 5 p.m. loser, 6:30 p.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP
Thursday, May 30

SECTION 1AA

EAST SUBSECTION

QUARTERFINALS
Monday, May 20
Winona Cotter 11, Lake City 1
La Crescent 15, Plainview-Elgin-Millville 4
Caledonia/Spring Grove 10, GMLOK 0
Dover-Eyota 2, St. Charles 0

SEMIFINALS
Wednesday, May 22
(At high seed)
No. 5 La Crescent at No. 1 Winona Cotter
No. 6 Dover-Eyota at No. 2 Caledonia/Spring Grove

CHAMPIONSHIP
Friday, May 24
(At St. Charles)
La Crescent/Cotter winner vs. D-E/CSG winner, 5 p.m.

LOSER-OUT
Friday, May 24
(At St. Charles)
La Crescent/Cotter loser vs. D-E/CSG loser, 5 p.m.
Championship game loser vs. 5 p.m. winner, 6:30 p.m.

WEST SUBSECTION

QUARTERFINALS
Monday, May 20
Kasson-Mantorville 11, Triton 1
Rochester Lourdes 10, Stewartville 4
Zumbrota-Mazeppa 4, Cannon Falls 0
Byron 6, Pine Island 5

SEMIFINALS
Wednesday, May 22
(At high seed)
No. 4 Lourdes at No. 1 Kasson-Mantorville
No. 3 Byron at No. 2 Zumbrota-Mazeppa

CHAMPIONSHIP
Friday, May 24
(At Cannon Falls)
Lourdes/K-M winner vs. Byron/Z-M winner, 5 p.m.

LOSER-OUT
Friday, May 24
(At Cannon Falls)
Lourdes/K-M loser vs. Byron/Z-M loser, 5 p.m.
Championship game loser vs. 5 p.m. winner, 6:30 p.m.

SECTION FINAL 4

At Todd Park, Austin

SEMIFINAL
Tuesday, May 28
West Subsection champion vs. East Subsection champion, 5 p.m.

LOSER-OUT
Tuesday, May 28
West Subsection runner-up vs. East Subsection runner-up, 5 p.m.
Semifinal game loser vs. 5 p.m. loser, 6:30 p.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP
Thursday, May 30

SECTION 1AAA

FIRST ROUND
(loser eliminated)
Wednesday, May 22
No. 1 Farmington (15-4) bye
No. 8 Century (5-12) vs. No. 9 Mayo (5-13) at Farmington, 3:30 p.m.
No. 4 Owatonna (11-5), bye
No. 5 Winona (8-10) vs. No. 12 Faribault (1-14) at Owatonna, 3:30 p.m.
No. 3 Hastings (12-6), bye
No. 6 Northfield (5-13) vs. No. 11 Red Wing (2-16) at Hastings, 3:30 p.m.
No. 2 John Marshall (13-6), bye
No. 7 Austin (8-10) vs. No. 10 Albert Lea (5-10) at John Marshall, 3:30 p.m.

SECOND ROUND
Century-Mayo winner at Farmington, 5:30 p.m.
Winona-Faribault winner at Owatonna, 5:30 p.m.
Northfield-Red Wing winner at Hastings, 5:30 p.m.
Austin-Albert Lea winner at John Marshall, 5:30 p.m.

THIRD ROUND
Friday, May 24
(At Todd Park, Austin)
Winners bracket
Century-Mayo-Farmington winner vs.
Winona-Faribault-Owatonna winner, 4 p.m.
Northfield-Red Wing-Hastings winner vs. Austin-Albert Lea-JM winner, 4 p.m.
Elimination bracket
Century-Mayo-Farmington loser vs.
Winona-Faribault-Owatonna loser, 4 p.m.
Northfield-Red Wing-Hastings loser vs. Austin-Albert Lea-JM loser, 4 p.m.
Survivors of these two games meet the losers of the winners bracket games at 6 p.m.

Local/Minnesota sports

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Mayo comes back twice to beat Red Wing

Post-Bulletin staff

The Rochester Mayo baseball team proved to be the comeback kids Thursday night.

The Spartans trailed Red Wing 3-0 heading into the bottom of the seventh inning during Thursday's Section One, Class AAA opening-round game at Mayo Field.

Mayo rallied for three in the seventh to force extra innings, but Red Wing scored in the top of the eighth to go back in front. The Spartans weren't done, though, scoring two times in the bottom of the eighth to extend their season with a 5-4 win.

David Brust smacked a two-RBI triple with two outs in the bottom of the seventh to pull Mayo within 3-2. Zach Robertson tied it, smacking a single that scored Brust.

Red Wing went back in front in the eighth, but Christian Rosenow's double scored Ryan Martin to tie it at 4-all. And Sam Hinsch's double scored Rosenow for the game-winner.

"Our guys really grew as baseball players today," Mayo coach Dan Hoefs said. "It didn't look very good going into the bottom of the seventh, but they never gave up and kept battling. Then we fell behind again in the eighth, but our guys continued to battle and earned a very hard-fought win."

Ty Buck was the starter for Red Wing. Buck had a two-hitter going into the seventh inning before giving up three runs. He finished with 10 strikeouts and eight walks. Trey Eckstrom took the loss, pitching one inning in relief.

> **"Sam Hinsch's throw in the top of the eighth kept the game at one run and that was a huge play for us."**
>
> — Dan Hoefs

"Ty Buck is a really good high school pitcher, but we strung together many super at-bats during the game and it paid off in the end," Hoefs said. "We actually lined out to right field with the bases loaded and two outs in both the third and fourth innings."

Hinsch delivered at the plate, but he also delivered in the field. He threw out a runner at home plate to keep the Spartans down by a run in the eighth.

"Sam Hinsch's throw in the top of the eighth kept the game at one run and that was a huge play for us," Hoefs said.

Mayo also got a big game from pitcher Jackson Douglas. He went seven innings, allowing four runs on six hits, while walking one and striking out six.

"Jackson Douglas pitched his best game of the year," Hoefs said. "This was the best game we have played all year. We pitched, hit, and fielded the ball as well as we have all year. I am proud of the way we competed and hung in there."

The No. 6 Spartans advance to face No. 3 Northfield at 1 p.m. Saturday in Northfield. The tournament is now double elimination, so win or lose on Saturday, the Spartans will play again Monday in Winona.

Mayo 5, Red Wing 4

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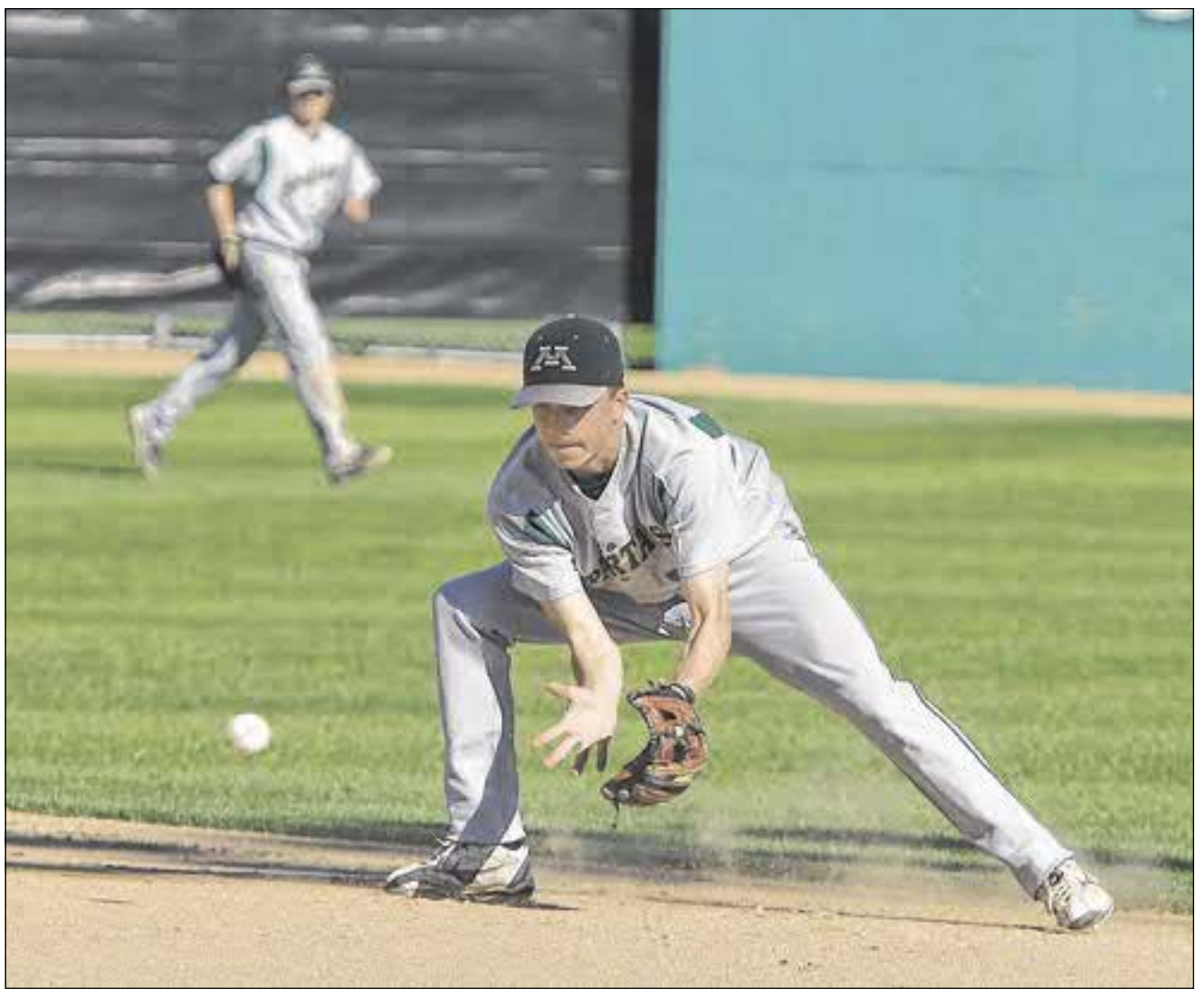
Red Wing: Andy Kalb 1-for-2, 1 R; Thate Peterson 1-for-3, 1 HR, 2 RBI, 1 R; Zach Lang 1-for-4, 1 2B, 1 R; Trey Eckstrom 1-for-4, 1 RBI; Michael Bigelbach 1-for-4, 1 HR, 1 RBI, 1 R. LP: Trey Eckstrom 1 IP, 3 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 1 BB, 1 K; Tyrell Buck 6 2/3 IP, 6 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 8 BB, 10 K.

Mayo: Ryan Martin 1-for-2, 1 R; Christian Rosenow 2-for-3, 1 2B, 1 RBI, 1 R; Zach Robertson 1-for-4, 1 RBI; David Brust 1-for-4, 1 3B, 2 RBI, 1 R; Sam Hinsch, 2-for-5; Michael Michalak 2-for-4. WP: Tommy Hanson 1 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 1 K; Jackson Douglas 7 IP, 6 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 1 BB, 6 K.



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Rochester Mayo's Tate Deach scoops a hard-hit groundball against Red Wing during a Section 1AAA playoff game on Thursday at Mayo Field.

Panthers blast Packers in 1AAA opener

Rochester Century made quick work of Austin, rolling to an 11-1 win in six innings Thursday during the opening round of the Section One, Class AAA baseball tournament at Century High School.

The Panthers entered as the No. 7 seed, while Austin was No. 10. Century advances to face No. 2 Winona at 1 p.m. Saturday in Winona. After the opening round, the 1AAA tournament is double elimination, so win or lose Saturday, the Panthers will play again Monday back in Winona (host site).

Century put three runs on the board in the second and never looked back. The Panthers belted out 17 hits.

Matthew Sturchio had a monster game to power the Panthers. At the plate, he went 4-for-5 with a double and four RBIs. Sturchio also was the winning pitcher, tossing five scoreless innings. He allowed just three hits, while walking two and striking out four. Josh Bakken pitched the final inning and allowed one run on one hit.

Jordan Jasik went 3-for-4 for the Panthers, and Nicholas Smith was 3-for-5. Kainoa Gathje added a pair of hits and an RBI, while Brandon Knapp had two RBIs.

The Panthers improved to 9-11 overall.

Century 11, Austin 1

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Century	031	232	—	11	17	2

Austin: Zach Huntley 1-for-3, 1 2B; Hunter Gleason RBI.

Century: Matthew Sturchio 4-for-5, 1 2B, 4 RBI; Nicholas Smith 3-for-5; Jordan Jasik 3-for-4; Kainoa Gathje 2-for-4, 1 RBI; Tyler Gathman 1-for-4, 1 RBI; Brandon Knapp 1-for-2, 2 RBI; Mitchel Gade 1-for-1, 1 RBI. WP: Matthew Sturchio 5 IP, 3 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 2 BB, 4 K; Joshua Bakken 1 IP, 1 H, 1 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 0 K.

Rockets stellar pitching blanks Farmington

Rochester John Marshall received enough an outstanding pitching performance from Zachary Schwieters and did just enough offensively to escape with a 2-0 win over Farmington on Thursday at John Adams Middle School during the opening round of the Section One, Class AAA baseball tournament.

The Rockets entered as the No. 5 seed, while Farmington was No. 12. JM advances to face No. 4 Owatonna at 1 p.m. Saturday in Owatonna. For all teams playing Saturday, the tournament is now double elimination. Win or lose on Saturday, the Rockets will play again Monday in Faribault (No. 1 seed).

Schwieters tossed all seven innings, allowing just four hits in the shutout. He walked one and struck out three.

The defense behind Schwieters was equally important. The Rockets did not commit an error.

"Zach Schwieters pitched a nice game for us," JM coach Dutch Heiderscheit said. "Both teams played well."

Alex Brady was JM's top hitter, going 2-for-3 with a run scored. Brady scored in the second on Kaeleb Stangler's RBI double. Stangler scored the team's other run in the sixth on Sam Broman's sacrifice fly.

The Rockets improved to 10-8 overall.

JM 2, Farmington 0

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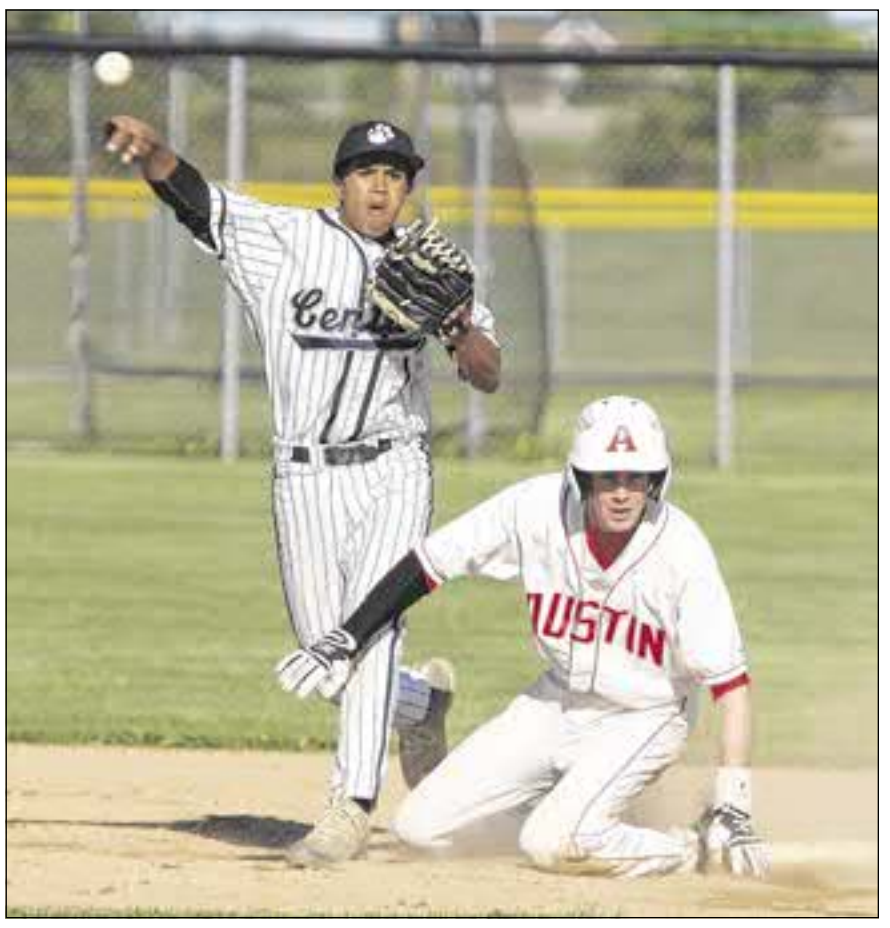
Farmington: LP: Beschorner 6 IP, 5 H, 2 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 1 K.

John Marshall: Alex Brady 2-for-3, 1 R. WP: Zachary Schwieters 7 IP, 4 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 3 K.



Rochester Century's Darryl Martin makes a force out at second base on Austin's Marcus Stoulil. Martin completed the relay to first for a double play during a Section 1AAA playoff game on Thursday at Century High School.

2013 BASEBALL PLAYOFF SCHEDULES

SECTION ONE, CLASS A

EAST SUBSECTION

THURSDAY, MAY 23
Quarterfinals (losers eliminated)
Wabasha-Kellogg 15, Mabel-Canton 0, 5 inn.
F.C./Lanesboro 11, Rushford-Peterson 3
Chatfield 5, Houston 0
Lewiston-Altura 14, Schaeffer 2, 5 innings
SATURDAY, MAY 25
Semifinals at Winona State
No. 1 Wabasha-Kellogg (13-1) vs. No. 5 Fillmore Central/Lanesboro (3-10), 10 a.m.
No. 2 Chatfield (12-4) vs. No. 3 Lewiston-Altura (9-6), 1 p.m.
Losers bracket —
Semifinal losers, 3 p.m.
MONDAY, MAY 27
At Winona State University
Championship game, 3 p.m.
Losers bracket final, 5:30 p.m.
Note: First-place team and second-place team advance to Section Final Four.

WEST SUBSECTION

THURSDAY, MAY 23
Quarterfinals (losers eliminated)
Kenyon-Wanamingo 11, Medford 1, 6 inn.
Goodhue 4, Blooming Prairie 0
Southland 7, Lyle/Pacelli 1
Hayfield 3, Randolph 2
SATURDAY, MAY 25
Semifinals at Riverland C.C., Austin
No. 1 Kenyon-Wanamingo (11-7) vs. No. 4 Goodhue (6-14), 10 a.m.
No. 2 Southland (12-2) vs. No. 3 Hayfield (7-11), 10 am.
Losers bracket
Semifinal losers, 12:30 p.m.
MONDAY, MAY 27
At Riverland C.C., Austin
Championship game, 3 p.m.
Losers bracket final, 5:30 p.m.
Note: First-place team and second-place team advance to Section Final Four.

SECTION FINAL FOUR

At Riverland C.C., Austin
SATURDAY, JUNE 1
Winners bracket
East winner vs. West winner, 10 a.m.
Losers bracket
East runner-up vs. West runner-up, 10 am.
Winners bracket loser vs. Losers bracket winner, 1 p.m.
TUESDAY, JUNE 4
Championship game, 5 p.m. (second game to follow if needed)

SECTION ONE, CLASS AA

EAST SUBSECTION

THURSDAY, MAY 23
Quarterfinals (losers eliminated)
Lake City 5, GMLOK 1
Dover-Eyota 13, P-E-M 2, 5 innings
Winona Cotter 6, Caledonia/S.G. 1
La Crescent 7, St. Charles 3
SATURDAY, MAY 25
Semifinals at Lake City
No. 1 Lake City (13-4) vs. No. 5 Dover-Eyota (3-10), 10 a.m.
No. 2 Winona Cotter (12-4) vs. No. 3 La Crescent (9-6), 1 p.m.
Losers bracket
Semifinal losers, 3 p.m.
MONDAY, MAY 27
At Lake City
Championship game, 3 p.m.
Losers bracket final, 5:30 p.m.
Note: First-place team and second-place team advance to Section Final Four.

WEST SUBSECTION

THURSDAY, MAY 23
Quarterfinals (losers eliminated)
Kasson-Mantorville 5, Triton 2
Pine Island 4, Byron 3
Lourdes 9, Zumbrota-Mazeppa 0
Cannon Falls 2, Stewartville 1, 8 innings
SATURDAY, MAY 25
Semifinals at Stewartville
No. 1 Kasson-Mantorville (16-5) vs. No. 4 Pine Island (11-8), 10 a.m.
No. 2 Lourdes (16-3) vs. No. 3 Cannon Falls (14-5), 10 a.m.
Losers bracket —
Semifinal losers, 3 p.m.
MONDAY, MAY 27
At Stewartville
Championship game, 3 p.m.
Losers bracket final, 5:30 p.m.
Note: First-place team and second-place team advance to Section Final Four.

