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STUDENT WINS BOSTON MARATHON WHEELCHAIR DIVISION!



Daniel Romanchuk finished the Boston Marathon at 1 hour, 21 minutes and 36 seconds on April 15, 2019.

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paulBENSON | Reporter

On April 15th, 2019, Daniel Romanchuk became the first American in 26 years and the youngest person, at 20-years old, to ever win the men's Wheelchair division of the Boston Marathon! Daniel finished the 26.2-mile race in Boston at 1-hour 21-minutes

and 36-seconds. He passed Japan's two-time champion, Masazumi Soejima, at the 18-mile mark and kept pushing to the finish line. With his victories in the Chicago and New York Marathons last year, Romanchuk has now won all three Abbott majors in the U.S. When asked about training for the Boston

Marathon Romanchuk said, "The training for something like this, it goes back many... many years, I'd even say back to when I got involved in sports. So, I got involved in sports with the Bennett Blazers sports program out of Baltimore, Maryland. I did their multi sports program so, track and field, swimming,

basketball, hockey, pretty much any sport you could imagine." Romanchuk entered this program when he was 2 years old and started racing in the program at the age of 4. One philosophy he holds onto from the Bennett Blazers is "Teach kids they can before someone tells them they can't." Romanchuk continued

sharing his journey. "It was just about a little over 4 years ago. I was home-schooled and my mom and I were just coming home from some classes that I was doing, and she asked me, 'hey do you want to try to make the Rio 2016 Paralympic games'. After giving it some thought I decided

that I did want to go forward with it." It was this decision that set Romanchuk towards living in Illinois, "We [had] kind of known about the UofI program, which is an absolutely great program. Eventually we got put in contact with the head coach

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Humans of Parkland: Mo Belakhoua

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Mo Belakhoua, who is both a United States citizen and a Tunisian citizen, is a student athlete here at Parkland College. Belakhoua is an electrical engineering major who plays center back for the Parkland men's soccer team. He grew up in Bizerte, Tunisia which is the northernmost city in Africa. Belakhoua moved to the United States to play soccer and attend college. The center back is currently in his sophomore season and hopes to transfer to the University of Illinois. In the 2018 soccer season, the student athlete started 10 of 12 matches as a defensive back. He scored one goal against Illinois Central College in the Region 24 Semi-final and assisted on one goal against the University of Indianapolis.

Belakhoua, as a student athlete, said that time management is not always easy, especially as an electrical engineering major. When asked about how he manages both school and soccer, Belakhoua said, "I have a calendar that I write every due date for my homework, papers, and projects and that I also write my soccer games and practices in. I usually try to do my assignments as soon as they are given to me since we travel during the weekends; poor planning and waiting until the last minute to do assignments can cost me games or practices. If we are traveling, sometimes I will do my homework on the bus or in the hotel to stay on track."

Not only has Belakhoua had to manage both school and soccer, but he also manages living on his own as an international student.

"I came to the United States two years ago," Belakhoua said. "These past couple of years have been challenging and fun at the same time. At first, it was pretty tough adjusting to the Champaign-Urbana community. It was also difficult getting to know people at first since English was not my first language. But, with the help of school and my teammates, things got easier for me." For Belakhoua, school and soccer provided a place to make friends and begin learning about life in the United States.

Student athletes seem to have a rigid weekly schedule, and with Belakhoua it is no different. The 19-year-old's days begin early in the morning and end late at night. He explained to the Prospectus what a typical weekday looks like for him. "Monday through Friday, I usually

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Notre Dame Cathedral's flèche (spire) on fire on 15 April 2019

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The Notre Dame Fire: A Historical Tragedy

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Fire lit up the Parisian sky on Monday, April 15, as the famous Notre Dame Cathedral went up in flames. People everywhere watched as the spire of Notre Dame crashed and burned, and all over the world hearts broke for France.

According to a CNN article released on Saturday, April 20, "The cathedral was undergoing renovations at the time of the fire... The fire devastated large parts of the 850-year-old building before it was finally extinguished after a nine-hour battle." While the source of the fire is unknown, Parisian police are investigating whether the fire may have been started by an electrical short-circuit.

