



Photos from the NCAA  
Regional Baseball Tourney  
in Lincoln

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area schedule

Tuesday, June 7

baseball

• Exhaust Pro at  
Cornerstone Seniors  
doubleheader, 5:30 p.m.

softball

• Waverly at  
York 18U, 6:30/8 p.m.

sports shorts

King of clay Rafael Nadal wins French Open at age 19

PARIS (AP) — Rafael Nadal, the new king of clay, put on a show worthy of the royalty watching him.

Red dust caked Nadal from his hair to his sneakers after his French Open triumph Sunday, the charismatic teen who plays with a pugnacious smirk holding both dirty hands up to a beaming King Juan Carlos of Spain in the box above.

On this day, the scruffy Spanish kid with tears in his eyes assumed his own moment of majesty.

"All the work you've been doing during all those years, the sacrifices, when you reach your goal, it's an extraordinary moment," Nadal said. "For the first time I cried after winning a match."

In a match as enthralling as it was brilliantly played, Nadal overcame an inspired performance by unseeded Argentine Mariano Puerta, 6-7 (6), 6-3, 6-1, 7-5, to become the youngest men's Grand Slam champion since Michael Chang won the French at 17 in 1989.

Bryant hits pinnacle of career by winning at Jack's place

DUBLIN, Ohio (AP) — Bart Bryant spent 20 years trying to prove he belonged among the best, often laying awake at night wondering if three surgeries and too many trips to Q-school were a sign he was wasting his time.

Winning the Texas Open last fall was the first step.

Validation came Sunday at the Memorial. Bryant somehow salvaged par from inside a hazard on the edge of the creek on the 18th hole, held off crowd-favorite Fred Couples by one shot and had an audience with Jack Nicklaus, the tournament host who was duly impressed with what he saw at Muirfield Village.

"To win against a quality field like this ... to walk off the 18th green and have Mr. Nicklaus waiting to shake your hand and congratulate you is beyond comprehension at this point," Bryant said.

Tiger Woods was stopped early with a double bogey on the eighth hole, and he wound up tied for third with Bo Van Pelt and Jeff Sluman. Woods needed to finish alone in third to replace Vijay Singh at No. 1 in the world ranking.

Bryant emerged the winner on a steamy afternoon at Muirfield Village, where the chase was so tight that 11 players were within three shots of the lead when the final group made the turn.

Biffle wins at Dover

DOVER, Del. (AP) -- Greg Biffle says taming The Monster Mile is no easy chore -- even though it appeared that way as he cruised to his fourth victory of the season Sunday in a crash-littered MBNA 400.

"I almost wrecked a couple of times, but was able to save it," he said after his surprising run toward the top of Nextel Cup competition got a boost from the lopsided victory. "I got it where the wheel wouldn't turn and I got completely out of the gas. It was a miracle that I kept it off the wall."

Biffle did crash once, but it was after the race: As crew chief Doug Richert was explaining that Biffle "drove the wheels off the thing," the winner smacked the wall hard during his burnout celebration.

Car owners don't appreciate such damage to their expensive equipment, but Jack Roush was in a forgiving mood.

Huskers weather storm and Bluejays

By Jack Vincent  
SPORTS WRITER

LINCOLN — During the first rain delay, it seems as though several of the younger Huskers must have put on their T-shirts with a big "S" on the front.

The Nebraska Cornhuskers, ignited by a handful of freshmen, broke the Saturday night game open in the middle innings by scoring eight runs and then had to hold on for dear life in the bottom of the ninth frame to defeat Creighton 10-8 in the winners bracket of the Lincoln Regional of the NCAA Division I Baseball Championship.

The game was played in front of 8,662 fans, the largest crowd in school history, most of whom

stayed through two lightning and rain delays which extended the game to nearly five hours. The attendance broke Nebraska's previous school record of 8,569 fans set against Richmond in the 2002 Super Regional.

The Huskers, who never trailed in the contest, broke open a 2-2 tie with four runs in the fifth inning and two more in the sixth to take an 8-2 lead.

Nebraska's four-run fifth began with a single by Jeff Christy. He was erased when Jesse Boyer

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NU defeats Creighton to advance to Super Regional



Gordon

forced him with a bouncer to the second baseman. Following a walk to Joe Simokaitis, All-American Alex Gordon grounded to the first baseman as the two runners moved into scoring position. Ledbetter took one on the wrist to load the bases.

Enter Andy Gerch, the first freshman. The Lincoln Pius X graduate jumped on Bluejay losing pitcher Adam Schaecher's first offering and sent it over the head of



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NU pitcher Joba Chamberlain and the Huskers took care of the Flames Friday night and then Creighton Saturday night.

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Free Baseball

Geneva forces extra innings, Cornerstone Seniors prevail 6-5

By Ben Schroeder  
SPORTS EDITOR

YORK — Joe Leinen pitched six and a third innings and the York Cornerstone Seniors overcame a lapse in the seventh inning to defeat Geneva 6-5 in the eighth inning.

The win for the Seniors was their second win of the season and was in jeopardy of being their fifth loss of the season in the top of the seventh inning.

Geneva's Shad Eberhardt reached on an error and Anthony Soukup drew a walk before Blake Snodgrass singled and Eberhardt scored.