SECTION FINAL FOUR

At Riverland C.C., Austin
SATURDAY, JUNE 1
Winners bracket
East winner vs. West winner, 10 a.m.
Losers bracket
East runner-up vs. West runner-up, 10 am.
Winners bracket loser vs. Losers bracket winner, 1 p.m.
TUESDAY, JUNE 4
Championship game, 5 p.m. (second game to follow if needed)

SECTION ONE, CLASS AAA

THURSDAY, MAY 23
First round (losers eliminated)
Albert Lea 6, Hastings 0
John Marshall 2, Farmington 0
Mayo 5, Red Wing 4, 8 innings
Century 11, Austin 1
SATURDAY, MAY 25
Second round
No. 9 Albert Lea (9-10) at No. 1 Faribault (14-5), 1 p.m.
No. 5 John Marshall (10-8) at No. 4 Owatonna (11-7), 1 p.m.
No. 6 Mayo (9-10) at No. 3 Northfield (12-5), 1 p.m.
No. 7 Century (9-11) at No. 2 Winona (13-5), 1 p.m.
MONDAY, MAY 27
Losers bracket
Albert Lea/Hastings/Faribault loser vs. Farmington/JM/Owatonna loser, 11 a.m. at Faribault
Red Wing/Mayo/Northfield loser vs. Austin/Century/Owatonna loser, 11 a.m. at Winona
Winners bracket —
Albert Lea/Hastings/Faribault winner vs. Farmington/JM/Owatonna winner, 1 p.m. at Faribault
Red Wing/Mayo/Northfield winner vs. Austin/Century/Owatonna winner, 1 p.m. at Winona
Losers bracket —
11 a.m. winner vs. 1 p.m. loser, 4 p.m., at Faribault
11 a.m. winner vs. 1 p.m. loser, 4 p.m., at Winona
SATURDAY, JUNE 1
Losers bracket (at Red Wing)
Monday 4 p.m. winners, 11 a.m.
Winners bracket (at Red Wing)
Monday 1 p.m. winners, 1:30 p.m.
Losers bracket (at Red Wing)
11 a.m. winner vs. 1 p.m. loser, 4 p.m.
TUESDAY, JUNE 4
At Red Wing
Championship game, 5 p.m. (second game to follow if needed)

H.S. LACROSSE

Century wins big over Mayo

Post-Bulletin staff

Kenna Bridges had eight goals and Katie Aney seven as Rochester Century downed Mayo 22-10 in girls lacrosse Thursday at Rochester Regional Sports Stadium.

Bridges

Aney now has 60 goals on the season, which ranks second in the state. Bridges has 41 goals, good for 22nd in the state.

"We have four seniors who will all be going onto college next year — Kate Daugherty, Rebecca Lorsung, Sydney Sparks and Nicki Nezda," Century coach Scott Swenson said. "They all started tonight and worked hard to help our team to a win against a strong Mayo team."

It was Century's 10th win this season.

Century also got two goals from Rebecca Lorsung, and Aney had three assists.

Century concludes its regular season Saturday against John Marshall/Lourdes.

PRO BASEBALL

Fielder's late single tops Twins

Associated Press

DETROIT — Prince Fielder bounced a tiebreaking single off Jared Burton's glove in the eighth inning, leading the Detroit Tigers to a 7-6 come-from-behind victory over the Minnesota Twins on Thursday night.

Omar Infante started the inning with a single and was bunted to second by Torii Hunter. Ron Gardenhire then ordered Miguel Cabrera intentionally walked, but Fielder foiled the plan with a grounder that Burton (0-2) deflected past second baseman Brian Dozier.

Cabrera drove in three runs, including his sixth homer in four games. Cabrera has now matched a career high by homering in four straight games.

He has also walked five times in the four games, and Fielder has followed all five with hits, driving in seven more runs.

Joaquin Benoit (1-0) pitched a perfect inning of relief, while Jose Valverde pitched the ninth for his fifth save.

The Tigers trailed 6-3 going into the bottom of the seventh, but scored three times off three Minnesota pitchers.

Tigers 7, Twins 6

MINNESOTA	ab	r	h	bi	DETROIT	ab	r	h	bi
Carroll 3b	5	1	3	0	Infante 2b	5	2	3	0
Mauer c	5	1	2	1	TrHntr rf	3	1	1	0
Wlngh lf	5	2	2	4	MiCarr 3b	3	2	2	3
Mornea dh	4	1	1	0	Fielder 1b	5	1	2	2
Doumit rf	4	0	0	0	VMrtnz dh	4	0	2	1
Parmel 1b	3	0	2	0	D.Kelly pr-dh	1	0	0	0
Dozier 2b	4	0	0	1	JhPerlt ss	5	0	2	1
Hicks cf	4	0	1	0	Tuiassp lf	3	0	1	0
Flormn ss	1	1	1	0	B.Pena c	4	0	1	0
EEscor ss	3	0	0	0	AGarci cf	2	1	1	0
					Dirks ph-cf	2	0	0	0
Totals	38	6	12	6	**Totals**	37	7	15	7

Minnesota	014	000	100	—	6
Detroit	200	010	31x	—	7

E — Jh.Peralta (3). DP — Minnesota 1, Detroit 2. LOB — Minnesota 7, Detroit 11. 2B — Carroll (3), Morneau (12), Jh.Peralta (12), B.Pena (3). HR — Willingham 2 (8), Mi.Cabrera (14). SB — Dozier (4). S — Tor.Hunter.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Minnesota						
Diamond	5 2-3	9	3	3	1	5
Fien H,4	2-3	1	2	2	1	2
Duensing	0	2	1	1	0	0
Burton L,0-2 BS,2-3	1 2-3	3	1	1	1	0
Detroit						
Porcello	5	10	5	5	1	2
D.Downs	1 2-3	2	1	1	0	0
Ortega	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Benoit W,1-0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Valverde S,5-6	1	0	0	0	0	2

HBP — by Burton (Tuiasosopo), by D.Downs (Morneau). **WP** — Porcello. **T** — 3:30 (Rain delay: 1:00). **A** — 32,804 (41,255).

NEXT 3 GAMES
FOR MINNESOTA TEAMS

Team	Opponent	Time	TV
MINNESOTA TWINS			
Today	at Detroit	6:08 p.m.	FS North
Saturday	at Detroit	3:08 p.m.	FS North
Sunday	at Detroit	12:08 p.m.	FS North

Owatonna People's Press:
Owatonna baseball moves on to face Faribault

Posted: Saturday, May 25, 2013 5:48 pm | Updated: 3:12 pm, Mon May 27, 2013.

OWATONNA — Not everything went right for the Owatonna baseball team Saturday afternoon. There was a first-inning error that led to two runs, five straight innings of sending four or fewer batters to the plate and two seventh-inning errors that led to two runs. Oh, and a wind that threw cold, wet air into the Huskies dugout from the first pitch to the last. Despite that, just enough went right as Owatonna sent Rochester John Marshall to the loser's bracket of the Section 1AAA tournament with a sloppy 7-5 victory at Dartts Park.

"Coming in, you would have thought that it would be tight, with good pitching and good defense," OHS coach Tate Cummins said. "It didn't turn out that way. But we scored more runs, especially late, and that's something which has been tough for us."In their final at-bat of the day, in the bottom of the sixth inning, the Huskies pushed across four runs thanks to three singles, a sacrifice fly and a double. Two of those singles were planned as sacrifice bunts, the first of which was executed by No. 3 hitter Carter McCauley.It is rare for that spot in the lineup, where a coach usually places his best overall hitter, to be asked to lay one down. But McCauley didn't think twice. Well, at least he didn't until Cummins told him where to bunt."I'll do what the team needs me to do," McCauley said, dispensing of the notion of a 3-hitter being above a bunt. "But I usually bunt down the first-base line. (Cummins) asked to go down the third-base line. It worked out." With pinch-runner Andrew Peterson on first base after a Jake Buswell single, Cummins and McCauley had a quick chat. McCauley watched strike one, then dropped a perfect bunt down the fringe of the infield grass. Rockets pitcher Janek Walker slid to make a play, but by the time he rose, McCauley was a step from first base. "I knew I had it made," McCauley said. "It felt really good off the bat. I knew immediately." A wild pitch moved both runners up a base as Owen Carlson stood in with a tie game. Carlson popped a ball to right field, but the wind made setting up for a throw home impossible. Peterson tagged and just beat the short throw to give Owatonna the lead for good. Ryan Melcher followed with a perfectly-placed suicide squeeze that scored McCauley and saw Melcher beat the throw to first. Melcher then scored on Riley Thompson's single before Thompson crossed the plate thanks to an RBI-double from Luke Wanous.

For Melcher, it was the second time in the game he had wielded a dangerous bat. In the fourth inning, Melcher, with Carlson on second, was asked to move the runner to third. With his goal being the right side, Melcher flipped a sinking liner down the right-field line, scoring Carlson. "(Walker) was mixing in his curve, so you had to wait on it," Melcher said. "I saw it, waited, and it all worked out." With the game knotted up, 3-3, in the top of the fifth, shortstop Dexter Leer made a play that might have completely swung the momentum into the Huskies' dugout. With one out, JM's clean-up hitter, Kaeleb Stangler, rifled a ball between third and short. Buswell couldn't reach it, but Leer found it just before the outfield grass. In one graceful motion, Leer backhanded the ball, plated, spun and threw to first to get Stangler by a fraction of a second. The dugout immediately erupted, declaring, by most accounts, Leer's effort the "play of the year."

"I figured the runner would be too fast," Leer said. "But I got the ball out of my glove quick. I though it might be slippery from the grass, but I figured, with no one on, just let it go." With defensive plays like that, and an offense that found its stride late in the game, pitcher Colton Schock had enough to win. And win he did. Schock threw all seven innings, allowing only two earned runs and two walks while striking out three. That kept every other Owatonna arm fresh, including ace-lefty Jordan Howe, who will take the hill at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Faribault. "Howe's our guy," Cummins said. "He's a senior hoping to peak at the right time. And there's no better time than Monday." The winner of Monday's game will play the winner of the Rochester Mayo at Winona game June 1 in Red Wing. If the Huskies lose to the Falcons, Owatonna would face either JM or Albert Lea in an elimination game at 4 p.m. Monday.

JM 200 100 2 — 5 8 1
OHS 200 104 X — 7 11 3

Owatonna hitting: Dexter Leer 2-3 R, Jake Buswell 2-3, Carter McCauley 1-3 R RBI, Owen Carlson 2-2 2B R RBI, Ryan Melcher 2-3 2RBI, Riley Thompson 1-3 R, Luke Wanous 1-3 2B RBI. Pitching: Colton Schock 7IP 8H 5R 2ER 2BB 3K.

KIMT News: **Albert Lea baseball loses to John Marshall, season ends**

Posted: Monday, May 27, 2013 6:21 pm | Updated: 7:11 pm, Mon May 27, 2013

Heading into their elimination game with John Marshall Monday, the Albert Lea baseball team had lost by one run six times this season.

Most recently, top-seeded Fairbault beat the Tigers 5 to 4 in extra innings in the second round of sections.

Monday the Tigers jumped out to a 1-0 lead, but in the bottom of the first inning the Rockets scored all three of their runs and held on to win 3 to 2; ending Albert Lea's season..

The Tigers finish with a 9 and 12 record, seven of those losses were by one run.

Faribault Daily News: **FHS vs. Rochester JM**

Posted: Monday, May 27, 2013 6:21 pm | Updated: 7:11 pm, Mon May 27, 2013

The Falcons will try to keep their season alive when they host Rochester John Marshall on Tuesday at Bell Field in a Section 1AAA elimination game.

The teams were supposed to play on Monday at Bell Field, but the game was pushed back due to rain.

Top-seeded Faribault (15-6) and fifth-seeded JM (11-9) played twice this season, and both games were decided by a run. The Rockets won the first game of a doubleheader 2-1 on May 7 in Rochester, and the Falcons came back to win Game 2 4-3 in eight innings with a walk-off RBI single from Evan Jensen.

Nate Emge took the loss in the first game, allowing two earned runs on five hits and three walks in six innings. Tyler Smeby picked up the win in relief in Game 2. Logan Murphy finished the doubleheader 2-for-3 with four walks.

The winner of Faribault and JM advances to the Final Four on Saturday in Red Wing.

Local sports

BOYS TENNIS

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From left, Andrew Johnson and Ashwin Kushwaha compete at No. 3 doubles against Edina on Thursday at Mayo. Johnson and Kushwaha delivered Mayo its lone win.

Edina tops depleted Mayo

BY PAT RUFF
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That was certainly not what Mayo had in mind in its third boys tennis dual of the season.

What Edina did to the Spartans, the Spartans are used to doing to pretty much everyone else. At least that's been true the last bunch of years in a row.

But the Hornets are for real, as was displayed in their 6-1 romp over Mayo on the Spartans' home courts Thursday. Edina entered ranked fourth in state Class AA, while Mayo was fifth.

"We knew that Edina was really good," Mayo coach Jeff Demaray said. "Their singles are great and their doubles are good, too."

Edina showed the former to be especially true, winning every match in straight sets and not allowing Mayo to win more than two games in any set. Doubles was more competitive, in good part because of the fight that the Spartans No. 3 team of Andrew Johnson and Ashwin Kushwaha put up.

Those two battled Edina's Spencer Olson and Mirza Humeronic for three sets, with the Mayo players rung around them as Mayo's final hope of scratching out an individual win in the non-conference dual. It was worth the wait and the suspense, as Johnson/Kushwaha helped Mayo save face with a hard-fought 6-4, 2-6, 7-6 (8-6 tie-breaker) win.

"I definitely didn't want to lose to Edina (in his individual match)," said Johnson, a senior, "because I'm undefeated against them. Plus, it was important to show that we can at least be competitive with them."

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Mayo's overall fortunes against Edina would likely have been much different had it showed up at full strength. The 2-1 Spartans were missing two of their best players, with junior Michael Poeschla gone at a school academic function, and eighth-grader Cameron Bruce out with a bad back.

Poeschla is one of Mayo's top two players, and Bruce was a regular at No. 4 singles last year. So yes, they were missed.

Bruce is expected to ease his way back starting today, when he takes some practice swings.

"Had we had Mike and Cameron, everybody would have moved down a spot, which would have made us a lot better," Demaray said. "Still, we'd hoped to get at least one singles point."

Demaray had also hoped his team would have played better overall. He thought they weren't sharp in singles or doubles. But he was far from panicking about it.

"It's early," he said. "We hope to be playing our best tennis in four weeks (when the postseason begins)."

Above all, though, he was just happy to see his team outdoors, able to play in conditions that didn't resemble the tundra.

"It's great to be out here," Demaray said, squinting in the warm sun. "I think everyone was sick of the snow."

Edina 6, Mayo 1

Singles: Max Olson (E) def. Sebastian Vile 6-0, 6-2; Alexander McDonald (E) def. Charlie Bengtson 6-1, 6-2; Jon Yang (E) def. Haakon Stans 6-1, 6-1; Aanik Lohani (E) def. Brad Thomas 6-0, 6-2. **Doubles:** Michael Thompson/Tyler Kuck (E) def. Nick Ackerman/Ray Zhang 6-1, 6-3; Mitch Tuttle/Michael O'Neil (E) def. Sawyer Bock/Andy Stroebel 7-6, 6-3; Andrew Johnson/Ashwin Kushwaha (M) vs. Spencer Olson/Mirza Huremovic 6-4, 2-6, 7-6 (8-6).

SOFTBALL

Lourdes offense erupts for 20 runs

Post-Bulletin staff

LAKE CITY — Lourdes scored 10 runs in the fourth inning and had 14 total hits in a 20-4 win over Lake City in five innings in Hiawatha Valley League softball on Thursday.

The Eagles also had seven runs in the fifth inning.

Karrie Virgin went 2-for-5 with four RBIs for Lourdes. Sam Macken went 3-for-3 with a pair of triples, two RBIs and four runs scored. Melissa Carlson and Kelly Bier both went 2-for-3 with three RBIs.

Emily Cordes hit a three-run homer in the first inning for Lake City. She drove in all four runs for the Tigers.

Lourdes 20, Lake City 4

Lourdes.....111 (10)7 — 20 14 3
Lake City.....301 00 — 4 6 5

Lourdes: Karrie Virgin 2-for-5, 4 RBIs; Georgi Younger 1-for-5, 1 RBI, 2 R; Rachel Sobiesk 1-for-3, 2 R, 1 SB; Sam Macken 3-for-3, 2 3B, 2 RBI, 4 R, 2 SB; Anna Maiers 3 R; Melissa Carlson 2-for-3, 3 RBIs, 2 R; Grace Rogers 1-for-2, 1 RBI, 2 R, 1 SB; Hannah Lawler 1 RBI, 1 R; Michaela Wermers 2-for-5, 2 RBIs, 2 R; Kelly Bier 2-for-3, 3 RBIs, 2 R. WP: Karrie Virgin 5 IP, 6 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 1 BB, 5 K.

Lake City: Emily Cordes 1-for-3, 1 HR, 4 RBIs, 1 R; Domonique Oelkers 1-for-2, 2 R; Emily Ziebell 2-for-3; Emily Moechnig 2-for-3, 1 R. LP: Darianne Douglas 5 IP, 14 H, 20 R, 11 ER, 10 BB, 3 K.

Owatonna tops Mayo

Owatonna swept a doubleheader from Mayo in Big Nine Conference softball on Thursday.

The Huskies won the opener 12-5 and captured the nightcap 8-5.

Owatonna rode a nine-run first inning to win the opener.

Laura Henderson hit a two-run homer for Mayo and losing pitcher Kali Aldrich went 2-for-4 with a double and an RBI.

Another big inning carried Owatonna in the second game as the Huskies snapped a 2-2 tie with five runs in the top of the fourth inning.

Mayo, which hurt itself with seven errors in the opener, was held to five hits in the second game.

Owatonna 12, Mayo 5
First game

Owatonna .....901 000 2 — 12 11 3
Mayo.....100 022 0 — 5 7 7

Owatonna: Rachel Malo 2-for-3, 1 2B; Kayla Johnson 3-for-5, 1 2B; Nicole Buck 3-for-5, 2 RBIs; Shanna Thom 2-for-4, 3 R; Lianna Pilcher 3-for-5. WP: Shanna Thom 7 IP, 7 H, 5 R, 3 ER, 0 BB, 5 K.

Mayo: Laura Henderson 1-for-3, 1 HR, 2 RBI; Kali Aldrich 2-for-4, 1 2B, 1 RBI. LP: Kali Aldrich 4 IP, 10 H, 12 R, 9 ER, 2 BB, 2 K. Other pitcher: Mackenzie Paulson 3 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 4 K.

Owatonna 8, Mayo 5
Second game

Owatonna .....002 501 0 — 8 6 2
Mayo.....200 030 0 — 5 5 3

Owatonna: WP: Kubat 5 IP, 5 H, 5 R, 3 ER, 2 BB, 4 K.

Mayo: LP: Emily Hindal 5 IP, 6 H, 8 R, 4 ER, 4 BB, 5 K.

JM sweeps Austin

Kristen Erickson tossed a one-hitter in the first game of a doubleheader and John Marshall went on to sweep Austin in Big Nine Conference softball on Thursday.

Erickson faced just one batter over the minimum as JM won the opener 7-0. She struck out two and did not issue a walk.

"Kristen had a real quiet one-hitter and did a great job in the circle," JM coach Thang Nguyen said.

JM won the nightcap 13-3 in six innings.

Erickson and Abbey Ball were locked in a scoreless battle in the opener until JM scored five times in the fifth. Erin Meyers hit a two-run single to open the scoring and Haley Holtorf followed with a three-run homer.

Sydney Murphy had Austin's lone hit.

"It was a nice team win over a good Austin team," Nguyen said.

In the second game, the Rockets pounded out 14 hits and again broke the game open with a five-run fifth inning. Holtorf drove in three more runs in the second game while Blair Lebeck and Rachel Karp both had two RBIs.

Erickson, Meyers, Katie Boldt and Lauren Kalwasinksi all had two hits for the Rockets. Amber Prow pitched a five-hitter for the win.

"We adjusted nicely in game two and hit the ball well top to bottom in our order," Ngugen said.

McKenna Gleisner had an RBI single for Austin.

JM (5-0) will play in the Lourdes Invitational on Saturday. Austin (0-2) will host its own invitational on Friday and Saturday.

John Marshall 7, Austin 0
First game

Austin.....000 000 0 — 0 1 0
John Marshall ..000 052 x — 7 6 1

Austin: Sydney Murphy 1-for-3. LP: Abbey Ball 6 IP, 6 H, 7 R, 7 ER, 5 BB, 8 K.

John Marshall: Ashley Jochum 1-for-4, 1 2B, 1 RBI; Blair LeBeck 1-for-2, 1 R; Brooke Johnson 1-for-1, 1 R; Erin Meyers 1-for-2, 2 RBI, 1 R; Amber Prow 1-for-1, 1 2B; Haley Holtorf 1-for-3, 1 HR, 3 RBIs, 1 R. WP: Kristen Erickson 7 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 2 K.