According to a tourism website

notredamecathedral-paris.com, construction of the Gothic-style Catholic Cathedral began during the twelfth century, almost 900 years ago. "It was one of the very first Gothic cathedrals, and its construction took place throughout the Gothic period. Building work began on the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris way back in the 12th century, it was not until some 300 years later construction finally came to an end," the website said. "It is now one of the most prominent cathedrals in France and one of the oldest ones too. The length of time it took to build is evident through the various styles of architecture that run through the building."

According to an interactive history

of the disastrous event titled "Notre Dame fire: What was damaged" created by journalists Jiachuan Wu, Daniel Arkin, and editorial designer Robin Muccari, the fire started Monday evening in the base of the spire and spread throughout, eventually collapsing the spire and the roof and damaging the Cathedral's altar.

A masterpiece of art history and an important symbol of Paris, the Cathedral of Notre Dame has withstood the test of time, has survived two world wars and the French people are determined to see it through last week's ordeal. In a newsletter released on Tuesday, April 16, Archbishop Michel Aupetit of Paris said, "Notre-Dame, our beloved Cathedral, witnessed so many

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Activities

5 fun things to do in the spring!

Spring is finally here! With spring comes longer days, sunshine and warmer weather, at least for the most part. After many long, dark months, we are ready to go outside and enjoy nature. This week, I have searched around the area to find what I believe are fun ways to enjoy this spring season. Feel free to send in your suggestion for fun things to do or to let the Prospectus staff know if you enjoyed the spots that have been picked out.



The self-made waterfall outside near the X and M wing building for students to see.

Source: Sidney Mounts

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Aroma Café

Enjoy your favorite type of coffee or delicious homemade pastries at Aroma Café in downtown Champaign. This charming little coffeeshop has a cute outside area that makes the perfect spot for catching up with a friend or finishing your homework. The prices are

affordable, and the coffee is high quality. You can always be sure that you will be greeted by a friendly face when stepping into this local gem. Don't forget to check out the art that decorates the walls. It's all made by local artists and can be purchased.



Aroma Cafe

Source: Nicoline Hansen

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The Quad

If you find yourself on campus, the quad makes the perfect spot for soaking up some rays while enjoying the vibrant atmosphere. Whether you would like to study in the shade underneath a tree, play frisbee with your friends, or read

a good book in your hammock, there is room for everything. The chance of meeting a cute puppy is also high, which makes an even better reason for going!



The U of I Quad

Source: Nicoline Hansen

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Cobra Athletics Game

There shouldn't be any excuses to not go support our Parkland Cobras now that the weather is so beautiful. Bring your best friends and cheer on our fellow cobras either at a baseball or softball

game. Maybe your support will contribute to bringing home a win! Go check out the Parkland College Athletics website to find out when the next home game will be.



Parkland Softball Game

Source: Parkland College Athletics

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The Dairy Barn

If the heat gets to be too much to handle, make sure to stop by the Sidney Dairy Barn in Sidney, Illinois. The drive might be long but trust me, it will be worth it. The Sidney Dairy Barn serves delicious old fashion ice cream in many flavors so you can be sure to find

something that will satisfy your taste buds. Picnic tables are placed outside the ice cream shop so you can sit down and enjoy your frozen treat. Make sure to check out their website to find out what the flavor of the week is.



The Dairy Barn

Source: Nicoline Hansen

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The Japanese House

If you wish to explore nature and enjoy the newly sprouted trees, the Japanese House is the perfect place to do so. With its location in Urbana on the University of Illinois Campus, it isn't a far drive if you live in the area. The design of the garden makes for

a peaceful and relaxing afternoon in the sun. Further explore the Japanese culture by taking part in a traditional Japanese tea ceremony that is offered at the Japanese House. Check out their website to find out about the upcoming ceremonies.



The Japan House

Source: Nicoline Hansen

News

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there, Adam Bleakney. He allowed me to come out and train and so I started to eventually move out here for training to try and make the Rio team.” Romanchuk was glad to have the opportunity to compete in the 2016 Rio games and he is planning to compete

again in the 2020 Tokyo games. When asked how he has time for school work Romanchuk said, “Back in high school I was homeschooled so I could take my school wherever I went. But, here at Parkland the professors have all been absolutely wonderful. Basically, I’ll tell them a week or so before I leave, ‘hey I’m gone for this period, is there anything scheduled?’ And we’ll work