Soukup would score and tie the game 3-3 on the same play as YC Senior third baseman Derek Harlow's throw got past first baseman Tim Adams.

"We played with focus for six innings and then we had a letdown in the seventh inning," Co-Head Coach LeRoy Ott said. "Joe pitched a great game and the most important thing was he put the ball in play."

The game went to extra innings and Geneva struck in the top of the eighth for two scores. But Danny Budler doubled, Jess Gaver walked and Spencer Huff delivered the decisive shot with his first hit of the season to win the game for YC.

"That hit was a confidence booster," Ott said. "That was as important for him as it was for us."



Game One	
YC Seniors	6
Geneva	5



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York Cornerstone Senior Tim Adams (left) makes the out at first to get Geneva's Thomas Jones and then fires home to try and get the out to protect a 3-2 lead. Geneva came back to take a lead, but YC scored three runs in extra innings to earn a 6-5 victory on June 5.

Wahoo 6, York Cornerstone 2  
WAHOO — Greg Wieting had YC's two RBIs and Harlow doubled for the first time this year but it was not enough as Wahoo added three insurance runs in the sixth inning to earn a four-run victory in game one of a doubleheader on June 4.

YC Srs	000	020	0-2	6	1
Wahoo	002	013	X-6	8	1

York Cornerstone 9, Wahoo 6  
WAHOO — Tim Adams pitched a complete game for his first victory of the season and outfielder Ryan Roemlich went 2-4 with three RBIs as the Seniors split with Wahoo by winning game two 9-6 in a time shortened game.

YC Srs	214	020-9	7	4
Wahoo	500	001-6	5	5



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Joe Leinen (9) is out at first base by just a half step in the seventh inning. On the mound, Leinen struck out six in just over six innings.



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YC's Josh Budler came in to pitch in relief of Joe Leinen in the seventh inning and earned a victory after his offense scored three runs in the bottom of the eighth.

Cornerstone Juniors Weekend Wrap Ups... Junior Blue gets revenge in game two against Lincoln SW

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Cole Robinson rips a foul ball shot down the third base line during York Cornerstone Junior Gold's 3-3 tie with Geneva on June 5.



By Ben Schroeder  
SPORTS EDITOR

YORK — Momentum after a game one loss to Lincoln Southwest on June 3 propelled the Cornerstone Junior Blue team to a 5-4 victory in game two Friday night.

Cornerstone Junior Gold battled with Geneva on June 5 to a 3-3 tie after the time limit expired.

Junior Blue 5, Lincoln SW 4

YORK — Lincoln Southwest found itself in a 3-1 hole after the first inning. David Adams and Jordan Hansen drew walks for YCB in the bottom of the first and both scored, along with Nic Albelo who was running for Anthony Smith.

Albelo scored again in the third inning as Andy Pinneo brought him home and the Blue took a 4-1 lead.

Lincoln SW answered in the fifth inning to tie the game.

"When (LSW) tied the game in the fifth inning, I told the guys that we've led this game too long to let it get away," Head Coach Duane Bodtke said. "We answered right back with (Andy) Pinneo drawing a walk and stealing second base."

Pinneo advanced to third on the catcher's throw to second and Evan Bodtke sacrifice fly proved to be the difference in the game.

"Anthony Smith's first outing of the

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area news

York Wrestling Camp

YORK — There is still time to register for the York Wrestling Camp which is scheduled for June 6-7 at the York Elementary School.

The camp will run from 1-6 p.m. with a noon check-in on Monday.

Oklahoma State University staff members are coming up to help with the camp. For more information contact Wes Toniges at (402) 362-6866.

Youth Football Sign Up

YORK — The York Youth Football sign up period is upon us. The deadline for the 2005 fall season is June 17, with the season kickoff to come in late August.

Please pick up and return your registration forms to the York Community Center at 211 E. 7th St. Please contact the community center with any questions.

Womens Wilderness Weekend

The ninth annual Womens Wilderness Weekend program has been scheduled for August 12-14. The workshop, sponsored by the Trailblazer RC&D and the National Turkey Federation, is designed primarily for women who want to learn outdoor skills.

Session topics include canoeing, archery, firearm safety, black powder and muzzle loading, upland game hunting, boating basics, camping, nature trail hike, water sports, mountain biking, fishing, sailing and other outdoor activities.

The program is held at the South Central 4-H camp on the banks of the Harlan County Reservoir near Alma. A registration fee will be charged to cover food, lodging and workshop sessions. The weekend program is expected to fill up quickly so get your registration in soon. For more information or to request a copy of the brochure and registration form, contact the Trailblazer RC&D at (402) 746-3560.

summer ball

Little League

YORK — York Medical Clinic and the News Times met in a Little League game over the weekend.

Offensive efforts from Aaron Moore, Troy Taylor and Colten Sikes led YMC while Colton Zumpfe and Keith Kopcho turned a double play on defense.

For the News Times team it was Adam Wright, Linden Kalif and the Ohlmstead brothers (Bret and Dylan) leading the way offensively. On defense, Leighton Thomas, Keagon Crawford and Austin Cradick all turned in solid performances in the field.

YMC won the game 14-13.