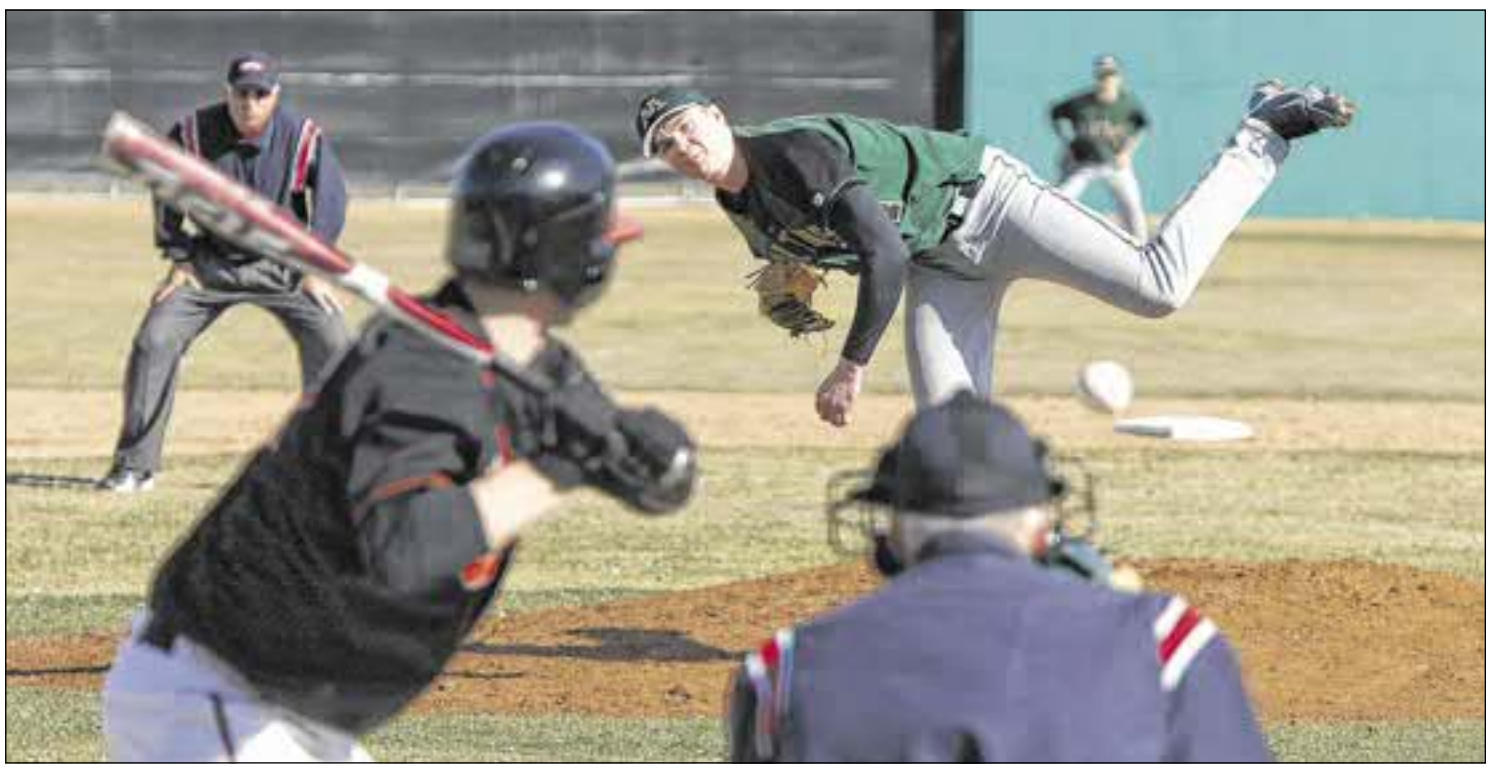
John Marshall 13, Austin 3
Second game

Austin.....000 300 — 3 5 4
John Marshall ..132 052 — 13 14 2

Austin: Abbey Ball 1-for-3, 1 R; Shayley Vesel 1-for-3, 1 R; McKenna Gleisner 1-for-3, 1 RBI; Brooke Flugum 1-for-3, 1 R. LP: McKenna Gleisner 5 IP, 14 H, 13 R, 7 ER, 2 BB, 1 K.

John Marshall: Blair Lebeck 1-for-3, 2 RBIs, 1 R; Kristen Erickson 2-for-3; Erin Meyers 2-for-3, 1 3B, 1 RBI, 1 R, 1 SB; Katie Boldt 2-for-3, 1 2B, 1 RBI, 3 R; Lauren Kalwasinski 2-for-4, 1 2B, 1 RBI, 2 R; Rachel Karp 2-for-3, 1 2B, 1 3B, 2 RBIs, 1 R; Haley Holtorf 1-for-4, 3 RBIs, 1 R. WP: Amber Prow 6 IP, 5 H, 3 R, 2 ER, 2 BB, 8 K.

BASEBALL



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Mayo Spartan left-hander Jackson Douglas started on the mound against the Winona WinHawks on Thursday at Mayo Field. The Spartans fell to Winona 5-3.

Mayo rally falls short against Winona

Post-Bulletin staff

The Rochester Mayo baseball team scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh inning, but the Spartans' rally fell short as Winona held on for a 5-3 Big Nine Conference win Thursday night.

The Spartans surrendered two runs in the first inning and another run in the third. All three Mayo errors came in the first inning, but the runs in that inning were earned.

The Winhawks added two crucial runs in the top of the sixth.

Jackson Douglas took the loss on the mound for the Spartans. He went six innings, allowing five earned runs on six hits and two walks. Douglas also had an impressive 11 strikeouts.

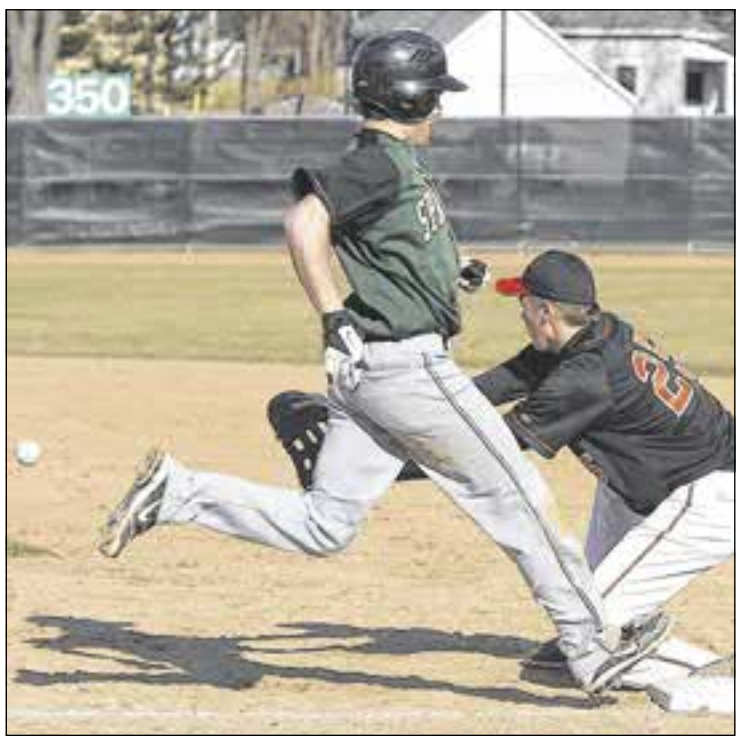
Jeff Schultz was the winner for Winona. He tossed seven innings, allowing one earned run on four hits, while striking out three.

John Lundquist paced the Spartans at the plate, going 2-for-3 with a home run and two runs scored. Christian Rosenow and Michael Michalak had one hit apiece, and Luke Dozier added an RBI for Mayo.

Hunter Kruse led Winona, going 2-for-3 with a home run, two RBIs and two runs scored.

"Winona has a nice ball club," Mayo coach Dan Hoefs said. "Schultz was not overpowering on the mound, but he threw strikes and his defense made the plays behind him. ... John Lundquist's two hits (HR and single) were very hard hit balls and his bat was a bright spot for us. Jackson Douglas had a solid first outing on the hill. He had 11 strikeouts and when he started getting his curveball over the plate, he was tough."

The Spartans return to action at 4 p.m. today on the road during a doubleheader at Albert Lea.



Mayo's Christian Rosenow is called out on a very, very, very close play at first against Winona on Thursday.

Winona 5, Mayo 3

Winona .....201 002 0 — 5 6 2
Mayo .....000 010 2 — 3 4 3

Winona: Daniel Kronebusch 1-for-2, 2 RBI; Emmet Hedin 1-for-3, 2B, R, SB; Bryan Rohde 1-for-2, RBI, R; Hunter Kruse 2-for-3, HR, 2 RBI, 2 R. WP: Jeff Schultz 7 IP, 4 H, 3 R, 1 ER, 1 BB, 3 K.

Mayo: Luke Dozier RBI; Christian Rosenow 1-for-3; John Lundquist 2-for-3, HR, 2 R; Michael Michalak 1-for-3. LP: Jackson Douglas 6 IP, 6 H, 5 R, 5 ER, 2 BB, 11 K.

Brandt delivers 3s in Lourdes win

GOODHUE — Lourdes batted around in the top of the fifth inning and scored seven runs in a five-inning 12-2 win over Goodhue on Thursday.

Michael Brandt went 3-for-3, scored three runs and drove in three to lead Lourdes' offense. Thomas Elwell added a double and 3 RBIs for the Eagles.

Winning pitcher John Bigler allowed only two hits in five innings.

Lourdes plays at Byron today.

Lourdes 12, Goodhue 2

Lourdes.....003 27 — 12 8 4
Goodhue.....000 02 — 2 2 1

Lourdes: Thomas Elwell 1-for-3, 1 2B, 3 RBI, 2 R, 1 SB; Michael Brandt 3-for-3, 1 2B, 3 RBI, 3 R; Chris Wasz 1-for-2, 1 2B; Andrew Ellingson 1-for-3, 1 2B, 1 RBI, 1 R; Adam Ellingson 1-for-1; John Bigler 1-for-2, 1 RBI, 1 R. WP: John Bigler 4 2/3 IP, 2 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 4 BB, 5 K; Chris Wasz 1/3 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 0 K.

Goodhue: Andy Johnson 1-for-3, 1 RBI; LP: Riley Bollum 4 IP, 5 H, 5 R, 4 ER, 2 BB, 0 K; Logan Breuer 2/3 IP, 3 H, 7 R, 7 ER, 4 BB, 1 K.

Albert Lea clips Rockets

The Albert Lea baseball team scored three runs in the bottom of the fifth inning and held Rochester John Marshall to just four hits in a 4-2 Big Nine Conference win Thursday.

Johnathan Fleek tossed all seven innings for Albert Lea, allowing just one earned run on four hits. He struck out five and walked five.

"Albert Lea played a nice game," JM coach Dutch Heiderscheit said. "Their pitcher threw strikes and they had some timely hits. Our boys need to get the bats going and play with a little more confidence."

Jack Kall led JM, going 2-for-3 with a double. Zach Schwieters added an RBI.

Janek Walker took the loss on the mound for the Rockets. He went six innings, allowing four earned runs on nine hits. Walker struck out five and did not walk a batter.

Albert Lea 4, John Marshall 2

John Marshall .....001 000 1 — 2 4 1
Albert Lea.....000 130 x — 4 9 1

John Marshall: Zachary Schwieters 1-for-1, RBI; Jack Kall 2-for-3, 2B. LP: Janek Walker 6 IP, 9 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 0 BB, 5 K;

Albert Lea: EJ Thomas 2-for-3; Makael Lunning 2-for-3; Wyatt Paulsen 2-for-3. WP: Johnathan Fleek 7 IP, 4 H, 2 R, 1 ER, 5 BB, 5 K.

Local/Minnesota sports

H.S. BASEBALL

Eagles advance to 1AA West title game

Will play K-M this afternoon

Post-Bulletin staff

STEWARTVILLE — The Rochester Lourdes baseball team scored three runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to rally and top Cannon Falls 4-3 in the Section One, Class AA, West Subsection semifinals Saturday.

The Eagles, who are the No. 2 seed, advance to face No. 1 Kasson-Mantorville in the subsection finals at 3 p.m. Monday in Stewartville. No. 3 Cannon Falls was later eliminated by Pine Island.

Brandt

Both pitchers Saturday turned in stellar performances.

Michael Brandt earned the win for Lourdes, tossing all seven innings. He allowed three runs on three hits, while walking one and striking out eight.

Taylor Carlson was the tough-luck loser. He pitched into the seventh inning, allowing four runs (all unearned), while walking five and striking out five.

The Bombers committed four costly errors.

"Carlson battled his tail off and gave us a chance to win," Cannon Falls coach Bucky Lindow said. "We just didn't make the defensive plays in the bottom of the seventh to finish it off."

Henry Wittren drove in the winning run for Lourdes with a swinging bunt down the first-base line.

Jason Samuelson, Zach Hillman and Thomas Elwell had one hit and one run scored apiece for the Eagles.

Hunter Blakeslee had a hit and a run scored for Cannon Falls, while Ian Althoff added a hit and two RBIs.

Lourdes 4, Cannon Falls 3

Cannon Falls	001	200	0	—	3	3 4
Lourdes	001	000	3	—	4	5 1

No. 3 Cannon Falls: Hunter Blakeslee 1-for-3, 1 R; Tanner Jackson 1-for-3; Ian Althoff 1-for-3, 2 RBI. LP: Taylor Carlson 6 1/3 IP, 4 R, 0 ER, 5 BB, 5 K.

No. 2 Lourdes: Jason Samuelson 1-for-4, 1 R; Zach Hillman 1-for-2, 1 R, 2 SB; John Bigler 1-for-3, 2 RBI; Adam Ellingson 1-for-2, R; Thomas Elwell 1-for-3, 1 R; Henry Wittren 1-for-4, RBI. WP: Michael Brandt 7 IP, 3 H, 3 R, 1 BB, 8 K.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Spartans hold off Northfield

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NORTHFIELD — After two games, the cardiac kids are still on the good side of the bracket.

Rochester Mayo, which staged two late-game rallies to beat Red Wing in the opening round, made things dramatic again during Saturday's second round of the Section One, Class AAA baseball playoffs. But this time, it was the Spartans who nearly surrendered a late-inning rally.

Northfield scored four times in the final inning, but the Spartans shut the door before it was too late, holding on for a 6-4 victory.

The Spartans advanced to Monday's 1:30 p.m. game in Winona against the No. 2-seeded Winhawks. If Mayo wins, it advances to the Section 1AAA Final Four, which begins Saturday, June 1 in Red Wing. If the Spartans lose, they'll play again at 4 p.m. Monday against either Century or Northfield, with the winner moving on to Red Wing.

The Spartans had two big innings Saturday, scoring three in the fourth and three more in the seventh against the No. 3-seeded Raiders.

Hinsch

Sam Hinsch came up big again for the Spartans, going the distance on the mound. He had a no-hitter through five innings and a one-hitter going into the final frame. Hinsch ran into some trouble in the seventh, giving up a two-out grand slam to Marcus Nelson. But Hinsch got the final out to preserve the win.

Hinsch also went 2-for-4 with an RBI.

"Sam threw a great game and, other than the seventh inning, he was nearly perfect," Mayo coach Dan Hoefs said. "We played an errorless ballgame and between that and Sam's effort, Northfield really didn't do anything until the 7th inning.

"The game wasn't as close as the final score of 6-4 would indicate. We hit the ball really well again and we were able to string our hits together in two different innings, which allowed us to tack some runs on the board."

Brad Mathiowetz was Mayo's leader at the plate. He went 3-for-4 with a double and two runs scored. David Brust also had two hits and two RBIs.

The Spartans take a 10-10 record into today's showdown with Winona (14-5).

Mayo 6, Northfield 4

Mayo	000	300	3	—	6	10 0
Northfield	000	000	4	—	4	4 5

Mayo: Tate Deach RBI, SB; Brad Mathiowetz 3-for-4, 1 2B, 2 R; Zach Robertson 2B, RBI; David Brust 2-for-4, 2 RBI; Sam Hinsch 2-for-4 RBI, 2 R; Michael Michalak 1-for-4, R. WP: Sam Hinsch 7 IP, 4 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 1 BB, 6 K.

Northfield: Marcus Nelson 2-for-3, 1 HR, 4 RBI. LP: Jake Mathison 6 IP, 9 H, 6 R, 6 ER, 1 BB, 3 K; Grant Erickson 1 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 1 K.

Owatonna bumps JM to losers bracket

OWATONNA — Owatonna broke open a tie game with four runs in the bottom of the sixth and held on for a 7-5 victory over Rochester John Marshall on Saturday during the Section One, Class AAA baseball playoffs.

The loss bumps the Rockets into the losers bracket at 11 a.m. Monday in Faribault against Albert Lea. A loss would end JM's season. If the Rockets win, they'll play again at 4 p.m. against the loser between Faribault and Owatonna. The winner of the second game advances to the Section 1AAA Final Four in Red Wing on June 1.

Owatonna belted 11 hits and the big sixth inning proved to be enough. Ryan Melcher, Jake Buswell, Owen Carlson and Dexter Leer all had two hits apiece for the Huskies.

Sam Broman went 2-for-4 for the Rockets, who finished with eight hits. No other JM player had more than one hit.

Janek Walker took the loss on the hill. He went six innings, allowing six earned runs on 11 hits, while striking out one.

"It was a pretty good game for us, tied 3-3 to the bottom of the sixth, but we just didn't do some things you need to do to win," JM coach Dutch Heiderscheit said. "You can't give up four that late and have a chance; they hit the ball pretty well and made plays to stay ahead and get us. We need to put together a couple good games on Monday and I think we can do that."

The fifth-seeded Rockets take a 10-9 mark into Monday's game against No. 9 Albert Lea (9-11).

Owatonna 7, John Marshall 5

JM	200	100	2	—	5	8 1
Owatonna	200	104	x	—	7	11 2

John Marshall: Aaron Grad 1-for-4; Zachary Schwieters 1-for-4; Jason Rieke 1-for-3; Alex Brady 1-for-3; Jacob Dravis 1-for-3; Sam Broman 2-for-4. LP: Janek Walker 6 IP, 11 H, 7 R, 6 ER, 0 BB, 1 K;

Owatonna: Luke Wanous 1-for-3; Ryan Melcher 2-for-3; Jake Buswell 2-for-3; Carter McCauley 1-for-3; Owen Carlson 2-for-2; Riley Thompson 1-for-3; Dexter Leer 2-for-3. WP: Colton Schock 7 IP, 8 H, 5 R, 2 ER, 2 BB, 3 K.

Winona holds off Century's offense

WINONA — Rochester Century couldn't muster any offense, and Winona did just enough to take a 1-0 victory Saturday during the second round of the Section One, Class AAA baseball playoffs.

The Panthers fall to the losers bracket and will play Northfield at 11 a.m. Monday back in Winona.

If the Panthers win, they'll play again at 4 p.m. against the loser between the Winhawks and Mayo Spartans, who play at 1:30 p.m.

Winona scored the game's only run in the bottom of the first inning, using a pair of hits but also stranding two runners at second and third.

Century stranded Jordan Jasik at second in the fifth, and the Panthers never were able to push a run across.

Winona pitcher Bryan Rhode worked all seven innings for the Winhawks, and tossed a three-hitter.

"Rhode made the big pitch when he needed to," Century coach Keith Kangas said. "The Panthers had been swinging the bat well and Rhode shut them out for the first time all season."

Century dropped to 9-12 overall, while Winona improved to 14-5.

Winona 1, Century 0

Century	000	000	0	—	0	3 0
Winona	100	000	0	—	1	4 1

Century: Riese Zmolek 1-for-3; Mitchel Gade 2-for-3. LP: Erik Thorvilson 6 IP, 4 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 4 BB, 2 K.

Winona: Garrett Block 1-for-2, 1 R; Hunter Kruse 1-for-3, 1 2B, 1 RBI. WP: Bryan Rohde 7 IP, 3 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 3 BB, 8 K.

SECTION 1A TRACK AND FIELD

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When: Tuesday, 4:30 p.m., and Thursday, 4:30 p.m., at Winona Paul Giel Field.

Tuesday's action: Only one running event will be run as a final, the boys and girls 3,200. That will happen at approximately 7:40 p.m. Field events that are finals for boys on Tuesday are the shot put, the triple jump and the pole vault. Girls field events finals on Tuesday are the discus, long jump and high jump.

Thursday's action: All events are finals on Thursday. In boys field events, that includes the discus, the long jump and the high jump. Girls field event finals are the shot put, the triple jump and the pole vault.

Who's advanced to the section meet?: The top three finishers in all events — including relays — from each of the subsection meets. Runners and field-event people can also advance by meeting the section standard.

Dominant girls athlete: There may be just one heavy favorite in the girls meet. That is Cannon Falls' Emi Trost. Trost will be expected to win the 800 and 1,600. She's been timed in 2:14.09 in the former, and 5:00.20 in the latter. La Crescent's Taylor Gibson is her best competition in both race. She has run the 800 in 2:14.09 and the 1,600 in 5:18.24.

Other girls favorites: Look out for Byron's Jillian Krier in the 100 (12.8 this season), Lourdes' Mallory Adamson in the 400 (59.90), Plainview-Elgin-Millville's Andrea Bartz in the 100 hurdles (16.02) and the triple jump (36-feet-4), and Kenyon-Wanamingo's Mara Quam and Pine Island's Eliza Warneke in the 300 hurdles (47.5, 47.6, respectively).

In other field events, Lake City's Madi Green and Plainview-Elgin-Millville's Hailey Rau are tops in the high jump (5-4 each), Byron's Anne Christofferson in the long jump (17-1), Zumbrota-Mazeppa's Maddie Lindhart in the shot put (37-6), and Plainview-Elgin-Millville's Paige Thieke Clough in the pole vault (10-3).