together.” Romanchuk said about Parkland, “It’s a great place to get a lot of classes done. Professors have just been so accommodating with my schedule and other things. Here they really love to teach, and I think that’s sometimes a hard thing to find.” When asked how it felt to be the youngest person to win the Wheelchair division of the Boston Marathon, Romanchuk said, “I

try not to think about those kinds of things. To me records were meant to be broken to progress the sport.” He was very humble, and I had to point out that not everyone can do what he’s done. In response Romanchuk said, “I could not have been able to do what I have done without family, friends, coaches, teammates, everyone along the way, and most of all I thank God for the

opportunities that I have been presented with.” When asked what it was like to race with previous Boston Marathon champions Romanchuk said, “Just to race with most of those guys. I mean, I grew up watching them on the world stage, and to be able to race with them, it’s just an incredible thing to be able to do.” When asked what his future plans are,

Romanchuk said, “This is the one thing I’ve learned about plans over the years is, they can fall apart. But the current plan is to continue and after the Tokyo games maybe transfer to the UofI.” Romanchuk will be racing in the London Marathon on April 28th. Parkland wishes Daniel Romanchuk well and we will be rooting for him on his journey as an athlete.

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major events in our country, was destroyed by a frightening fire after resisting so long to the adventures of its history. France cries and with it all its friends from all

over the world. It is touched in the heart because its stones are the testimony of an invincible hope which, by the talents, courage, genius and faith of the builders, has raised this luminous lace of stones, wood and glass.” As the tragedy of the fire occurred, today’s technology and

social media allowed Parkland students to be abreast of what was happening in Paris in the moment, and to share the news with each other as well as with friends and family all over the world. Students were able to witness the historical event as it happened, but a feeling of helplessness

was also experienced to watch parts of the Cathedral, such an ancient and beautiful work of humanity, become lost to time. Parkland Student Trustee Nafissa Maiga is French-Malian and has been to France many times. When asked about her reaction to the Notre Dame fire, Maiga told

the Prospectus, “Even though I’m French (and Malian) I’ve never lived in France, I only go on vacation and visit family. It’s still pretty tragic because Notre Dame is a huge part of French history,” Maiga said. “I remember watching this musical inspired from Victor Hugo’s book “Notre

Dame de Paris” all the time with my siblings when we were kids. I mean, the building itself took years to build, revolutions happened there, it stood for so long, and I think the burning and rebuilding will be part of its history.”

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wake up around 7 a.m. to get ready and then I leave for school around 7:40 a.m. Each day of the week, I have three hours of classes and then I usually go to the Center for Academic Success, or D120, for about two hours a day,” he said. “I typically finish around 2:50 p.m. and I then I head back home and get ready for soccer practice. I have soccer practice every Monday through Friday from 3:15 to 5:30 pm. After I finish practice, I

go back home and rest for a little bit before I leave for the library around 7:30 or 8 p.m. I usually don’t get back home until around midnight.” Belakhoua’s days are long and routine, but he explained that the long days are just a part of being a student athlete. Another part of being a student athlete is the benefits that come with the commitment. For Belakhoua, the two biggest perks of being a student athlete are the scholarships and the opportunity to meet different people. “Of course, the first benefit with

playing a college sport is the free tuition that comes with it. This makes my studies a lot easier,” Belakhoua said. “I also got to know more people through soccer.” The Parkland student acknowledges that there are other challenges of being a student athlete. “Sometimes, when we have to travel to games, we have to miss classes and that can be hard,” he said. “Also, some days we have really hard practices and I get so tired afterwards that I can’t study very well those days.” But the soccer player mentioned that all the challenges

that he faces are balanced out with benefits. The student athlete is excited for the 2019 season and is excited to continue his education at Parkland College. Belakhoua wanted to leave a piece of advice for new students and upcoming soccer players. “Always visit D120 because they will give you all the help that you will need to succeed school,” he said. “Always plan your week and don’t let your week plan you otherwise you will get behind in school and athletics.”