In the relays, there should be a great race in the 400. P-E-M has been timed in 51.24 and Byron in 51.4. Byron is the state's defending champion in the race. Lake City (1:49.0) and Grand Meadow/Le Roy-Ostrander/Southland (1:50.57) look to be neck-in-neck in the 800 relay, while La Crescent has been dominant in the 1,600 relay (4:12.25).

Boys favorites: The most dominant athlete among the Section 1A boys is Stewartville high jumper Will Gisler. The senior has easily been the best from Section 1A in the event with a clearance of 6-5. Nobody else is close to that. In other field events, Plainview-Elgin-Millville's Alex Slawson and Zumbrota-Mazeppa's Lucas Ziemba figure to be close in the long jump (21-4 ½ and 21-3, respectively), Kingsland's DeAngilo Funches is tops in the triple jump (42-10), Lewiston-Altura's Evan Bain (50-1) and Byron's Brian Burroughs (49-9) are tight in the shot put, Lake City's Colten Kreumpel is the one to beat in the discus (140-7) and Byron's Robert Mesenburg is tops in the pole vault (14-0).

There should be tight competition in the 100. Z-M's Ziemba has run an 11.2 100 and Cotter's Colin Duellman an 11.3. Lourdes' Kane Carstens has been king of the 200 (22.80), and twin brother McKay Carstens has owned the 400 (50.80). Cotter teammates Emilio Taiveaho and John Killen are best in the 800 (2:00.6 and 2:02.7, respectively), while Lourdes' Ian Torchia has owned the long-distance races. He's gone 4:30.13 in the 1,600 and 9:43.80 in the 3,200. Byron has the best hurdlers. Ricky Brown is tops in the 110s (15.8) and teammate Nicholas Sigrist has been best in the 300s (42.50).

In the relays, Byron, Lourdes and Cotter look to be king. Byron has the best time in the 400 and 800 relays (44.62, 1:31.51, respectively), Lourdes is tops in the 1,600 relay (3:33.70), and Cotter has owned the 3,200 relay (8:18.09). **— Pat Ruff**

PRO BASEBALL

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Minnesota Twins pitching coach Rick Anderson, left, talks with starting pitcher Mike Pelfrey in the sixth inning of Sunday's game against the Detroit Tigers in Detroit. The Twins lost 6-1.

Tigers 6, Twins 1 (Sunday)

Minnesota	ab	r	h	bi	Detroit	ab	r	h	bi
Carroll 2b	4	0	1	1	Dirks lf	3	0	0	0
Mauer dh	4	0	0	0	TrHntr rf	4	1	1	1
Wlngh lf	3	0	0	0	MiCarr 3b	3	2	1	0
Mornea 1b	3	0	0	0	Fielder dh	4	0	1	1
Doumit c	3	0	0	0	VMrtnz 1b	4	1	1	0
Parmel rf	4	0	1	0	Avila c	4	1	1	1
EEscor 3b	3	0	0	0	Infante 2b	2	1	0	0
Hicks cf	4	0	0	0	D.Kelly cf	1	0	0	0
Flormn ss	3	1	1	0	AGarci ph-cf	1	0	1	3
RSantg ss	2	0	0	0					
Totals	31	1	3	1	**Totals**	28	6	6	6

Minnesota	000	010	000	—	1
Detroit	100	104	00x	—	6

E — R.Santiago (1). DP — Minnesota 2. LOB — Minnesota 8, Detroit 3. 2B — Florimon (5), Fielder (13). 3B — A.Garcia (1). HR — Tor.Hunter (2). SB — D.Kelly (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Minnesota						
Pelfrey L,3-5	5 2-3	5	5	5	3	5
Fien	0	1	1	1	1	0
Thielbar	1-3	1	0	0	0	0
Swarzak	2	0	0	0	1	2
Detroit						
Scherzer W,7-0	6	3	1	1	3	6
Putkonen	2-3	0	0	0	1	0
Smyly	2 1-3	0	0	0	1	3

PB — Avila. **T** — 3:04. **A** — 42,394 (41,255).

Twins 3, Tigers 2 (Saturday)

Minnesota	ab	r	h	bi	Detroit	ab	r	h	bi
Carroll 2b	5	0	1	0	Dirks lf	4	1	1	0
Mauer c	4	1	3	1	TrHntr rf	4	0	1	1
Wlngh lf	3	1	2	0	MiCarr 3b	4	0	1	0
Mornea 1b	4	1	1	1	Fielder 1b	4	0	0	0
Colaell dh	4	0	1	0	VMrtnz dh	4	0	1	0
Parmel rf	4	0	1	1	JhPerlt ss	4	1	1	1
WRmrz cf	2	0	0	0	B.Pena c	4	0	3	0
Hicks cf	1	0	0	0	Infante 2b	4	0	1	0
EEscor 3b	4	0	0	0	D.Kelly cf	1	0	0	0
Flormn ss	3	0	0	0	AGarci ph-cf	2	0	0	0
Totals	34	3	9	3	**Totals**	35	2	9	2

Minnesota	300	000	000	—	3
Detroit	000	011	000	—	2

E — Ortega (1). DP — Minnesota 1, Detroit 2. LOB — Minnesota 7, Detroit 7. 2B — Morneau (13), Tor.Hunter (14), Infante (7). HR — Mauer (3), Jh.Peralta (5).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Minnesota						
Walters W,1-0	6	8	2	2	1	3
Duensing H,8	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
Roenicke H,6	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Burton H,10	1	0	0	0	0	0
Perkins S,9-10	1	1	0	0	0	1
Detroit						
Fister L,5-2	7	8	3	3	1	7
Putkonen	0	1	0	0	0	0
Coke	1	0	0	0	0	2
Ortega	1	0	0	0	1	1

HBP — by Fister (W.Ramirez). **T** — 2:45. **A** — 41,927 (41,255).

NEXT 3 GAMES

FOR MINNESOTA TEAMS

Team	Opponent	Time	TV
MINNESOTA TWINS			
Today	at Milwaukee	1:10 p.m.	FS North
Tuesday	at Milwaukee	7:10 p.m.	FS North
Wednesday	at Milwaukee	7:10 p.m.	FS North

Twins offense sputters against Scherzer, Tigers

Associated Press

DETROIT — Max Scherzer has a lot to be happy about so far this season — beyond his snazzy 7-0 record.

"If I was 0-7 but pitching well and giving the team a chance to win, I'd still be as proud of that," Scherzer said. "For me, it's all about going out there and making sure that I'm pitching deep into games and keeping their offense down, and I've been doing that for the most part."

Scherzer pitched six solid innings to remain undefeated this year, and Avisail Garcia broke the game open with a bases-loaded triple, leading the Detroit Tigers over the Minnesota Twins 6-1 on Sunday. Scherzer, who retired his last 22 batters in a win at Cleveland on Tuesday, allowed a run and three hits Sunday.

"He's added a curveball a little bit more, just another weapon, just kind of a 'show-me' pitch," manager Jim Leyland said. "When he gets in that arm slot and can be repetitive with it, he's pretty nasty."

Scherzer struck out six and walked three. Torii Hunter homered for the Tigers, and Prince Fielder drove in a run with a fourth-inning double. Garcia, pinch-hitting in the sixth, cleared the bases to make it 6-1.

Mike Pelfrey (3-5) allowed five runs and five hits in 5 2-3 innings. He walked three and struck out five.

Minnesota has lost 11 of 12.

Scherzer set down the Twins in order in the first, extending his streak of batters retired to 25 before Minnesota drew back-to-back walks to start the second. He is the first Detroit pitcher to start the year 7-0 since Jeremy Bonderman was 8-0 in 2007.

"Obviously, it's pitching with fastball location, I thought my changeup was good," Scherzer said. "But it's keeping them off balance with that curveball that really allows me to have success."

Scherzer lowered his ERA to 3.42.

"Even when he doesn't have his best stuff, he's really good," Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said. "He almost never elevates the ball and his stuff is moving all over the place. With the guys over there, if you don't get them early, you probably aren't going to get them at all."

Hunter opened the scoring in the first with an opposite-field solo homer, and in the fourth, Miguel Cabrera walked and scored on Fielder's double. Each of the last six times Cabrera has walked, Fielder has followed with a hit.

Cabrera extended his hitting streak to 12 games with a one-out single in the sixth, and Avila later drove him home with a bloop single that fell between three fielders in short left-center.

That hit chased Pelfrey, and after Casey Fien walked Omar Infante to load the bases, the Twins brought in left-hander Caleb Thielbar. Detroit countered with Garcia, who hits right-handed, and he sent a drive to left-center to bring home three more runs.

Twins top Tigers

DETROIT — Joe Mauer provided the early power, and P.J. Walters gave Minnesota the start it needed on that mound.

Now the Twins can finally move on after an ugly 10-game losing streak.

Mauer

Mauer homered and had three hits, and the Twins snapped their skid with a 3-2 win over the Detroit Tigers on Saturday.

Walters was solid in his first major league appearance of the season. He was called up from the minors before the game.

"It feels good to get out from under that 10-gamer," said Twins manager Ron Gardenhire, who was ejected in the third inning. "We got out to a quick start, and then we had to hold on for a long time against a really good team. That's not an easy lineup to shut down, but P.J. did a great job. He got us deep enough and then our bullpen finished it off."

Mauer had already earned the ire of Detroit fans when he broke up Anibal Sanchez's no-hit bid in the ninth inning Friday night.

He was booed when came to bat in the first inning Saturday — then booed some more after his solo homer to right field.

The Twins scored three runs in the first, and that was enough. Walters (1-0) went six innings, allowing two runs and eight hits.

Mauer had two singles to go along with his homer.

"Mauer is Mauer," Detroit catcher Brayan Pena said. "Sometimes you make great pitches to him, and he still can hit you."

Four relievers finished for the Twins, with Glen Perkins pitching the ninth for his ninth save in 10 chances.

Detroit's Doug Fister (5-2) allowed three runs and eight hits in seven innings. Jhonny Peralta homered for the Tigers.

Gardenhire was ejected while arguing a call in the third inning.

Mauer's first-inning drive was ruled a homer, then reviewed because the ball bounced back into the field of play.

A replay showed it hit the top of the wall in right, but may have also glanced off a railing above the wall. The call stood.

Honkers set for 20th flight with Litzinger

Litzinger has been with franchise from the beginning

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Dan Litzinger is like the father of the birthday boy, excited for the milestone, but melancholy about the rapid passage of time.

He has watched the Northwoods League and the Rochester Honkers grow up before his eyes, and this summer they turn 20.

"You can't fathom that its been 20 years already; it's a big blur, but on the other hand it's cool as hell," said Litzinger, who began as an intern with the Honkers in their first season in 1994 and became a co-owner with Kim Archer in 2003 when they bought the team from league co-founder Dick Radatz, Jr.

Archer

"There are things you remember like winning the (five) league championships. Our 2006 season was amazing," Litzinger said, recalling the team that won a league record 50 games and was led by Rochester native Dan Lyons and current Arizona Diamondbacks pitcher Matt Reynolds, among others.

Litzinger said it's the personalities that he remembers, more than the games. He rattles off a list of former coaches and players who stay in touch.

"Mike Maslowski (1994-96) used to call me and tell me to sit Lyons (2004-06) because Danny was going to break his hits records," he revealed. "Dan Lawler (2000) works for Under Armour out east and we order shirts from him.

"Toby Gardenhire (2002-04) is head coach now at UW-Stout and I talked to him a few weeks ago. Rusty McNamara (2009) coached our 2009 championship team and he still calls once in a while."

You should know

- The Honkers begin their 20th anniversary season Wednesday night at Mankato. The home opener is against the MoonDogs at 7 p.m. Thursday at Mayo Field.
- The team plays 11 of its first 14 games at home.
- Tickets cost $6 for general admission, $9 for box seats and $18-$28 (children-adults) for the all-you-can-eat Sports Deck.
- Adam White is the team's sixth field manager in six seasons, hoping to end a two-season losing streak.

Winning's important

The owners admit the last two seasons were challenging. On the field, after winning the league title in 2009 and returning to the LCS in 2010, the Honkers went 25-45 in '11 and 29-41 in '12, and finished last in the eight-team North Division both years.

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Dan Litzinger, the co-owner of the Honkers with Kim Archer, begins his 20th season with the club. The team opens play on Wednesday.

Last summer the Honkers' average attendance dipped below 1,100 (at 1,097) for the first time since 2002, and down 13.6 percent from 2011. Rochester, which drew a franchise high 1,449 per game in 2006, slipped four notches to 12th among the 16 teams in the league in 2012.

"It was frustrating for me, but nobody's going to win every year," said Archer.

"It also shows how hard it is to win in this league now," Litzinger said. "My gosh, the talent level in the league has improved dramatically over the last 10 years, and it's only getting better."

Of the team's struggles the last two seasons, Litzinger said "sometimes the chemistry doesn't work."

Archer said winning and drawing well at the gate goes hand in hand. Good promotion and presentation can only do so much for attendance.

"Fans want to see a good team, we get that," she said. "We want to win, too, on and off the field."

'Staple of community'

Litzinger and Archer are confident the team will find success again on the field, and that attendance will stabilize and hopefully rebound.

A generation has now grown up in Rochester with Honkers baseball always there at Mayo Field in the summer time. The team is coming up on its 600th home game, and more than 650,000 have seen games here since 1994.

"We're a staple of the community now," Archer said. "We're not getting rich (owning the Honkers); we're doing this for the love of what we do. We're from here, we live here, and what we do is for the city and its residents."

The owners hope there will be some trickle-down effect from the massive DMC initiative, in the form of funding to renovate or replace the 62-year-old grandstand at Mayo Field.

The first item on the their wish list for Mayo Field is much more wheelchair accessible seating.

"We are a drawing point for people coming to Rochester." Litzinger said. "We do have Mayo Clinic patients who schedule their visits here around our games. That happens often."

"I think with the city's support the future for the Honkers in Rochester is good," Archer said. "Without it? That's harder to say."

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Sherels training with Vikings at OTAs

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Rochester's **Marcus Sherels** and the rest of the Minnesota Vikings will begin a mandatory training session today.

The Vikings will begin holding Organized Team Activity at their training facility in Eden Prairie. The Vikings have OTAs scheduled today through Thursday. They have two more scheduled June 4-6 and June 10-13.

The team will have a mandatory minicamp from June 18-20 and then begin training camp in late July.

Sherels has played three seasons with the Vikings and been on the active roster the past two years. The backup defensive back has been the team's full-time punt returner the last two seasons and has also been used part-time on kickoff returns.

Sherels has spent the offseason working out in both Rochester and the Twin Cities.

"For about a month now we have been working out as a team," he said. "We have meetings and do a little field work as well."

The Vikings made wide receiver **Cordarrelle Patterson** one of their three first-round draft choices in 2013. He is likely to contend as the team's top kickoff return man. The Vikings might also want him to challenge Sherels for the job of returning punts.

Sherels averaged 9.0 yards a return on 32 punts last year, including a 77-yard touchdown return against Detroit. He averaged 26.4 on 16 kickoff returns with a long of 41 yards.

Eric Butorac of Rochester is playing men's doubles in the French Open this week.

Butorac, who turned 32 on May 22, is playing with **Jack Sock** of the United States. The pair is unseeded and they face **Martin Klizan** and **Ignor Zelenay**, both of Slovika, in the first round. Klizan and Zelenay are also unseeded. Klizan, like Butorac, is a left-handed player.

This marks the sixth time Butorac has played in the French Open, one of the four Grand Slam events. Last year he had his best finish ever at the French Open, making it to the third round. Sock, who doesn't turn 21 until September, is playing in his first French Open.

Butorac

If Butorac and Sock advance, they figure to have a very tough match in the second round. Looming in the second round are brothers **Bob** and **Mike Bryan**. The Bryans are the No. 1 seed and considered the pair to beat in the French Open.

Travis Beniak, a Zumbrota-Mazeppa grad, has earned All-American honors in men's track and field.

Beniak earned the honor by placing fourth in the 3,000-meter steeplechase at the NCAA Division II national meet in Pueblo, Colo.

Beniak, a junior, had just missed being named All-American the past two years. The top eight in each event are honored and he finished ninth as both a freshman and sophomore.

This year, with 700 meters left in the race, Beniak was again in ninth place, but he wouldn't be denied for a third time.

Passing two runners before the final lap began, Beniak had assured himself a top-eight spot. Then in the final turn and down the home stretch, Beniak passed off three more runners and moved into fourth place with a time of 9:16.53.

Rochester Mayo's **Alex Proell** has signed to play college football at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul.

Proell, a running back, finished his high school career last fall as the seventh-leading rusher in Spartans history with 1,691 yards. His 1,358 yards in the 2012 season are the sixth-most in a season by a Mayo running back.

Associated Press

Vikings cornerback and punt returner Marcus Sherels, of Rochester, is with the team at an Organized Team Activity at their training facility in Eden Prairie.

He carried the ball 219 times a senior, averaged 6.2 yards per carry and scored 22 touchdowns.

St. Thomas won the MIAC championship and went 14-1 this past season, falling in the NCAA Division III national championship game to Mount Union, 28-10.

Guy N. Limbeck's Local Sports Notebook regularly runs on Tuesdays and Saturdays in the print edition.

Rain postpones baseball playoffs

Century's season comes to an end

Post-Bulletin staff

Rain washed out the bulk of Monday's scheduled high school baseball playoff action, though a few teams did beat the wetness.

Rochester Century saw its season come to an end with a rain-shortened 5-0 five-inning loss to Northfield in the Section One, Class AAA tournament.

Rochester John Marshall got its first game in, but the Rockets will have to wait to find out if they're playing this weekend in the 1AAA Final Four in Red Wing.

JM kept its season alive with a 3-2 win over Albert Lea. The Rockets will face top-seeded Faribault at 4 p.m. today in Faribault.

Rochester Mayo was unable to get its game against Winona in Monday. The Winhawks and Spartans will square off at 2:30 p.m. today in Winona, with the winner advancing to the Final Four and the loser facing Northfield immediately after the completion of Game 1.

All action in Section 1AA was postponed Monday.

In the West Subsection, the championship game between Rochester Lourdes and Kasson-Mantorville has been moved to 5 p.m. today in Stewartville. The winner moves into the Final Four, and the loser will face Pine Island at 7:30 p.m. for the second spot in the Final Four.

In the East Subsection, the title game between Lake City and Winona Cotter has been moved to 4 p.m. today in Lake City. The winner advances to the Final Four, and the loser faces Dover-Eyota at 6:30 p.m. to determine the second Final Four bid.

All action in the Section 1A tournament also was postponed.

In the 1A West Subsection, the semifinals were postponed for the second time. Now, top-seeded Kenyon-Wanamingo will take on No. 4 Goodhue and No. 2 Southland will face No. 3 Hayfield at 5 p.m. today in Austin. The two losers will meet at 7:30 p.m.

The subsection finals now are scheduled for 5 p.m. Wednesday, with the true-second game set for 7:30 p.m.

In the 1A East Subsection, Wabasha-Kellogg will face Lewiston-Altura at 4 p.m. today in Winona, and the loser will play Fillmore Central at 6:30 p.m.

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INSIDE TODAY

Twins tap into power, slide past the Brewers. **D2**

MOUTHPIECE: Fitting end to spring season

What a fitting end to this spring high school sports season, don't you think?

Only a few short weeks ago, the spring season seemed like it never would come as the area was blanketed with more than a foot of snow.

Many area teams were forced to cram an entire spring season into two weeks, and now they're running into more trouble.

Rain, rain, go away, come again ... later, when the farmers actually need it.

Area postseason baseball games took a major hit this weekend thanks to the sloppy weather. Most games were bumped back a day (some have been bumped back twice, now).

And of course, there's rain in the forecast all week. That could alter postseason golf and softball.

It's been tough on the kids, but even tougher on area activities directors. They've certainly earned their paychecks this spring.

Let's hope there's at least a little sunshine on the horizon.

— Ben Pherson

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◀ Scott Fowler writes that the **Coca-Cola 600** was one wild and weird NASCAR race.

Tim Cowlishaw believes it's time for the NFL to go to an **18-game schedule** in the regular season.

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(Saturday)

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AMATEUR BASEBALL

Red Wing beats Lake City

Post-Bulletin staff

RED WING — The Red Wing Aces defeated the Lake City Serpents 11-5 in amateur baseball on Sunday.

Zach Laffey went 2-for-4 with a home run and two RBIs for Red Wing. Zach Garner, Kyle Blahnik and Dave Jenson all had two hits and scored two runs for the Aces while Jimmy Bohmbach added two hits and an RBI.

Ben Edelbach, Alex Nelson, Matt Miller, Hunter Baab and Brett Gwaltney all had two hits for Lake City.

Andy Gibart allowed three runs, two earned, over six innings to collect the win.

Holes in one

• **Jim Halling** aced the 125-yard first hole on May 21 at Hadley Creek, using a 9-iron. Witnesses were Bob Olson, Bob Meyer and Vic Hartman.

• Just over three weeks after reconstructive knee surgery, **DJ Vold** of Byron got his first career hole In one on No. 16 at the Oaks in Hayfield on Thursday. He aced the 120-yard hole with a 9-iron. First to witness the ace was playing partner Eric Hofmann of Rochester.

• **Peter Torgusen** recorded an ace on No. 13 at Pine Island on Saturday. he used a 6-iron to ace the 160-yard par 3. Witnesses were Kurt Gill and Tony Gill.

SOFTBALL

SECTION ONE, CLASS A

SECTION FINAL FOUR

At Todd Park, Austin

SEMIFINAL

Today

Lewiston-Altura vs. Blooming Prairie, 5 p.m.

LOSER-OUT

Today

Houston vs. Hayfield or Kenyon-Wanamingo, 5 p.m.

L-A/BP loser vs. Houston/Hay/K-W winner, 6:30 p.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP

Thursday, May 30

L-A/BP winner vs. Tuesday 6:30 p.m. winner, 5 p.m. (second game to follow, if necessary)

SECTION ONE, CLASS AA

SECTION FINAL FOUR

At Todd Park, Austin

SEMIFINAL

Today

Kasson-Mantorville vs. Winona Cotter, 5 p.m.

LOSER-OUT

Today

Spring Grove/Caledonia vs. Z-M, 5 p.m.

K-M/Cotter loser vs. SGC/Z-M winner, 6:30 p.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP

Thursday, May 30

K-M/Cotter winner vs. Tuesday 6:30 p.m. winner, 5 p.m. (second game to follow, if necessary)

SECTION ONE, CLASS AAA

SEMIFINALS

Today

(At Todd Park, Austin)

No. 3 Hastings (14-6) vs. No. 1 Farmington (17-4), 4 p.m.

Elimination bracket

No. 5 Winona (11-11) vs. No. 8 Century (8-13), 4 p.m.

Hastings-Farmington loser vs. Winona-Century winner, 6 p.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP

Thursday, May 30

(At Todd Park, Austin)

Hastings-Farmington winner vs. Elimination bracket winner, 4 p.m. and 6 p.m., if needed

AMATEUR UPDATE

Team 25 shows support for big Rochester event

BY ED HRUSKA
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The Rochester Amateur Sports Commission is rarely in the sponsorship business. However, as host of the 2013 National Junior Disability Championships this summer, we not only have to recruit 400 volunteers but also raise over $40,000 in sponsorship dollars to help fund the special needs of this event.

Hruska

The National Junior Disability Championships will bring the country's top 300 physically disabled athletes together here in Rochester for their national championship. There will be six sports: table tennis, swimming, archery, powerlifting, pentathlon and the largest event, track. It is a tremendous undertaking but an event that we feel will be very rewarding for our city to host.

During our fundraising efforts we realized we are not very good at it. Our local businesses get hit up a lot these days and in order to get to the right people with the right request, it takes a certain ability and process. While busy running events, our board members and staff did what we could but found ourselves concerned we would not secure the funds needed.

However, after a visit with local athletic hero Shjon Podien, creator of Team 25, a local charitable organization, his group stepped up and agreed to be the title sponsor. We were thrilled with this action and now have the funds needed to successfully run the upcoming event.

Shjon Podien and his organization have provided funds through his charity to much needed recipients for years. The mission of the Shjon Podein Children's Foundation is to improve the quality of life and create an environment of caring and community support for children facing extraordinary difficulties in their lives.

Podein

We feel honored that Shjon and his charity people have signed on to assist us with this unique national tournament. This event is for athletes between the ages of 7 and 21 who have met the appropriate Disabled Sports Organization qualifying standards at a sanctioned regional qualifying meet or an approved qualifying competition.

Disabilities include but are not limited to: spinal injuries, cerebral palsy, visual impairments, amputations, limb deficiencies, and other congenital anomalies.

If you know Shjon Podein, you know a person who will give all he can to help others and I believe his Team 25 Charity reflects this. He has succeeded in his life to enjoy the rare feat of hoisting the NHL's Stanly Cup over his head in celebration. Yet his care and giving to many less fortunate will secure him in the minds of many as a champion in the big picture of life.

Shjon Podein - thank you for your support towards the National Junior Disability National Championships - to be held in Rochester July 6-13, 2013.

Amateur Update is a weekly column on amateur sports activities in southeastern Minnesota provided by the Rochester Amateur Sports Commission.

Upcoming events

June 1-2: Rochester Invitational Softball

June 8-9: 10,000 Lakes Senior Softball Classic

June 21-23: Rochester Invitational Soccer Tournament

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

SECTION ONE, CLASS A

EAST SUBSECTION

SATURDAY, MAY 25

Semifinals at Winona State

Wabasha-Kellogg 10, F.C./Lanesboro 0

Lewiston-Altura 7, Chatfield 4

Losers bracket

Fillmore Central 7, Chatfield 3 (Chatfield eliminated)

TODAY

At Winona State University

Championship

No. 1 Wabasha-Kellogg (14-1) vs. No. 3 Lewiston-Altura (10-6), 4 p.m.

Second place game

No. 5 Fillmore Central (4-11) vs. W-K/L-A loser, 6:30 p.m.

Note: First-place team and second-place team advance to Section Final Four.

WEST SUBSECTION

(Saturday's games were postposted; new schedule below)

TODAY

Semifinals at Riverland C.C., Austin

No. 1 Kenyon-Wanamingo (11-7) vs. No. 4 Goodhue (6-14), 5 p.m.

No. 2 Southland (12-2) vs. No. 3 Hayfield (7-11), 5 p.m.

Losers bracket

Semifinal losers, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

At Riverland C.C., Austin

Championship game, 5 p.m.

Second place game, 7:30 p.m.

Note: First-place team and second-place team advance to Section Final Four.

SECTION FINAL FOUR

At Riverland C.C., Austin

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

Winners bracket

East winner vs. West winner, 10 a.m.

Losers bracket

East runner-up vs. West runner-up, 10 am.

Winners bracket loser vs. Losers bracket winner, 1 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

Championship game, 5 p.m. (second game to follow if needed)

SECTION ONE, CLASS AA

EAST SUBSECTION

SATURDAY, MAY 25

Semifinals at Lake City

Lake City 4, Dover-Eyota 0

Winona Cotter 3, La Crescent 2

Losers bracket

Dover-Eyota 11, La Crescent 1 (La Crescent eliminated)

TODAY

At Lake City

Winners bracket

No. 1 Lake City (14-4) vs. No. 2 Winona Cotter (13-4), 4 p.m.

Second place game

No. 5 Dover-Eyota (4-11) vs. L.C./Cotter loser, 6:30 p.m.

Note: First-place team and second-place team advance to Section Final Four.

WEST SUBSECTION

THURSDAY, MAY 23

Quarterfinals (losers eliminated)

Kasson-Mantorville 5, Triton 2

Pine Island 4, Byron 3

Lourdes 9, Zumbrota-Mazeppa 0

Cannon Falls 2, Stewartville 1, 8 innings

TODAY

At Stewartville

Championship

No. 1 Kasson-Mantorville (17-5) vs. No. 2 Rochester Lourdes (17-3), 5 p.m.

Second place game

No. 4 Pine Island (12-9) vs. K-M/Lourdes loser, 7:30 p.m.

Note: First-place team and second-place team advance to Section Final Four.

SECTION FINAL FOUR

At Riverland C.C., Austin

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

Winners bracket

East winner vs. West winner, 10 a.m.

Losers bracket

East runner-up vs. West runner-up, 10 am.

Winners bracket loser vs. Losers bracket winner, 1 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

Championship game, 5 p.m. (second game to follow if needed)

SECTION ONE, CLASS AAA

SATURDAY, MAY 25

Second round

Faribault 5, Albert Lea 4

Owatonna 7, John Marshall 5

Mayo 6, Northfield 4

Winona 1, Century 0

MONDAY, MAY 27

Losers bracket

John Marshall 3, Albert Lea 2

Northfield 5, Century 0

Winners bracket —

Owatonna 3, Faribault 0

TODAY

Winners bracket —

No. 3 Mayo (10-10) vs. No. 2 Winona (14-5), 2:30 p.m. in Winona

Losers bracket —

No. 5 John Marshall (11-9) vs. No. 1 Faribault (15-6), 4 p.m. at Faribault

Mayo-Winona loser vs. No. 3 Northfield (13-6), 5 p.m. in Winona

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

Losers bracket (at Red Wing)

JM-Faribault winner vs. Northfield-Mayo/Winona winner, 11 a.m.

Winners bracket (at Red Wing)

No. 4 Owatonna (13-7) vs. Mayo-Winona winner, 1:30 p.m.

Losers bracket (at Red Wing)

11 a.m. winner vs. 1 p.m. loser, 4 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

At Red Wing

Championship game, 5 p.m. (second game to follow if needed)

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Rockets keep postseason alive

Post-Bulletin staff

FARIBAULT — The Rochester John Marshall baseball team kept its postseason alive in the Section One, Class AAA playoffs Monday.

The Rockets scored three runs in the first inning and then held on for a 3-2 win over Albert Lea.

JM advances to face Faribault today, with the winner advancing to the Section 1AAA Final Four in Red Wing on Saturday. The loser is eliminated. The game time is to be determined.

Schweiters

JM received a stellar pitching effort from Zachary Schwieters. He tossed all seven innings, allowing one earned run on five hits, while striking out five and walking three.

"Zach pitched very well for us again," JM coach Dutch Heiderscheit said. "We had some timely hits in the first inning to get a lead and we just held on the rest of the day."

Aaron Grad smacked a double and added an RBI to pace the JM offense. Kaeleb Stangler had a hit and an RBI, while Alex Brady had a hit and scored a run. Jake Halverson and Schwieters added a hit apiece.

The Rockets improved to 11-9.

John Marshall 3,Albert Lea 2

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John Marshall#300#000#x#—#3#6#1

Albert Lea: Makael Lunning 1-for-3, 1 R; Derek Burkard 2-for-3; Jon Fleek 1-for-3, 1 R; Zach Bordewick 1-for-4. LP: See-Rockers 6 IP, 5 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 6 BB, 5 K.

John Marshall: Jake Halverson 1-for-1; Aaron Grad 1-for-2, 1 2B, 1 RBI, 1 R; Zachary Schwieters 1-for-2; Kaeleb Stangler 1-for-4, 1 RBI; Alex Brady 1-for-3, 1 R, SB. WP: Zachary Schwieters 7 IP, 5 H, 2 R, 1 ER, 3 BB, 5 K.

Century's season comes to a close

WINONA — Rochester Century saw its baseball season come to an end Monday in the Section One, Class AAA playoffs.

The Panthers' tilt against Northfield was one of the few area games to get in before the rain. Though the game was shortened to just five innings because of the weather, it was made official after completing five innings, giving Northfield a 5-0 victory and ending Century's season.

Century managed six hits but committed two errors. Northfield scored a run in the third and then added four runs in the fourth.

Matthew Sturchio led the Panthers, going 2-for-3. Jordan Jasik, Riese Zmolek, Brandon Ritz and Darryl Martin added one hit apiece.

Sturchio took the loss on the hill. He tossed all five innings, allowing five runs on six hits, while striking out two and walking three.

"The bottom of their order hurt us in the fourth," Century coach Keith Kangas said. "We just couldn't get a leadoff runner on early.

"Our seniors as always will be missed. They had a great high school experience. They went to state as sophomores, had the Mitch Brown scout-filled season as juniors and were positive leaders for a young squad that will make their own mark."

The Panthers end their season 9-13. Northfield advances to face either Rochester Mayo or Winona today. Mayo and Winona play at 2:30 p.m. in Winona, with the winner moving on to the Final Four in Red Wing. The loser will play Northfield immediately following the Mayo-Winona game.

Northfield 5, Century 0

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Northfield#001#40#—#5#6#0

Century: Matthew Sturchio 2-for-3. LP: Matthew Sturchio 5 IP, 6 H, 5 R, 5 ER, 3 BB, 2 K.

Northfield: Not provided.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Rookies shine during WNBA's season-opening weekend

BY DOUG FEINBERG
Associated Press

Brittney Griner and Elena Delle Donne put on a quite a show to cap off an impressive opening weekend for the WNBA.

The top two picks in the draft showcased their unique skills Monday night — even if the game between their teams was surprisingly one-sided.

Delle Donne scored 16 of her 22 points in the first half as the Chicago Sky built a 24-point lead over Griner and the Phoenix Mercury before cruising to an easy victory.

Unlike when she faced constant double and triple teams in college, the 6-foot-5 Delle Donne saw single coverage. She hit from all over the court, finishing with the sixth-highest total in a WNBA debut. While Griner had a little tougher time because of foul trouble, she became the first player in the league's 17-year history to dunk twice in a game.

The two young stars were only part of a strong opening weekend for the league. The defending champion Indiana Fever came away with an easy rout Friday to kick off the season, while Bill Laimbeer and Anne Donovan returned to the sidelines for the first time in a few years Saturday.

"For months, our fans, partners and teams have been saying they couldn't wait for the season to tip off," WNBA president Laurel Richie told the Associated Press. "So, to have an opening weekend like this with great play on the court, great crowds and to have it all capped off by a pair of highly entertaining games on ESPN2, was a terrific way to launch the season."

Griner's debut had downtown Phoenix buzzing with people and created an atmosphere inside US Airways Center that felt like a playoff game. It also brought out stars like Arizona Cardinals receiver Larry Fitzgerald, and NBA players Grant Hill and Jason Richardson.

The Mercury's fans didn't go away totally unhappy after Griner dunked twice in the second half. Her dunks — a one-handed slam and a vicious two-handed one — were the fourth and fifth ever in the league's regular season.

"I wish it was in a win, but whenever I can dunk, the crowd got into it," said Griner, who finished with 17 points, eight rebounds, four blocked shots and the two highlight-reel dunks.

Griner did most of her work in the second half because she was saddled with three fouls in the first quarter.

Associated Press

Chicago's Elena Delle Donne, right, smiles as she looks at Phoenix's Brittney Griner at the start of the first half of Monday's WNBA game in Phoenix.

Sadly, Delle Donne and Griner won't face each other again until Sept. 11.

Minnesota Lynx

The Minnesota Lynx don't open their season until Saturday with a home game vs. Connecticut (7 p.m., Fox Sports North).

Diggins' team loses twice

Like Griner, Skylar Diggins — the third pick in the draft — is also looking for her first pro victory. Diggins and her Tulsa Shock played twice during the opening weekend. They lost both their games, falling at Atlanta on Saturday before dropping their home opener in OT to Washington on Monday.

Diggins averaged 12 points and seven assists in the losses.

The good news for the Shock, who won just nine games last season, was that Liz Cambage looked dominant in her return to the league. The Australian star, who didn't play in the WNBA last season because of the Olympics, is still working her way back from a broken wrist she suffered playing overseas. Still, she had 21 points and 10 rebounds in Monday's loss.

"I was a bit rusty. I have a lot of room to improve," Cambage said. "It's been three months since I have played"

The WNBA also welcomed back Laimbeer, who hadn't coached in the league since 2009. His New York Liberty dropped their opener to Donovan and the Connecticut Sun on Saturday night. Donovan spent the last three seasons coaching at Seton Hall before returning to the WNBA this season.

Laimbeer wasn't too concerned, figuring it would take a few games or so for his new group to come together.

Indiana picked up right where it left off with a rout of San Antonio in its opener. Tamika Catchings scored 19 points and the Fever coasted to the victory over an injury-depleted Silver Stars team. Becky Hammon is expected to miss a month after breaking her right middle finger.

In all, 11 of the 12 teams played over the past three days. Only Minnesota, which lost in the finals to Indiana last year, didn't get its season started yet. The Lynx open Saturday against Connecticut.

The league can only hope that the second weekend continues the success of the first.

Local sports

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' TENNIS

All-Lourdes final goes to Turlington/Berbari

BY PAT RUFF
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There it was again.

We'd seen this countless times before, in both Rochester Lourdes boys and girls tennis.

That's a major compliment to the Eagles, who've dominated Section One, Class A tennis seemingly forever.

On one side of the net in the Section 1A boys doubles championship match Wednesday at the Rochester Athletic Club were Lourdes sophomores David Turlington and Hadi Berbari. On the other side were Lourdes senior Alan Schembri-Wismayer and sophomore Nico Villarraga.

Berbari

Turlington

Lourdes on Lourdes, once again.

The winner? That sophomore duo of Turlington and Berbari, in a hard-fought 7-5, 7-6 (7-1 tie-breaker).

And the reaction? Well, mostly smiles all around. That's what comes with advancing not just one doubles duo from your team to next week's state tournament, but two.

"I'd like to get six people into the state tournament," Lourdes coach Steve Tacl said wishfully. "You always feel like you can do whatever you want. You want to be well represented. But getting two doubles teams in is good. They are young players, so this will get them some experience."

Lourdes' other shot at pushing someone into the June 6-7 state meet at Reed-Sweatt Family Tennis Center in Minneapolis was senior singles player Nick Hebert, but he was bounced in the semifinals.

"You always want to get your seniors into state and have them extend their season," Tacl said.

Hebert and Schembri-Wismayer are the only seniors on this team, which is loaded with a talented sophomore class.

So, Schembri-Wismayer was one of those seniors who Tacl couldn't help but push for. The other thing about Schembri-Wismayer — one of the better soccer players in the state and one who will play at Macalester College next year — is that he is quietly ultra-competitive.

So Wednesday's loss to a pair of sophomore teammates about killed him, right?

Well, no. His only frustration is that he felt he and Villarraga didn't play as well as they can.

"(Turlington and Berbari) made more shots than we did," Schembri-Wismayer gently asserted. "And we missed too many easy ones."

That said, this was about as pain-free a loss as he could imagine.

"I love the thought of going to state," he said. "And really, losing to teammates doesn't hurt more. It actually helps ease the pain a little bit."

This will be the second straight year that Turlington and Berbari have reach state in doubles. A year ago they fell to Lourdes teammates in the section final, then wound up reaching the consolation finals at state.

This year, they have the look of a duo who could go much further than that. Turlington has slid over to doubles for the individual tournament after playing singles the rest of the year.

But he sure likes the transition and teaming back up with the hard-serving Berbari.

"I'm actually more comfortable with doubles than singles," he said. "(Berbari) and I play well together. Hadi has a big serve, and I've got a solid backhand. Today we played well because we mixed things up and never let (Schembri-Wismayer and Villarraga) get too comfortable."

As for getting back to state, Berbari considers it a privilege.

"There are a lot of teams and a lot of players who would like to go, and we are lucky enough to be going again," he said. "I appreciate the whole experience. It's not something you ever want to take for granted."

* The singles final also paired teammate against teammate. The winner was just a seventh-grader, as New Life Academy's Paul McCallie beat senior Kolin Kiehhoefer 6-3, 6-4.

Third place in singles went to Hebert, who beat Waseca's John Lewer 3-6, 6-4, 6-2.

CLASS A

Singles

Semifinals: Kolin Kiehhoefer (New Life Academy) def. Nick Hebert (Lourdes) 6-1, 6-4; Paul McCallie (New Life Academy) def. John Lewer (Waseca) 6-2, 6-1. **Finals:** McCallie def. Kiehhoefer 6-3, 6-4. **Third place:** Hebert def. Lewer 3-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Doubles

Semifinals: David Turlington/Hadi Berbari (Lourdes) def. Ryan Ortega/Tim DeMarais (Cotter) 6-3, 6-0; Alan Schembri-Wismayer/Nico Villarraga (Lourdes) def. CeeJay Schaffner/Nathan Derks (Cotter) 6-1, 6-1. **Finals:** Turington/Berbari def. Schembri-Wismayer 7-5, 7-6 (7-1). **Third place:** Schaffner/Derks def. DeMairais/Ortega 7-6 (7-1), 2-6, 6-4.

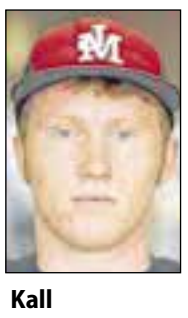
HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

JM eliminates top seed from 1AAA tournament

Post-Bulletin staff

FARIBAULT — Jack Kall answered the call for Rochester John Marshall, and the Rockets baseball team survived to play another day.

Kall pitched a complete game shutout and No. 5 seed John Marshall beat Faribault 5-0 to knock the top seeded Falcons out of the Section 1AAA tournament Wednesday.


Kall

"Jack Kall had a great game," JM coach Terry Heiderscheit said. "He seemed to be in control from the outset; he was right on."

Kall, a senior right-hander who pitched sparingly in the regular season, allowed just four hits and fanned six.

JM won for the seventh time in its last eight games and improved to 12-9. Faribault finished 15-7. The teams split a pair of one-run games during the Big Nine Conference season.

JM made use of a couple of Faribault errors to break a scoreless tie with one run in the second. The Rockets broke it open with four runs in the seventh, with an RBI single from Alex Brady and a two-run double from Jake Halverson.

"Our defense was very good without an error today," Heiderscheit noted.

JM will play in Red Wing at 11 a.m. Saturday against an opponent to be determined.

John Marshall 5, Faribault 0

John Marshall	010	000	4—5	8	0
Faribault	000	000	0—0	4	2

John Marshall: Jake Halverson 1-for-4, 1 2B, 2 RBI, 1 R; Aaron Grad 1-for-3; Jack Kall 2-for-3, 1 RBI; Kaeleb Stangler 1-for-3, 1 RBI, 1 R; Jason Rieke 1-for-1, 1 R; Jacob Dravis 1-for-3. WP: Jack Kall 7 IP, 4 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 2 BB, 6 K.

Faribault: Evan Jensen 2-for-3; Tyler Smeby 1-for-2; Nate Emge 1-for-3. LP: Danny Pierce 7 IP, 8 H, 5 R, 4 ER, 2 BB, 1 K.

HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

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Above left, Kasson-Mantorville's Keagan Kochie chips onto a green on Wednesday during the Section 1AA boys golf meet at Eastwood Golf Course in Rochester. Above right, Taylor Johnston of St. Charles watches his putt roll toward the hole.

Lourdes boys, Lake City girls advance

BY BEN PHERSON
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From an experience standpoint, the Rochester Lourdes boys and Lake City girls golf teams couldn't be further apart.

Yet both ended up in the same place Wednesday evening at Eastwood Golf Course — on top of the field.

Lourdes outlasted Shattuck-St. Mary's in the Section One, Class AA boys meet, turning in a stellar round of 308 on a soggy course.

Shattuck came in at 310. La Crescent was third (338) and Lake City fourth (357).

Shattuck played without three players who recently were ruled ineligible by the Minnesota State High School League. It brought only five players to the meet, which was delayed more than two hours because of an afternoon thunderstorm.

Lourdes is back at state for the first time since 2010 when it finished second in a rain-shortened one-day event.

The Eagles were the most experienced team in the field Wednesday. In fact, all four counting scores came from seniors. The other two were a junior and another senior.

"I knew it was going to be close," Lourdes coach Chris Miller said. "Shattuck has some good players, but we got a great team effort. When you shoot 308 in these conditions, that means everyone played well. We have the experience, and I have a group of smart kids who don't give up, and they don't let much bother them."

The Eagles received an exceptional round from senior Michael Dearani, who carded an even-par 71. Dearani came into the meet struggling. He said he shot 87 during his last round at Eastwood.

"I was just trying to keep it straight, make some putts and avoid the double bogey," Dearani said. "It's the playoffs, so I wanted to step up. And I'm so glad we're going as a team. I didn't want to go as an individual."

The Eagles have struggled to find consistency throughout this weather nightmare of a spring. But Dearani said the team has found its groove.

"It can be easy to have bad days when we've had the weather we've had this spring," Dearani said. "But we're finally starting to get going now. This was probably our best meet of the year. It's all starting to come together."

Chatfield's Paige Isensee drives the ball.

Lourdes also received sub-80 rounds from Gabe Salerno (78) and Ben Weir (79). Mark Pagel had the final counting score with an 80.

"Ben Weir came through," Miller said. "I'm just really proud of all these guys. They have stuck to a game plan all season, and they continue to take everything in stride. They're a fun group."

Five area individuals also advanced to state during the 1AA boys meet.

Shattuck's Anthony Brodeur, who is the son of legendary NHL goalie Martin Brodeur, was the meet medalist, firing an impressive two-under 69. Winona Cotter's Charlie Kretschmer and Matt Moskal, of Cannon Falls, both carded 76 to earn their place at state.

Byron's Jacob Boe and Triton's Zach Otto and Jaden Thiemann tied with 77, forcing a playoff for the final two spots.

Thiemann and Boe both recorded par on the first playoff hole to move on to state, while Otto was eliminated.

Youthful Tigers roar

While the Lourdes boys are an experienced bunch, the Lake City girls are on the other end of the spectrum.

The Tigers brought two eighth-graders, a freshman, a sophomore, a junior and a senior to Rochester.

But the youngsters stepped up, and Lake City turned in its lowest round of the season with a 331. That edged rival Stewartville by 10 shots (341). Zumbrota-Mazeppa (372) placed third and Winona Cotter (410) fourth.

"We picked a great time to have our best round of the season," Lake City coach Steve Randgaard said. "Our depth all year long has been good. Any of our six players can count on any given day. I wasn't sure how our eighth-graders would react this season, but I figured if we improved, we'd have a shot."

The back nine was the key for the Tigers. Of their six golfers, no player scored worse than a 42 on the back.

The round of the day for Lake City came from sophomore Claire Gruber, who fired a career round of 78.

"To get a career round from Claire, that's huge; it's what we needed," Randgaard said. "I watched her for the first few holes, and she was on. During her practice round, No. 1 was her nemesis. She got through that with a five, and she was pumped after that."

Randgaard said summer golf has been big for his program. This group of players has put in many hours on the practice range and on the course in the summer months.

Randgaard said by the time they're done, this Tigers team could be the best he's ever coached.

"They're young, so it's going to be fun to watch them get better," Randgaard said. "The thing is they're all very hard workers. They put in the time and do the work."

Katy Bolduc and Emily Schimbeno both shot 84 for the Tigers, and Lexi Geolat, who is just an eighth-grader, had the final counting score with an 85. All six Lake City golfers were in the 80s.

Stewartville's strong season came to an end, though two Tigers advanced to state.

MacKenzie Olsen was the meet medalist, firing a 76 to claim her spot. Jessica Rosenblad of Stewartville claimed the last state spot with an 86.

Lourdes sophomore Madeline Pagel shot 46 on the front nine but came back with an impressive 37 on the back for a round of 83 and a trip to state.

La Crescent eighth-grader Alex Nutter (84) and Byron junior Kelsey Hedlund (85) also advanced.

1AA BOYS

At Eastwood Golf Course, par 71

INDIVIDUAL STATE QUALIFIERS

Anthony Brodeur (Shattuck) 69, Charlie Kretschmer (Cotter) 76, Matt Moskal (Cannon Falls) 76, Jacob Boe (Byron) 77, Jaden Thiemann (Triton) 77. * — Boe, Thiemann and Triton's Zach Otto tied at 77, with Boe and Thiemann advancing to state on the first playoff hole.

TEAMS

Lourdes (308): Michael Dearani 71, Gabe Salerno 78, Ben Weir 79, Mark Pagel 80.

Shattuck-St. Mary's (310): Anthony Brodeur 69, Jeremy Brodeur 79, Ryan Norman 80, Andrew Behshid 82.

La Crescent (338): Jon Wilson 80, Matt Ferrier 82, Jake Burg 88, Cody Dawson 88.

Lake City (357): Sam Klipfel 80, Cory Dick 86, Gerten Haeska 92, Matt Glasenapp 99.

1AA GIRLS

At Eastwood Golf Course, par 71

INDIVIDUAL STATE QUALIFIERS

MacKenzie Olsen (Stewartville) 76, Madeline Pagel (Lourdes) 83, Alex Nutter (La Crescent) 84, Kelsey Hedlund (Byron) 85, Jessica Rosenblad (Stewartville) 86.

TEAMS

Lake City (331): Claire Gruber 78, Katy Bolduc 84, Emily Schimbo 84, Lexi Geolat 85.

Stewartville (341): MacKenzie Olsen 76, Jessica Rosenblad 86, Mackayla Olsen 88, Taylor Bestor 91.

Zumbrota-Mazeppa (372): Molly Lawler 90, Kari Thoreson 91, Emily Krohn 92, Maddie Nyhus 99.

Winona Cotter (410): Brittany Stenzel 96, Kelsey Stenzel 103, Casey Modjeski 105, Megan Speltz 106

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Mayo, Winona to resume suspended game Friday

Post-Bulletin staff

WINONA — The Rochester Mayo baseball team is right where it wants to be.

The Spartans were up 9-1 against No. 2-seeded Winona on Wednesday before weather postponed their Section One, Class AAA tournament game.

The game was unable to restart. The game will be completed at 3:30 Friday at Mayo Field in Rochester. The winner advances to the section final four in Red Wing, which is scheduled to begin Saturday. After the Mayo-Winona game is completed, the loser must face Northfield in more action at Mayo Field on Friday.

The game Wednesday made it through 4 1/2 innings before lighting and rain stopped it, Mayo coach Dan Hoefs said.

TODAY'S LOCAL CALENDAR

Faribault High School
9 a.m. Girls golf @ Section 1AAA (Cannon Falls)
10:30 a.m. Track and field @ Section 1AA Championships (Lakeville South)
11 a.m. Boys golf @ Section 1AAA (Hastings)

Bethlehem Academy
4:30 p.m. Track and field @ Section 1A (Winona)
5 p.m. Baseball vs. Le Sueur-Henderson (Section 2AA South)

Waterville-Elysian-Morristown
5 p.m. Baseball vs. Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial (Section 2A South)

Kenyon-Wanamingo
4:30 p.m. Track and field @ Section 1A (Winona)

Shattuck-St. Mary's
No events scheduled

MSAD
4:30 p.m. Track and field @ Section 1A (Winona)

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REGIONAL CALENDAR

	TWINS	LYNX	SAINTS	UNITED
THU	vs. Milwaukee, 7:10 p.m. TV: FSN, Radio: 96.3 FM		@ Trois-Rivieres Aigles 6:05 p.m.	
FRI	vs. Seattle, 7:10 p.m. TV: FSN, Radio: 96.3 FM		@ Trois-Rivieres Aigles 6:05 p.m.	
SAT	vs. Seattle, 12:10 p.m. TV: FSN, Radio: 96.3 FM	vs. Connecticut, 7 p.m. (Season opener) TV: FSN, Radio: 106.1 FM	@ Quebec Capitales 5:05 p.m.	
SUN	vs. Seattle, 1:10 p.m. TV: FSN, Radio: 96.3 FM		@ Quebec Capitales 12:05 p.m.	@ San Antonio Scorpions 7:30 p.m.

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SECTION 1A TRACK AND FIELD PRELIMS

Knights qualify 6 for Section 1A finals on Thursday in Winona

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The Kenyon-Wanamingo track and field team sent four individuals and one relay to Thursday's Section 1A finals in Winona, which will also feature the finals of the triple jump, high jump, 4x800, 800 and 1600.

"We are so happy with the big group we got to take to sections this year," K-W assistant coach Rachel Cline said. "It was even better that almost everyone moved onto finals tomorrow."

During Tuesday's prelims, also in Winona, eighth-grader Mara Quam broke a 14-year-old school record and put herself in two finals on Thursday. Quam's 16-feet, 9.5-inch leap in the long jump shattered Molly Kissinger's mark of 15-10.25, set in 1999 and put Quam third in the section. The top two in each event, plus those who reach an automatic qualifier, advance to the Class A State Championships on June 7-8 at Hamline University.

Quam also qualified in the 100- and 300-meter hurdles. She will be joined on Thursday by Caleb Greseth (110 hurdles), Tyler Paquin in the 100 and Kyle Keller in the 400. The Knights' 4x100 relay (Keller, Austin Bauer, Mason Stevenson, Paquin) also qualified for the finals. Events start at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday.

Ben Nystuen also finished 11th in the 3200 (11:09.42) and Devyn Stordahl was 11th in the 400 (54.38). Seventh-grader Tess Hokanson was 12th in the 400 (1:07.25) despite falling about 15 meters before the finish line.

"She probably would have made it to the finals," Cline said. "However, making it to sections as a seventh grader and still running a 1:07 after falling is something to be proud of. I am looking forward to seeing how much she will excel next year."

Quam is sitting third in the 110 hurdles headed into the finals, just four hundredths of a second behind leader Hannah Russert of Caledonia/Spring Grove. She is also seeded third in the 300 hurdles, about .35 seconds behind La Crescent's Brielle Bierman.

"She has been running so well and her form is getting better and she is finally getting her steps down," K-W assistant coach Rachel Cline said of Quam. "I am so excited to see what she will do in the triple jump, as she is ranked first in that event."

Greseth is seeded second (16.37), .24 seconds behind Byron's Ricky Brown.

"Caleb was looking smooth going over the hurdles, and he is going to have to go a bit faster on Thursday to beat the two guys from Byron (including Nicholas Sigrist) who are the top competition right now," Cline said.

Keller is seeded third in the 400 (51.89), about three-tenths of a second behind leader Michael Thomas of Blooming Prairie. Keller had to scratch in the 200, where he had a good chance of advancing, due to heat exhaustion.

"He was looking strong until the last 10 meters (in the 400), when we could tell he wasn't feeling very well," Cline said. "He should be OK to run his final on Thursday and run the 4x100."

Paquin is seeded fifth in the 100 in 11.54 seconds (tying his season best), just three-hundredths behind third but more nearly .3 seconds behind leader Ryan Pitts of Caledonia/Spring Grove. The 4x100 relay is seeded second (45.48) behind Byron (44.39).

"Tyler is the heart of our boys sprinters," Cline said. "He works hard and encourages everyone. He helps run practices and helps out the younger students. He is the reason the 4x100 relay finishes so well. He runs the most out of all the boys, getting the baton at the beginning of the zone and he runs a really good split."

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MATEJCEK, 4X400 RELAY PLACE IN TOP 10 FOR CARDINALS

Shanna Matjecek finished ninth in the long jump and the Bethlehem Academy girls 4x400 relay finished 10th and set a new season-best time by five seconds during the first day of the Section 1A Championships in Winona on Tuesday.

Matejcek jumped 15-feet, 4.75-inches in the finals while the 4x400 relay finished in 4:30.88, about 12 seconds away from qualifying for Thursday's finals.

Competing on Thursday will be Joe Matejcek (high jump and long jump), Drew Busch (800 and 1600) and Mitch Malecha (1600).

Events start at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday.

Falcons: Falcons don't score a run, get just six hits in final 14 innings of season

From Page 1B

Pierce was far from the only one with tears in his eyes as 13 seniors emerged from listening to coach Brent Hawkins' final address, the coach himself shedding some tears as he spoke haltingly, his voice racked with emotion.

"Seeing him cry was the worst thing I have ever seen," Murphy said. "That's when we all lost it."

"We all love that guy," Tousignant said. "That was tough."

"The end of the year speech is always the hardest, but this one was extra hard," Hawkins said. "The year we had, the resiliency the boys showed through all the weather and everything we had to deal with, all the games that came down to the last inning, all the walk-offs and one-run games and back and forth, it takes its toll. We're a very close-knit group. It's very emotional right now."

One of the finest seasons in FHS baseball history — its third Big 9 Conference title ever and 11 straight wins — had just come to a close at Bell Field as the top-seeded Falcons' bats were unable to come up with any season-extending hits against fifth-seeded Rockets starter Jack Kall in the Section 1AAA Tournament on Wednesday.

"It sucks to know that it's the last time we'll play high school sports competitively," Tousignant said. "Like Hawk said, we accomplished something nobody else has in 20 years. That's something to be proud of. We'll always have that to hold onto with each other."

Tyler Smeby slides safely into second after escaping a pickle while Rochester JM's Jake Halverson flips through the air to catch an errant throw. (Brendan Burnett-Kurie/Daily News)

"We've had our ups and downs, but to be honest I don't think I've ever had a winning record before in high school sports," Murphy said. "At least we accomplished something."

The Falcons (15-7) hadn't been shut out all regular season, but were unable to score a run and collected just six total hits in their final 14 innings, including a 3-0 loss to Owatonna on Monday. Faribault had just four hits on Wednesday at Bell Field, and never had more than one in an inning.

"When you got behind it was hard to come back against (Kall)," Hallet said. "He was consistent and throwing strikes. He wasn't going to walk you."

JM, meanwhile, couldn't muster much more through the first six innings before connecting for five hits and four runs in the top of the seventh, stretching a 1-0 lead to 5-0 before Faribault's final at-bats, demoralizing a Falcons team that had four walk-off wins and seven one-run victories this year.

"Going into the seventh down 1-0 you're thinking you can come back and do something," Tousignant said. "But it's hard doing it down 5-0."

The Falcons went down 1-2-3 in the seventh, the final out coming when Murphy grounded out to short. After stepping on first he continued running straight down the line to right field, where he stood buckled over, like a marathoner at the finish line, for a few moments before rejoining his teammates.

"I don't think it hit me until I got to the outfield grass," Murphy said. "I'm used to grounding out to end a game, but to ground out to end your high school baseball career … I shed a few tears when I was down there."

The Rockets had taken the lead in the second despite not getting a hit or getting a ball out of the infield when a pair of FHS errors to lead off the inning were followed by a sac bunt and an RBI groundout.

Pierce, making just his third start of the season, kept the Rockets in check for most of the way, taking a no-hitter into the fifth and giving up just three hits and no earned runs with three walks through six innings. But the Rockets caught up to him in the seventh, when five of the first six batters collected a hit and Alex Brady came through with a two-run double.

"I didn't feel the best going into the game, during my warm-ups I didn't feel great," Pierce said. "I just wanted to go in there and compete and give the team a chance to win. I was trying to throw it over the plate and keep them off-balance."

"He deserved a better fate than the outcome," Hawkins said. "I thought he pitched great. I knew he would do that so that's why I wanted him to pitch."

The Falcons had their chances, but could never get the timely hit. They loaded the bases in the first when Hallet reached on a dropped third strike, Evan Jensen singled and Tyler Smeby walked, but Tousignant's deep fly ball was caught near the fence in center field. Nate Emge singled and stole second with two outs in the second; Smeby led off the fourth with a single and Connor Wierschem walked with one out; and Jensen led off the sixth with a single. Of them, only Hallet reached third.

"I'm not disappointed; I'm not sad," Pierce said. "We did a lot more than anyone expected. No one picked us to win the conference. I'm extremely proud of everyone for that.

"I love all these guys," he continued. "They're my brothers. The thing about our team is it's not three or four people. The loudest kids in the dugout are the ones that don't even play. We're all a family."

FHS GAME STATISTICS		R	H	E
JM	0 1 0 0 0 0 4	5	8	0
FHS	0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0	4	2

Hitting leaders: Evan Jensen 2-3; Tyler Smeby 1-2, BB; Nate Emge 1-3, SB; Connor Wierschem 0-2, BB
Pitching line:
Danny Pierce (L) 7IP, 8H, 5R, 4ER, 3BB, 1K

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Hicks homers again as Twins beat Brewers

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Aaron Hicks homered again and made another run-saving catch for Minnesota, helping Samuel Deduno and the Twins beat the Milwaukee Brewers 4-1 on Wednesday night.

Deduno (1-1) pitched into the eighth inning, the longest start for a Twins pitcher in more than a month, and gave up four hits and one run. He beat Marco Estrada (4-3), who was done in by a three-run first as the Brewers lost their fifth straight game.

The night before in Milwaukee, Hicks had a home run and a double that set up the go-ahead run in the 14th inning. The rookie center fielder also made a jumping grab at the wall to take a homer away from Carlos Gomez earlier in the game.

This time, Hicks snagged a sinking line drive by Rickie Weeks with a dive to end the fourth and keep Gomez from scoring. In the second inning, Hicks nearly stole a double from Gomez with a long run and leap at the top of the fence, but the ball fell out on his way down.

Gomez scored after consecutive groundouts, the only damage done against Deduno, the lanky right-hander recalled from Triple-A Rochester last week. He gave a lagging rotation and a tired bullpen a big lift.

Deduno is one of the hardest throwers the Twins have, but he also might be their wildest.

Knights: Four seniors play final game for K-W, including ace starter Sam Roosen

From Page 1B

"It was drizzling and raining the whole game," Hockinson said. "It was coming down pretty good. It was muddy. There was water standing in the infield. Our pitchers were having a tough time gripping the ball and finding their landing spot without slipping."

Sam Roosen came on in the sixth and allowed five earned runs in 1 1/3 innings. He, along with Chas Warner, Taylor Floren and Blake Hilke, played their final game for the Knights. Roosen will play collegiately, although he hasn't decided where and was chosen as a South All-Star.

"We're going to miss them all a lot," Hockinson said. "They're great young men and dedicated to the game of baseball."

But the Knights will bring back seven starters from a team that challenged for the Hiawatha Valley League—Blue division title and finished its season 13-9.

"We're still going to be pretty young," Hockinson said. "We'll be young and experienced and these kids are fired up about playing Legion ball. Our prospects are bright for next year."

Sam Roosen, Alex Roosen and Drew Sathrum were all selected HVL All-Conference.

Southland too much

On its way to the Section 1A championship in 2012, K-W knocked off both Goodhue and Southland.

In 2013, the Knights couldn't win both those battles.

In a game that had been postponed twice — from Saturday to Monday to Tuesday — the top-seeded Knights beat fourth-seeded Goodhue 11-1 in six innings to reach the Section 1A West championship game before falling 2-0 to second-seeded Southland at Riverland Community College despite a strong pitching performance from Sam Roosen.

"I think this team is full of fight and we're going to go down there and do everything we can to play more games this year and play Saturday," Hockinson said. "Who knows what happens then. It was disappointing to lose the subsection championship, but there's a bigger prize down the road we can still go after."

The Knights started their doubleheader by pouncing on the Wildcats (6-16) with a six-run first inning highlighted by Blake Jacobson's two-run double with the bases loaded. Alex Roosen pitched a complete-game one-hitter, allowing no earned runs and walking four while striking out 11.

Just minutes later Alex's brother, Sam Roosen, took the mound and gave up just one earned run on seven hits and one walk in seven innings, but ended up on the losing end of a 2-0 game against Southland (15-2), a team K-W beat 11-1 in six innings for the section title last year.

"They're an improved team and we have some young guys in the lineup and we weren't able to compete with those kind of experienced teams right now," Hockinson said. "We ran into a really good pitcher and the bottom of our lineup didn't come close to putting the ball in play."

The Knights finished with just three hits, two from Sam Roosen and one from Alex Roosen. Southland scored one run on three singles in the fourth, and added another run on a leadoff single, sac bunt and an overthrow in the sixth.