Mo Belakhoua Source: Parkland Athletics



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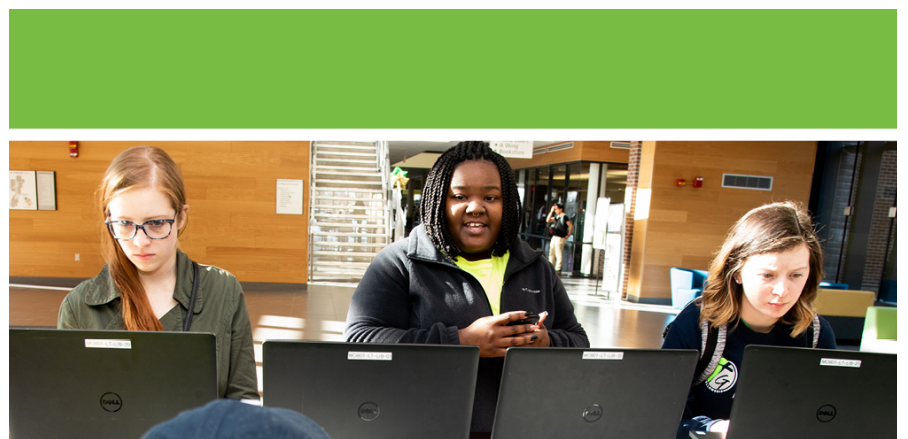
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All requests from faculty to alter scheduled final exam times or dates must be reviewed and approved by the Department Chair, Division Dean, and the Vice President for Academic Services.

In courses where a final exam is not appropriate, as determined by the Department Chair, an educational alternative scheduled during the week of final exams is expected.

Students: These official College guidelines were established to more fully ensure that you receive the full set of instructional class periods for which you paid and to which you are entitled and that you have the appropriate amount of time to prepare adequately for your final exams. If your final exam is given earlier than scheduled, please contact the Department Chair or Division Dean. You may access an online copy of the final exam schedule on the student portal or my.Parkland.edu

Three final exams scheduled on the same day may be considered a conflict. Conflicts may be resolved by arrangement with the faculty of these courses.

Questions or concerns about these guidelines should be directed to the Department Chair or Division Dean.

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Congratulations to our 2019-2020 SGA Officers and Senators:

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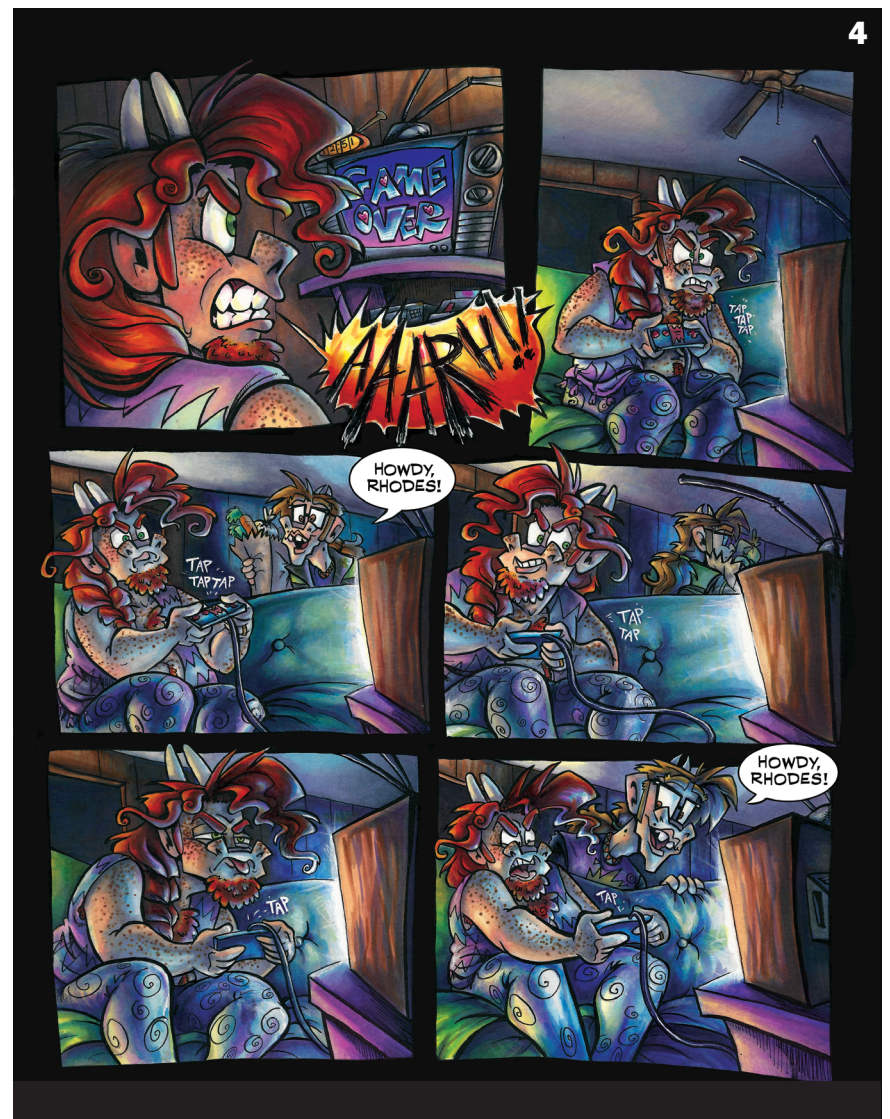
Leaves are starting to appear. Spring is here!

Source: Sidney Mounts

Comics

Krazy Noodle Massacre

Alex Lutz



Krazy Noodle Massacre is the story of one man's obsession with a generic macaroni product -- and the nerds who spy on him.

It is created, written, and drawn by Parkland graphic design student Alex Lutz. The first chapter will run in the Prospectus in chunks of 4 pages for the rest of the semester. During the school year of 2019-2020, weekly gag strips with these characters will be featured while Krazy Noodle Massacre will continue to update online.

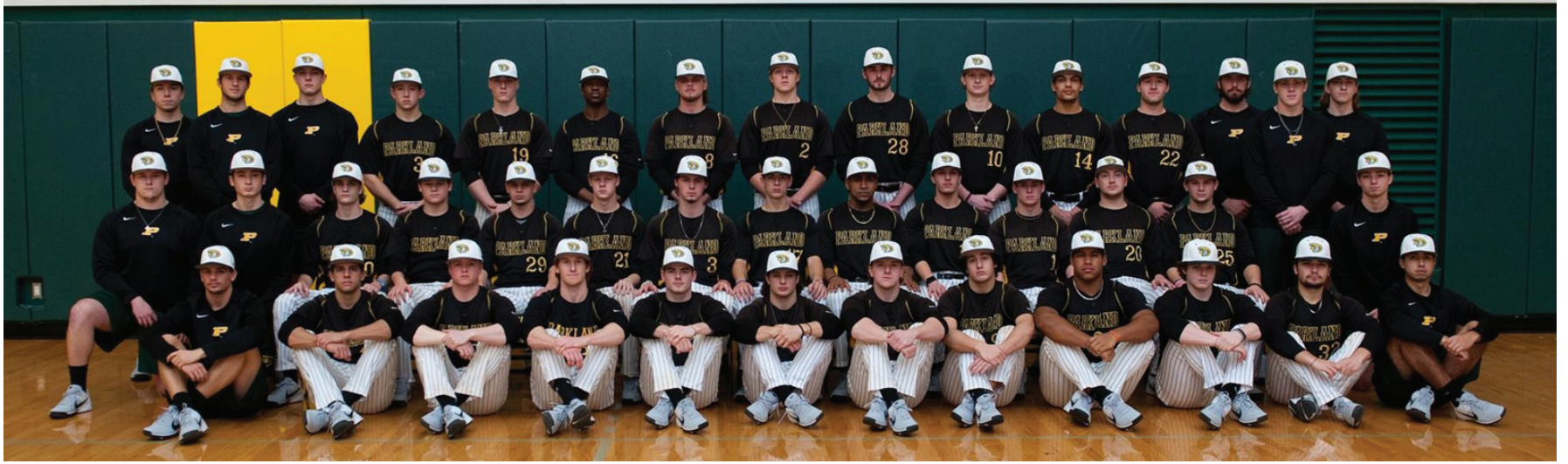
You can read the story so far at the official site: krazynoodlemassacre.com
Or follow the creator on Instagram at [@lutztoons](https://www.instagram.com/lutztoons) for more content.



The Flag Lodge area in the X-wing.

Source: Sidney Mounts

Cobra Sports



Parkland Men's Baseball Team 2019

Source: Parkland Athletics

No. 5 Cobras Earn Series Win Against No. 16 Heartland

By Chad Beyler

Lebron hits team-leading fifth and sixth homers

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. – No. 5 Parkland baseball split a Saturday double-header against No. 16 Heartland to win the weekend series, 3-1. After dropping game one of the day, the Cobras bounced back for a 15-5 win in game two to back five innings from winning pitcher Keegan McHood (5-1). Now 26-10 overall, the Cobras enter the last week in April with a 19-5 record to lead Region 24.