K-W GAME STATISTICS		R	H	E
HAY	1 0 0 0 0 1 5	7	7	2
KW	3 0 2 0 1 0 0	6	9	1

Hitting leaders: Alex Roosen 3-4, 3R, 2B, HR, 3RBI; Jake Whipple 2-3, 2B, 2RBI; Taylor Floren 1-3, Drew Sathrum 1-3, Sam Roosen 1-4, Jace Clawiter 1-3, RBI
Pitching lines:
Drew Sathrum 5 2/3IP, 4H, 2R, 2ER, 8BB, 6K
Sam Roosen (L) 1 1/3IP, 3H, 5R, 5ER, 2BB, 1K

K-W GAME STATISTICS		R	H	E
GDH	0 0 0 0 1 0 X	1	1	3
KW	6 1 0 0 0 4 X	11	11	1

Hitting leaders: Blake Jacobson 2-4, 2B, 2RBI; Jake Whipple 2-4; Taylor Floren 2-4; Drew Sathrum 1-3, 2B
Pitching line:
Alex Roosen (W) 6IP, 1H, 1R, 0ER, 4BB, 11K

K-W GAME STATISTICS		R	H	E
STH	0 0 0 1 0 1 0	2	7	0
K-W	0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0	3	2

Hitting leaders: Sam Roosen 2-3; Alex Roosen 1-2
Pitching line:
Sam Roosen (L) 7IP, 7H, 2R, 1ER, 1BB, 7K

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Northfield News: **Picha's clutch hits, solid pitching get Northfield baseball through to Section finals**

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Coach Pete Maus told senior Nate Picha on Saturday that it was a day he would remember forever. Picha won't be the only one. The senior delivered not one, but two game-winning hits for No. 3-seeded Northfield as it beat No. 5-seeded Rochester John Marshall 3-2 in eight innings and No. 4-seeded Owatonna 2-1 to continue its advance through the Section tournament and into the finals.

"It's always fun to see something like that," Maus said. Northfield's survive-and-advance run through the tournament's elimination portion has been nothing but fun for the Raiders, who now face Rochester Mayo in the finals. The Raiders will need to beat the Spartans twice to win the Section and advance to state, as Rochester Mayo has not yet lost in the tournament.

"We're still playing and we still haven't really gotten what we want to do," Maus said. "We still have a chance. We're still just focusing on playing. We're not going to think about where we're at or where we've been until we're done."

Great pitching and defense got Northfield through a pair of tight contests, starting with an extra-innings barn burner against Rochester John Marshall. Senior Jake Mathison pitched Northfield into a 1-1 tie going into the eighth inning before surrendering another run to go down 2-1.

With one out in the bottom of the seventh inning senior Alex Morsching walked, and with sophomore Joey Eckhoff running for him the Raiders eventually were down to their final out. Then sophomore Tommy McDonald, Mathison and Picha all strung together singles, the final one from Picha plating McDonald on a close play at the plate for the walk-off winner.
"That was pretty dramatic," Maus said.

Northfield then had to turn right around and take on the Huskies, who went up 1-0 and no-hit the Raiders all the way into the sixth inning. It was then another Morsching walk sparked things, with a sacrifice bunt, McDonald walk and steal setting up for a two-out situation with runners on second and third for Picha.

Again the senior delivered, poking a single to right center to score the only two runs Northfield would need for the victory.

"We didn't swing the bat that well but we had that timely hitting. Our pitching kept us in it and we played pretty good defense too," Maus said. "[Pitching and defense] overcomes everything. The hitting sometimes is there and sometimes it's not. The pitching and the defense is the one consistent area where if you're good at it you can count on it."

Sophomore Cody Polzin pitched the first five innings, with sophomore Colin Shepley pitching the final two scoreless innings.
"We had very good pitching," Maus said.

The Section final is scheduled for 5 p.m. on Tuesday in Red Wing.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS TRACK

Century tracks down a title

Panthers win first section championship in program history

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Century's Clint Frandsen clears 6-feet-2 during the Section 1AA track and field finals Saturday at Lakeville South High School.

LAKEVILLE — The Rochester Century boys coaches knew they had something special going after Thursday's opening day of the Section One, Class AA track and field meet at Lakeville South High School.

The Panthers held a 10-point lead (36-26) over Lakeville South. But that was only Day One; the main course of the meet was on Saturday.

"At least we were in the running," said co-coach Brian Purrington, "but we had to have a lot of things go our way."

That's exactly what happened; the Panthers sealed the deal with a 12-point win (82-70) over both Owatonna and Farmington.

It was the first section championship in Century boys track and field history, and it also kept the trophy in Rochester. Mayo took it home a year ago.

"Although winning section wasn't our primary goal, we'll take it," Purrington said. "Our focus at the beginning of the year was True Team and Big Nine. In the section, we like to send as many as we can to state.

"Sometimes that doesn't work out the way we envision but for the most part, we all performed.

"It's a very good feeling to win."

The Century boys are sending only four to state. On Thursday, Michael Adkins and Liam Kolb finished 1-2 in the pole vault and on Saturday, Clint Frandsen won the high jump (6-4) and Mikey Allen finished second in the 800 (1:59.72).

"Obviously, the 1-2 finish in the pole vault was key," Purrington said. Besides Allen, Graham Massot reached the finals of the 800, Seth Massot was fifth in the 1600 and Sam Schroeder finished fourth in the 3200 on Thursday.

Can we say it was a team effort?

"Everybody did what they were capable of," said Purrington. "A couple of years ago, we were saying, just wait to see how good this group is when they're seniors. The answer to that is very good."

Frandsen was seeded No. 1 at 6-5, but needed "only" a 6-4 to advance.

"A 6-5 was my goal," he said. "That was the state standard."

He started jumping in the eighth grade and was pretty consistent at 6-2 a year ago. Then he upped that by a couple of inches this year.

"It's been tough jumping this year because of the weather," he said. "We couldn't get outside to the pits and that set me back. It feels better now."

Frandsen will attend BYU next year but doesn't know if he'll compete in track.

"That's Division I, pretty tough," he said, "but we'll see."

Allen, a senior, is going back to state for the second time. Last year he was a member of Century's 3200 relay which did not get past the first day of qualifying.

"That wasn't a good day," he said. This year he will run the open 800.

"I made my move earlier than I normally do, about 300 meters into it," Allen said, "and I had no idea how I was going to feel. But I never second-guessed myself. I never looked over my shoulder until the very end."

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COLLEGE BASEBALL

Former Twin is crazy about baseball

Infielder on 2 World Series teams is coaching at Alexandria

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It might have taken 20 years, but former Minnesota Twins infielder Al Newman made amends to a long-ago snubbed fan on Sunday afternoon at Mayo Field.

Newman, who played on both Twins' World Series championship teams in 1987 and 1991, is now the first-year field manager for the Alexandria Blue Anchors in the Northwoods League.

The Honkers came from behind to beat Alexandria 6-5 but that didn't spoil Newman's day.

Between innings late in the game, the famously gregarious Newman wandered over and interacted with fans sitting along the third base line, shaking hands and signing a few autographs.

Newman

"One guy said he met me 20 years ago but I didn't sign an autograph for him," Newman related. "I felt bad, so this time I signed something for him and had my picture taken with him.

"It's all about the fans; I just love talking baseball with the fans."

Newman, who turned 52 last week, said he is enjoying his first coaching stint in the Northwoods League, despite that he is roughly twice as old as most of the other managers in the 16-team league. Rochester's first-year manager Adam White is 28.

"I didn't realize this was a young man's league until we had a league meeting recently; that's when I found out most of the coaches are younger than my two daughters," Newman conceded with a laugh.

Newman played eight seasons in Major League Baseball and was with the Twins for most of it, from 1987-1991.

He managed various teams in the Twins' minor leagues from 1996-2000, and was the Twins' third base coach under Ron Gardenhire from 2002-05.

Newman said coaching in the Northwoods League is just like coaching rookie league ball in the pros. He is no longer married and his kids are grown, so he isn't bothered by the play-every-day schedule and the travel.

"I think of it as an opportunity to show young people how to play the game," he said. "I'm just a baseball nut, and I feel like I still know some things that I can pass on.

"I'm having a blast so far."

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Mayo in 1AAA driver's seat after comeback

Wabasha-Kellogg reaches title game for Section 1A

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Mayo's Christian Rosenow is greeted in the dugout after scoring the go-ahead run on a Michael Michalak double against Owatonna in the Section 1AAA playoffs Saturday in Red Wing.

The Rochester Mayo baseball team recorded a thrilling comeback win, while Rochester John Marshall saw its season come to a heartbreaking close Saturday during the Section One, Class AAA Final Four in Red Wing.

Mayo rallied from a 4-1 deficit, and scored 10 runs over the final two innings to secure a 12-4 win over Owatonna in the 1AAA semifinals.

The Spartans struggled early, leaving the bases loaded twice through four innings. But they delivered clutch hitting late, and pitcher Jackson Douglas shut down the Huskies.

John Marshall received a strong pitching performance from Zach Schwieters, but it wasn't enough during the loser-out game. The Rockets scored a run in the top of the eighth, but Northfield rallied for two in the bottom half of the inning for a 3-2 victory.

Northfield topped Owatonna 2-1 in the final game of the day.

The Raiders and Spartans will square off at 5 p.m. Tuesday back in Red Wing with the Section 1AAA title on the line. Northfield would need to beat Mayo twice to advance.

• Wabasha-Kellogg hasn't had to play from behind very often this season, but the Falcons (16-1) showed a lot of poise on Saturday when facing a big, early deficit.

W-K rallied from a 6-0 deficit to beat Southland 10-6 in a Section 1A semifinal game and advance to Tuesday's section championship. The Falcons will again face Southland, which beat Hayfield 6-3 in a loser-out game on Saturday to advance to the final.

Southland will have to defeat W-K twice to advance to state, while W-K needs just one victory to claim the section championship.

Southland took a 6-0 lead against W-K with a six-run top of the third inning. W-K responded in the bottom of the fourth with six runs of its own. The Falcons put up four more in the sixth to seal the victory. Ben Glomski's solo home run started the decisive four-run sixth inning.

• The Section 1AA playoffs continue today at Riverland Community College in Austin. Rochester Lourdes and Winona Cotter meet in a winner's bracket game at 5 p.m., while Lake City faces Kasson-Mantorville in a loser-out game at 5. The Lourdes/Cotter loser faces the Lake City/K-M winner at 7:30 p.m. in another loser-out game.

The Section 1AA championship game is set for 5 p.m. Tuesday at Riverland.

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Honkers win two over weekend. **D5**

MOUTHPIECE

Wild can compete with the best — in a few years

If Minnesota Wild fans have learned anything by watching the NHL playoffs to this point, it's that our favorite club has a long way to go to compete with the best in the league.

But there is hope.

The core of the Wild for years to come is expected to be made up of guys who still are adjusting to the pro game — Charlie Coyle, Jonas Brodin, Mikael Granlund, Marco Scandella, etc.

The best teams in the NHL this year started the same way, by building with young talent.

Look at the Chicago Blackhawks, a team that is two wins away from the Cup finals. Chicago is built around home-grown talent. Captain Jonathan Toews is just 25. Patrick Kane is 24, Andrew Shaw is just 21.

Defending Cup champion L.A. has a 25-year-old alternate captain (Anze Kopitar) and a goalie who won the Cup at 26 years old last season (Jonathan Quick).

Have patience, Wild fans. These young guys will be veterans before we know it and hopefully follow in the footsteps of the Blackhawks and Kings.

— Jason Feldman

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◀ P-B photographer Scott Jacobson has a photo gallery from Saturday's Section **1AA track and field** meet at Lakeville South.

Jacobson also has a photo gallery from Saturday's games in the Section **1AAA baseball** tournament at Red Wing.

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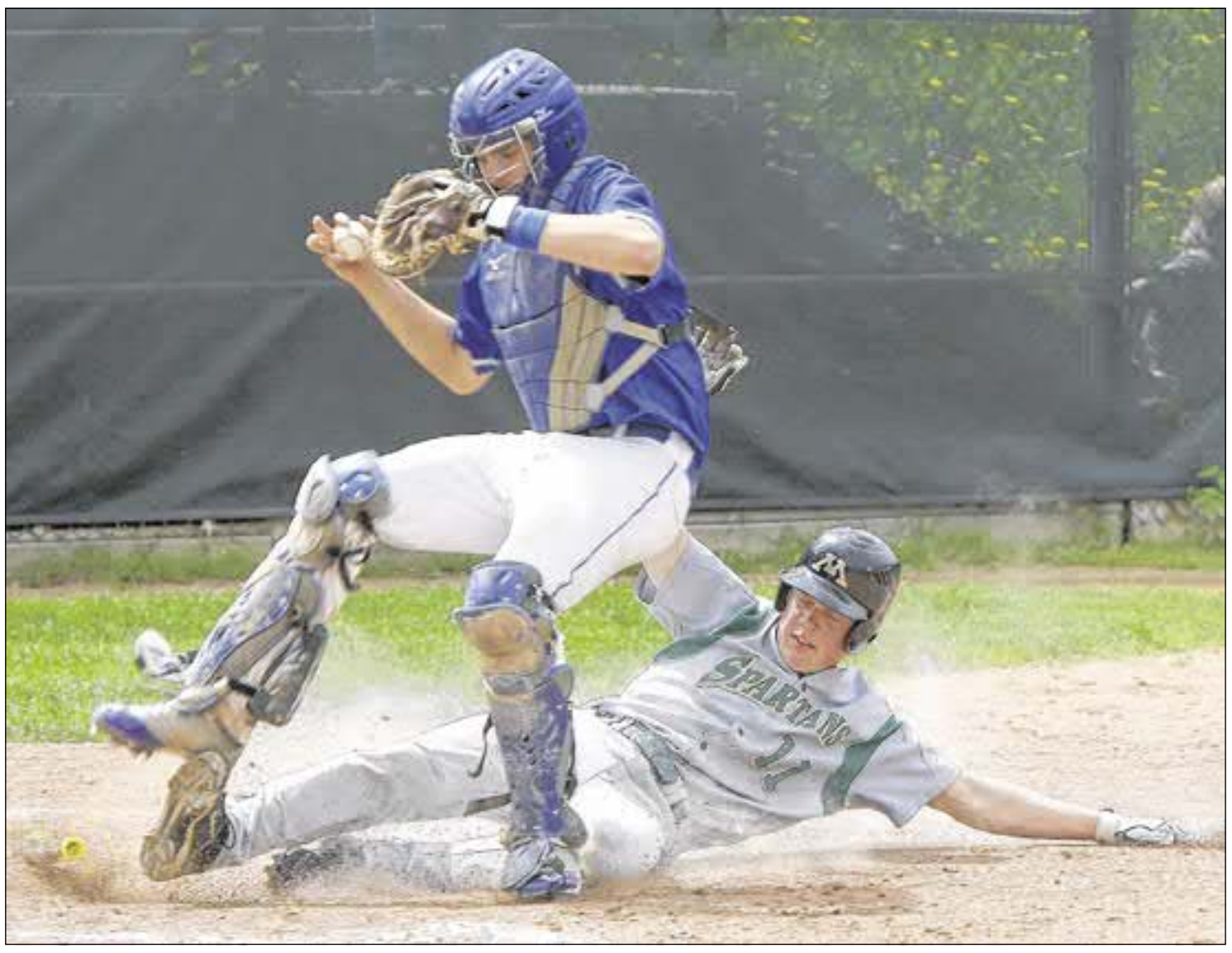

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Mayo's Zach Robertson is forced out at home by Owatonna's Owen Carlson on Saturday in Red Wing.

Spartans a win away from state

Mayo's comeback kids do it again

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RED WING — Through five innings of Saturday's Section One, Class AAA semifinal game at the Red Wing Athletic Field, it wasn't looking good for the Rochester Mayo baseball team.

But this postseason, the Spartans have been at their best when the chips are stacked against them.

After the ugly start, the Spartans finally broke through in the sixth inning against Owatonna, scoring five times to take a lead they would not relinquish.

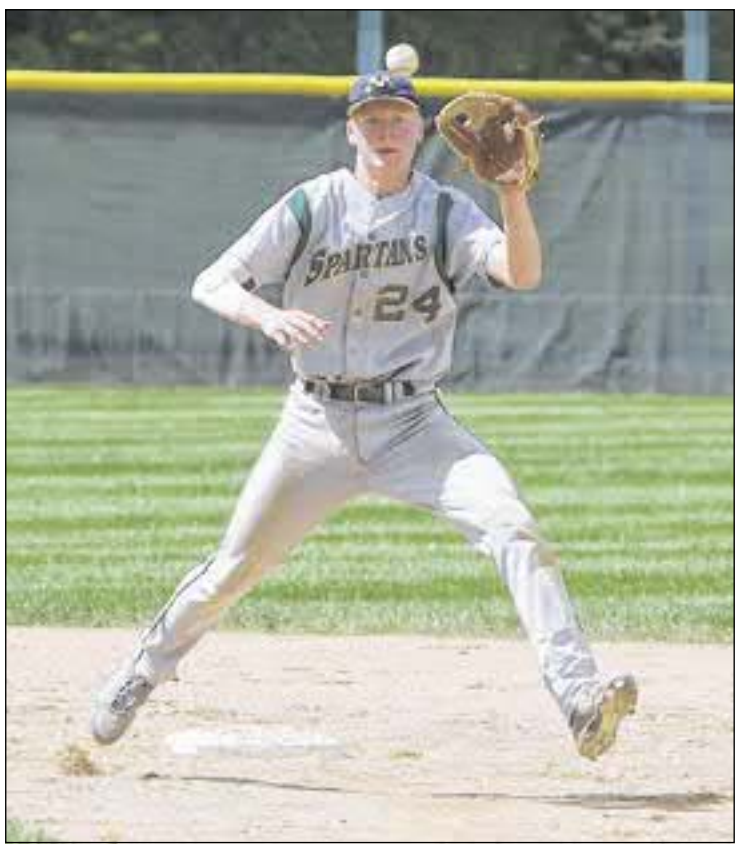
The "cardiac kids" extended their dream run through the 1AAA playoffs, turning an ugly situation into a blowout 12-4 victory that sent the Huskies into the losers bracket.

This Mayo club, which entered the postseason with a losing record, was all but dead in the water against Red Wing in the opening round of the section tournament two weeks ago. They rallied twice, including once from a 3-0 deficit in the seventh inning, to beat the Wingers. And they did it again Saturday.

"This team has confidence hitting the ball," Mayo coach Dan Hoefs said. "We've preached never giving up, and I know that's a cliche, but it's been our motto. Baseball is a different game. In football, you take a knee. In basketball, you throw it around and run time off the clock. In baseball, until you get the last out, she ain't over. It's that simple."

Mayo's victory means the Spartans are in the driver's seat and one win away from advancing to the Class AAA state tournament. The section championship game is scheduled for 5 p.m. Tuesday back in Red Wing. It will be a rematch with Northfield, which eliminated Owatonna 2-1 Saturday night. If the Raiders win Game 1 Tuesday, there will be a second game immediately after, with the winner advancing to state.

Mayo beat Northfield 6-4 in the second round of the 1AAA playoffs.



Mayo's Michael Michalak grabs a high hopper hit up the middle and throws to first for the out against Owatonna Saturday in Red Wing.

Rally caps

During Saturday's game, even when the Spartans trailed 4-1, sophomore slugger Michael Michalak said there was no panic in the Mayo dugout.

"We were hitting the ball hard, we were just stranding runners," he said. "We were still hyped up. It's been like that all sections. We're the comeback kids, I guess. It's a lot of fun to come back."

While there weren't loads of errors on the scoreboard, the mental errors piled up early for the Spartans.

Through four innings, the Spartans had left seven runners on base. And that doesn't include the two runners who were picked off at first base. In the field, the Spartans made a couple of throwing mistakes that allowed the Huskies to score a run and advance runners.

The mental mistakes made it tough to take advantage of Owatonna pitcher Jordan Howe, who struggled with his control. Howe walked six runners in just three innings pitched, but the Spartans only had two runs to show for it.

Mayo managed just one run in the fourth inning, despite loading the bases with no outs. After an infield fly for the first out, an RBI single by Christian Rosenow scored the lone run, but the next two hitters grounded out to end the threat.

"We unraveled a bit there, and we made a lot of mental mistakes that cost us," Hoefs said. "But we recovered from it. And the guys never stopped swinging the bats."

Owatonna pulled Howe in the fourth inning. That was key for Mayo, Michalak said.

"When they put in the second pitcher, we felt like that was big," Michalak said. "We kept hitting the ball and eventually we started to drive those guys in."

Trailing 4-2 heading into the sixth, the Spartans took over. They batted around in both the sixth and seventh innings, putting five runs on the board in both frames.

In their last two games, the Spartans have scored 24 runs.

Once again, the sophomores played a huge part in Mayo's comeback. Michalak, Zach Robertson and David Brust combined for five hits, six RBIs, three doubles and four runs scored.

"Those sophomores, they've been great," Hoefs said. "Maybe I should have had them in the lineup sooner, but I like to give the guys who've stuck with the program a chance. But these sophomores are coming off a great VFW season, so it's not a huge surprise."

Michalak went 2-for-5 with three RBIs, two runs scored, a stolen base and a double. Brust was 2-for-3 with three RBIs, a run scored and a double. And Robertson added a double and a run scored.

The Spartans received production up and down their lineup. Christian Rosenow was 2-for-5 with two runs scored and an RBI. Ryan Martin was fantastic hitting out of the eight-hole. He went 3-for-3 with two runs scored and a stolen base.

After a rough start, pitcher Jackson Douglas was untouchable down the stretch. He did not allow a hit over his final four innings and retired 13 straight Owatonna hitters to end the game.

"When Jackson's out there, we know we're getting a good game," Michalak said. "We have confidence in him. We have plenty of pitching left, too."

Rockets eliminated

John Marshall played arguably its best game of the season in Saturday's early contest at the Athletic Field. But in a well-played game on both ends, the Rockets surrendered two runs in the bottom of the eighth to suffer a heart-breaking 3-2 loss to Northfield.

JM had claimed a 2-1 lead in the top of the eighth after Aaron Grad poked a single to drive in Alex Brady.

But JM pitcher Zach Schwieters, who was stellar for seven innings, walked the ninth hitter and gave up three consecutive singles during the two-run rally.

"Zach didn't deserve to lose that one," JM coach Dutch Heiderscheit siad. "He pitched well. But we let the nine-man get on there, and that hurts. Neither team really deserved to lose. It was a great high school game."

From the third inning on, Schwieters retired 14 consecutive batters before walking Alex Morsching in the eighth. Schwieters suffered the loss, tossing 7 2/3 innings, while allowing three runs on six hits. He struck out six and walked two.

The Rockets never were able to get much going against Northfield pitcher Jake Mathison, who got the win and also helped himself with two hits and two RBIs.

JM finished with just five hits.

"Neither team could get much going; it was just one of those days," Heiderscheit said.

The meat of JM's lineup struggled mightily against Mathison. Before Grad's RBI hit in the eighth, JM's 3, 4 and 5 hitters were 0-for-9 with five strikeouts.

Both teams played perfect ball in the field. That made for a speedy game. Seven innings took 74 minutes, and even with extra innings, the game ended in a little more than 90 minutes.

JM's first run came in the seventh inning. Sam Broman led off with a walk and then moved to third on Jack Kall's double. Broman scored on Janek Walker's ground out.

Northfield tied it up in the third, and then Schwieters and Mathison took over.

"Both pitchers changed speeds well, and the defense behind them picked it up," Heiderscheit said.

JM ended its season 13-11.

Northfield 3, John Marshall 2
(Loser-out game)

John Marshall	010	000	01	— 2	5	0
Northfield	001	000	02	— 3	6	0

John Marshall: Jack Kall 2B; Sam Broman R; Jacob Dravis RBI; Aaron Grad RBI, SB; Alex Brady SB, R; LP: Zach Schwieters 7 2/3 IP, 6 H, 3 ER, 2 BB, 6 K.

Northfield: Jake Mathison 2-for-4, 2 RBIs; Joseph Eckhoff 2 R; WP: Mathison 8 IP, 5 H, 2 ER, 5 K, 2 BB.

Mayo 12, Owatonna 5
(Semifinals)

Mayo	001	105	5	— 12	12	1
Owatonna	103	000	0	— 4	3	3

Mayo: Christian Rosenow 2-for-5, 2 R, RBI; Michael Michalak 2-for-5, 3 RBI, 2 R, SB, 2B; 1-for-2, RBI, R; David Brust 2-for-3, 3 RBI, R, 2B; Zach Robertson 2B, R; Ryan Martin 3-for-3, 2 R, SB. WP: Jackson Douglas 7 IP, 4 R, 3 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 3 BB, 6 K.

Owatonna: Owen Carlson 2 RBI; Jake Buswell 2 R. LP: Ian Langeberg 3 IP, 10 H, 10 R, 3 ER, 0 K, 2 BB; Jordan Howe 2 IP, 2 ER, 3 H, 6 BB, 2 K.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

W-K reaches title game

Falcons overcome 6-0 deficit to beat Southland

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AUSTIN — With just one loss this season, the Wabasha-Kellogg baseball team is not used to being behind. But when pressed into a 6-0 hole in the Section One, Class A winners bracket final against Southland on Saturday, the Falcons didn't panic.

No, after spotting Southland six runs in the third inning, W-K responded with six runs of its own in the bottom of the fourth. The Falcons then scored four times in the sixth to post a 10-6 victory and move to the section title game.

"One thing our coach says is to always give 110 percent," said junior Ben Glomski, who provided W-K with some late-game heroics. "We knew this game wasn't over until it was over."

"It was huge, down by six, to come back like that," W-K coach Pat Moham said. "Our kids never gave up. We never doubted ourselves."

Both teams were sloppy in letting the other have their six-run inning.

Southland took advantage of six walks, two with the bases loaded, and two errors in its six-run third. The Rebels had just two hits in the inning, but one was Mike Goergen's three-run double to start the scoring.

Wabasha-Kellogg had just one hit in its six-run fourth. The Falcons were aided by three Southland errors, two walks and two hit batsman.

"I felt we outplayed them," Southland coach Scott Retterath said. "We kind of handed it to them."

Relief pitcher Cory Loechler and Glomski ended up playing big roles. Loechler, a senior, entered in the third inning and pitched 4 1/3 scoreless innings to collect the win. Included was pitching out of a bases-loaded, no-out situation in the top of the sixth inning with the score tied 6-6.

Loechler

"The key for us was getting out of that bases-loaded, no-out jam," Moham said.

"If we had an MVP for this game, I would say it was Cory Loechler for the way he pitched for us," Glomski said.

No sooner had Loechler picked the Falcons up in the top of the sixth, when Glomski did the same in the bottom of the inning. With one out he drilled a high fastball over the fence in left field for his third home run of the season.

"It felt great, you always want to do something special for your new team," Glomski said.

It was just last June that Glomski and his family moved to the W-K school district from Saudi Arabia, where he had lived the past 12 years.

"It really feels good to be playing American baseball," Glomski said.

"We all felt we needed someone to pick us up," he added. "So I was really happy I could help my team that way."

His homer was the start of a four-run inning. Austin Baab, who has the team's other six homers this year, followed with a drive off the base of the center-field fence for a triple.

Baab

Bryce Breuer then hit an RBI single, and later in the inning two runs scored on an error.

W-K (16-1) advances to Tuesday's 5 p.m. section title game in Austin, needing just one win to advance to state. Moham said Saturday's starter, Will Greenheck, will again be on the mound for the Falcons.

Southland (16-3) will be again be W-K's foe. The Rebels bounced back to beat Hayfield 6-3 in the loser-out finals to reach the championship game. Southland would need to beat the Falcons twice to advance to state.

Southland battles back

Southland rebounded to earn its way into the Section 1A baseball final with a 6-3 win over Hayfield on Saturday.

The Rebels overcame a 2-0 deficit after the first inning by scoring three times in the third inning, highlighted by Mike Goergen's RBI double.

"It would have been real easy to fold being down 2-0," Southland coach Scott Retterath said.

Southland was clinging to a 4-3 lead when Hayfield loaded the bases with one out in the bottom of the sixth inning. But winning pitcher Isaac Kloeckner, a lefty, got the next two hitters to end the threat.

The final out of the sixth came when Hayfield's leading hitter, John Stackhouse, flew to right with two outs. Stackhouse had been 2-for-2 with a double and two runs scored prior to that at-bat.

"We had our chances," Hayfield coach Kasey Krekling said. "And we felt we gave them their chances."

Southland (16-3) sealed the win in the bottom of the sixth when Lucas Anderson delivered a two-run single.

"Lucas came up with a big key hit in that sixth inning," Retterath said.

Southland will face Wabasha-Kellogg (16-1) in the section final at 5 p.m. Tuesday in Austin.

Hayfield, which has just one senior for the second straight year, finishes 10-13 and third in the section.

"We got a lot better from last year to this year," Krekling said.

• Hayfield eliminated Fillmore Central/Lanesboro with a 4-1 victory. Blake Risius tossed a four-hitter for Hayfield to collect the win.

Drew Streightiff hit a two-run double in the first inning for Hayfield and finished 2-for-3. John Stackhouse was 2-for-2 with a double and an RBI while Cole Kruger was 2-for-4 with a triple and an RBI.

Wabasha-Kellogg 10, Southland 6

Southland	006	000	0	— 6	8	4
Wabasha-Kellogg	000	604	x	—10	6	3

Southland: Issac Kloeckner 1 RBI; Decker Bendtsen 1-for-3, 1 R; Lukas Anderson 2-for-3, 1 R; Sam Klaehn 0-for-3, 1 R; Taylar Schwartz 1 R, 3 BB; Nick Finbraaten 1-for-3, 1 RBI, 1 R; Nick Schmitz 2-for-4; Mike Goergen 2-for-5, 1 2B, 3 RBI, 1 R. LP: Sam Klaehn 4 IP, 5 H, 4 R, 2 ER, 2 BB, 0 K. Other pitcher: Lucas Anderson 2 IP, 1 H, 6 R, 1 ER, 5 BB, 5 K.

Wabasha-Kellogg: Will Greenheck 1 RBI, 1 R; Jack Purvis 1 R; Cory Loechler 2-for-4, 1 R; Ryan Wolfe 1-for-2, 1 R; Bryce Breuer 1-for-2, 1 RBI, 1 R; Austin Baab 1-for-4, 1 3B, 1 R; Andrew Kreye 2 R; Ben Glomski 1-for-1, 1 HR, 1 RBI, 2 R. WP: Cory Loechler 4.1 IP, 5 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 4 BB, 3 K. Other pitcher: Will Greenheck 2.2 IP, 3 H, 6 R, 5 ER, 6 BB, 3 K.

Hayfield 4, F.C./Lanesboro 1

F.C/Lanesboro	000	010	0	— 1	4	1
Hayfield	201	001	x	— 4	7	2

Fillmore Central/Lanesboro: Clay Olson 1-for-3; Niko Anderson 1-for-2, 1 RBI; Devon Block 1-for-3; Jake Tammel 1-for-3. LP: Josh Jones 3.1 IP, 4 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 2 BB, 1 K. Other pitcher: Nicholas Ebner 2.2 IP, 3 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 0 BB, 0 K.

Hayfield: Drew Streightiff 2-for-3, 1 2B, 2 RBI; Cole Kruger 2-for-4, 1 3B, 1 RBI, 1 R, 1 SB; John Stackhouse 2-for-2, 1 2B, 1 RBI, 1 R; Mat Walters 1-for-2, 1 R. WP: Blake Risius 7 IP, 4 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 1 BB, 3 K.

Southland 6, Hayfield 3

Hayfield	200	010	0	— 3	8	5
Southland	003	102	0	— 6	6	0

Hayfield: Ben Czaplewski 1-for-1; Carter Pesch 1-for-2; Cam Rutledge 1-for-3, 1 R; Drew Streightiff 1-for-3, 1 2B, 3 RBI; Cole Kruger 1-for-4; Jason Born 1-for-4; John Stackhouse 2-for-3, 1 2B, 2 R.

LP: Cole Kruger 6 IP, 6 H, 6 R, 3 ER, 4 BB, 1 K.

Southland: Trent Reinartz 1-for-4; Decker Bendtsen 1-for-2; Lukas Anderson 1-for-2, 2 RBI, 1 R; Taylar Schwartz 2-for-4, 2 2B, 2 R; Nick Finbraaten 2 R; Mike Goergen 1-for-4, 1 2B, 1 RBI, 1 R.

WP: Issac Kloeckner 7 IP, 8 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 2 BB, 6 K.

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I became a good pitcher when I stopped trying to make them miss the ball and started trying to make them hit it. ~Sandy Koufax

Hitting is timing. Pitching is upsetting timing. ~Warren Spahn

Don't forget to swing hard, in case you hit the ball. ~Woodie Held

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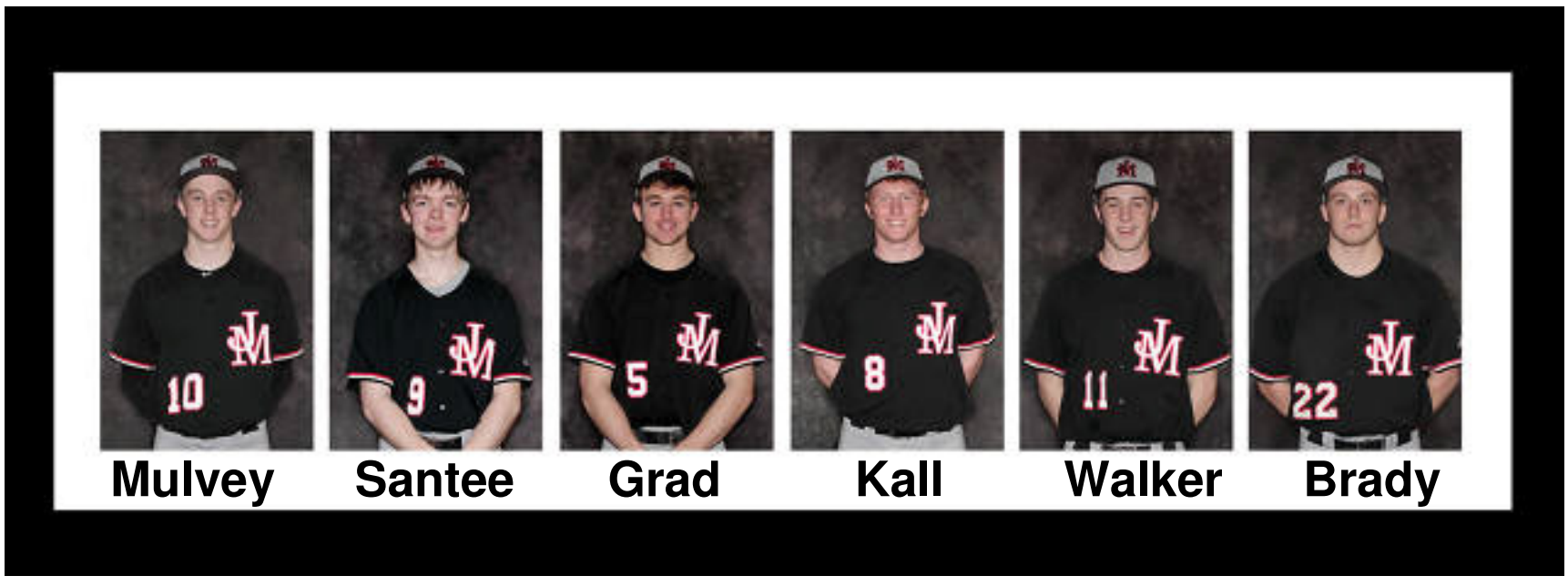

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HALVERSON	16	57	10	18					2	1		9		1	1	12	.316	.409	.316
KALL	16	44	8	12	5		1			2	2	5	4	3	7	7	.273	.373	.455
GRAD	15	52	16	20	3		1	1	1			6	8	1	9	8	.385	.448	.500
BROMAN	16	49	6	18	4	1				3	2	4	8		8	13	.367	.436	.490
STANGLER	16	48	11	15	3	1	2			1	1	11	1	5	6	14	.313	.450	.542
RIEKE	9	13	3	2				2	2		2	3	4		4		.154	.389	.154
SCHWIETERS	16	50	11	15	3			3	3	1	1	4	4		4	12	.300	.364	.360
DRAVIS	16	43	10	12	3					2		9	5		5	6	.279	.404	.349
WALKER	13	11	6	1					1	1		3	3	2	5	1	.091	.286	.091
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DEFENSE

NAME	PO	A	FE	TE	E	FA
BRADY	47	9				1.000
HALVERSON	17	34	4	2	6	.895
KALL	29	2	1	1	2	.939
GRAD	35	28	2	1	3	.955
BROMAN	97	4		1	1	.990
STANGLER	13					1.000
RIEKE	7		1		1	.875
SCHWIETERS	18	6	2	1	3	.889
DRAVIS	10	27	4	2	6	.860
WALKER	9	3	1	1	2	.857
BISHOP	1	2	1		1	.750
MOEN						
BECKER						
STROM	14					1.000
HENSLIN		1	2	1	3	.250
SANTEE	15					1.000
MULVEY	1					1.000
SADECKI	2					1.000
TOTALS	315	116	18	10	28	.939

TEAM	AB	H	K	BB	R	BA
OPPONENTS	429	119	51	45	79	.277
JM VARSITY	443	144	58	66	105	.325

Total Double Plays 9

CATCHERS

NAME	IC	SB	TO	T0%	PB	INT	DS3	DS3TO
BRADY	84	5	2	.286	1			
SANTEE	20	3		.000				
SADECKI	1							
	0							
TOTALS	105	8	2	.200	1			

PITCHERS

NAME	W	L	IP	AB	K	BB	H	R	ER	WP	HP	BLK	PKO	ERA	OBA
WALKER	2	3	25	104	16	3	31	16	13	4	3			3.6	.298
KALL	1	1	13	57	6	1	17	8	5					2.7	.298
SCHWIETERS	1		18	73	12	8	20	11	6	1				2.3	.274
MOEN		1	3 2/3	19	4	1	7	6	3					5.7	.368
MULVEY	2		14 2/3	54	1	6	11	9	7		2			3.3	.204
BROMAN	1		12	48	3	6	10	7	3					1.8	.208
BECK/BISH/HEN			2 1/3	15	1	8	8	9	9	1	1			27.0	.533
BRADY	1	1	11 1/3	40	7	10	11	10	9		2		3	5.6	.275
0			0												
DRAVIS / HALVE	1	1	5	19	1	2	4	3	2					2.8	.211
TOTALS	9	7	105	429	51	45	119	79	57	6	8		3	3.8	.277

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OFFENSE

NAME	GP	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SB	SBA	SAC	HP	BB	SOS	SOT	SO	RBI	BA	OBA	SLG%
BRADY	22	72	22	30	11	1		8	9	2	5	11	5	5	10	9	.417	.523	.597
HALVERSON	22	74	12	22	1				2	4		13		2	2	16	.297	.402	.311
KALL	22	61	8	17	7		1			3	2	7	6	4	10	8	.279	.371	.443
GRAD	21	69	18	25	6		1	3	3		1	7	9	2	11	10	.362	.429	.493
BROMAN	22	62	8	22	4	1			1	6	2	7	9		9	14	.355	.437	.452
STANGLER	22	68	15	18	4	1	2			1	2	12	3	5	8	17	.265	.390	.441
RIEKE	13	22	4	5				2	2		2	3	4	1	5	1	.227	.370	.227
SCHWIETERS	22	66	11	17	3			3	3	2	1	5	7		7	13	.258	.319	.303
DRAVIS	22	59	10	15	3					2		11	6		6	7	.254	.371	.305
WALKER	19	17	7	1					2	2		5	6	2	8	1	.059	.273	.059
BISHOP	6	2							1			1					.000	.333	.000
MOEN	2											1						1.000	
BECKER	5	1		1	1											1	1.000	1.000	2.000
STROM	12	18	3	4					1			3	3	2	5	2	.222	.333	.222
HENSLIN	6	2	2	2				1	1								1.000	1.000	1.000
SANTEE	8	3	3	1								2					.333	.600	.333
MULVEY	5	1		1						1		1				1	1.000	1.000	1.000
SADECKI	4		3																
TOTALS	255	597	126	181	40	3	4	17	25	23	15	89	58	23	81	100	.303	.407	.400

DEFENSE

NAME	PO	A	FE	TE	E	FA
BRADY	76	14				1.000
HALVERSON	23	50	4	3	7	.913
KALL	38	2	1	1	2	.952
GRAD	44	35	2	1	3	.963
BROMAN	144	6		1	1	.993
STANGLER	14					1.000
RIEKE	8		1		1	.889
SCHWIETERS	21	11	3	1	4	.889
DRAVIS	11	44	4	3	7	.887
WALKER	21	3	1	2	3	.889
BISHOP	2	3	1		1	.833
MOEN						
BECKER						
STROM	20					1.000
HENSLIN		1	2	1	3	.250
SANTEE	15					1.000
MULVEY	1					1.000
SADECKI	2					1.000
TOTALS	440	169	19	13	32	.950

TEAM	AB	H	K	BB	R	BA
OPPONENTS	585	155	80	62	103	.265
JM VARSITY	597	181	81	89	126	.303

Total Double Plays 12

CATCHERS

NAME	IC	SB	TO	T0%	PB	INT	DS3	DS3TO
BRADY	125 2/3	8	5	.385	5			
SANTEE	20	3		.000				
SADECKI	1							
	0							
TOTALS	146 2/3	11	5	.313	5			

PITCHERS

NAME	W	L	IP	AB	K	BB	H	R	ER	WP	HP	BLK	PKO	ERA	OBA
WALKER	2	4	31	130	16	3	42	23	18	4	3			4.1	.323
KALL	2	1	20	83	12	3	21	8	5					1.8	.253
SCHWIETERS	3	1	41 2/3	159	31	15	36	19	12	1	1			2.0	.226
MOEN		1	6	28	7	2	10	7	4		2			4.7	.357
MULVEY	2	1	15 2/3	58	1	7	13	11	9		2		1	4.0	.224
BROMAN	1		13	51	4	8	10	9	5		2			2.7	.196
BECK/BISH/HEN			3	17	1	12	8	13	13	1	1			30.3	.471
BRADY	1	1	11 1/3	40	7	10	11	10	9		2		3	5.6	.275
0			0												
DRAVIS / HALVE	1	1	5	19	1	2	4	3	2					2.8	.211
TOTALS	12	10	146 2/3	585	80	62	155	103	77	6	13		4	3.7	.265