After outscoring the Hawks 30-5 on Friday, the Cobras won the series with a power surge in game two of the Saturday double-header. Hitting four home runs in the route, Steinbach (2-3, HR, 4 RBI) and Minder (2-3,

HR, 3 RBI) hit a pair of three-run bombs, while Lebron (4-4, 2HR, 4 RBI) knocked two over the wall to take the team lead with six big flies on the season. In total, the offense recorded 12 hits, including six of the extra base variety. Adding to the attack, catcher Robert Barnard recorded four more hit-by-pitches to his NJCAA-leading total, now leading the league with 28 pitches off the armor.

Improving to 5-1 on the season, Keegan McHood earned the victory on Saturday behind five innings of work. Outside of a four-run second inning, McHood allowed just two hits and one run while striking out nine.

Up next, Parkland will host a nine-inning game against Jefferson (Mo.) on Monday, April

22, at 2 p.m. central time. The Cobras will be looking to avenge a 3-2 loss against the Division I opponent back on March 20 in Hillsboro, Missouri.

Game 1: No. 5 Parkland 1, No. 16 Heartland 8

Facing Hawks starter Garner Spoljaric who entered with a 1.59 ERA, the Cobras were held to two hits in the game-one defeat.

Falling behind 4-0 in the second inning, the Cobras scored their lone run of the game in the bottom of the fourth with two walks and an RBI double. Steinbach and Warekntin both worked walks, and then right fielder Robert Archbold hit a double to left-center field to plate a run. A hit-by-pitch brought the tying run to the plate, but Spoljaric ended the

inning with a strikeout.

Heartland added four more runs in the top of the seventh, taking advantage of a pair of Parkland errors.

Ryan Culley made the start for the Cobras, going 4.1 innings and striking out six. Reliever Jordan Walden worked the final 2.2 innings, pitching clean fifth and sixth innings and striking out three.

Game 2: No. 5 Parkland 15, No. 16 Heartland 5 (5 inn.)

The Cobra offense came alive early in game two, lining five hits to plate six runs in the bottom of the first. After a one-out double by Shahidi and back-to-back singles from Minder and Lebron scored the first run, Alex Steinbach provided the big blow with his fifth bomb of the season. Another hit and walk chased

starter Shane Gorman from the game in just two-thirds of an inning. A hit-by-pitch and RBI walks by Burkhart and Shahidi concluded the six-run first.

Heartland responded with four runs of their own in the top of the second, but the Cobras got a run back in the bottom half when Jeremiah Lebron hit a moon shot to left-center field for his fifth home run of the season.

A clean third inning by McHood kept the lead at 7-4, and then Parkland put up another crooked number in the bottom half. Scoring all four runs with two outs, Trevor Minder hit the team's third homer in as many innings, jacking a three-run homer to left. After Lebron's third hit of the game and a stolen

base, Steinbach singled home the Cobra designated hitter for the fourth run.

A Heartland home run cut the lead to 11-5, but the Cobras, again, muscled up to complete the run-rule victory with four runs in the bottom of the fifth. After Minder started the frame with a four-pitch walk, Lebron uncorked his second long-ball of the game to give him a team-leading six homers on the season. Another walk to Steinbach brought the winning run to the plate in Damian Pierce who nearly hit a walk-off home run, doubling off the top of the right field wall to score Steinbach. Pierce moved to third on a wild pitch, and then Warkentin drove him in with a walk-off sacrifice fly to right field.

Sports Schedule: April 26 – April 30, 2019

FRIDAY – April 26, 2019

Home - Softball vs. Kishwaukee Game Time 3:00pm & 5:00pm

SATURDAY – April 27, 2019

Home - Softball vs. Lewis & Clark Game Time 1:00pm & 3:00pm

Baseball Away vs. Danville Game Time 1:00pm & 3:00pm

Golf Away – Monmouth College Scot Invite at Monmouth, Ill.

SUNDAY – April 28, 2019

Home - Softball vs. Heartland Game Time 1:00pm & 3:00pm

Home - Baseball vs. Danville Game Time 1:00pm & 3:00

Golf Away - Monmouth College Scot Invite at Monmouth, Ill.

TUESDAY – April 30, 2019

Baseball Away vs. Wabash Valley Game Time 3:00pm



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