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## Area Colleges: UIS baseball wins first-ever game

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ALCORN, Miss. — It took 11 innings, but the Illinois Springfield baseball team was victorious in its first game ever played in school history, as it came away with a 19-14 win over Alcorn State Friday night.

The Prairie Stars (1-0) jumped on top with six runs in three innings, but senior pitcher Ty Morris couldn't hold ASU (0-5) back. The Braves brought the game within one after a four run third inning and in doing so chased Morris, as he allowed five runs on six hits and walked five, while fanning two in 2.1 innings.

UIS was down 10-7 going into the eighth inning and got the game back to a one run contest, but ASU added two runs in the bottom half of the same frame. In the ninth, the Prairie Stars put a five spot on the board to take a 14-12 lead, but again the ASU tied the game.

After a quiet top of the 10th, freshman pitcher Barry Amett (1-0), who was entering his second inning of work played Houdini and got out of a bases loaded two-out jam to force an 11th inning.

In the 11th, UIS made sure to put enough room between them and ASU, as the Stars put a five spot up in the inning. Amett pitched his third inning of work quickly, as he got the Braves to go down quietly.

"The biggest thing is I'm proud of the kids," said head coach Brian Grunzke. "They (ASU) would take leads and we would come back and vice versa and our kids never gave up. We played a DI school in our first ever game and we battled until the end."

UIS and ASU will conclude the series Saturday with the first game of a doubleheader starting at noon.

### **Men's basketball: Blueboys fall in league tournament**

DE PERE, Wis. — Brian McManamy made a layup with 2.6 seconds left to send third-seeded Grinnell College past No. 2 Illinois College 93-91 Friday in the semifinals of the Midwest Conference tournament.

Illinois College trailed by as many as 15 points in the second half but rallied to tie the game on an Adam Varvil layup with 23 seconds left. Grinnell ran down the clock before McManamy's basket, and then Varvil's last-second heave from beyond halfcourt was off target.

Griffin Lentsch led Grinnell (18-6) with 16 points. The Pioneers made 12 of 49 3-point attempts (24.5 percent) to 3 of 13 (.231) for Illinois College.

Craig Bals had 22 points and 10 rebounds for the Blueboys, who finished the season 16-8.

### **Fakuade makes All-GLVC third team**

The University of Illinois Springfield's Michael Fakuade was named to the All-Great Lakes Valley Conference third team in a vote of league coaches, UIS announced Friday.

Fakuade, a 6-foot-7 junior who transferred from Division I Northern Illinois, averaged 13.0 points per game for UIS and led the GLVC in rebounding (9.3 per game) and blocked shots (3.5). The Chicago native ranked fourth in Division II in blocks and 30th in rebounding.

The Prairie Stars finished 8-17 overall and 4-14 in the GLVC.

### **Women's basketball: St. Norbert slams Lady Blues**

DE PERE, Wis. — Krista Pelky made 7 of 11 3-point attempts and scored 21 points to lead top-seeded St. Norbert College past No. 4 Illinois College 63-41 Friday in the semifinals of the Midwest Conference tournament.

Jamie Kuhl added 10 points for St. Norbert (22-2), which will face second-seeded Monmouth for the title at 3 p.m. today.

Alex Gabriel scored nine points to lead Illinois College, which finished the season 13-11.

### **Softball: UIS' Buck throws no-hitter**

BENTONVILLE, Ark. — Sophomore Tina Buck threw the first no-hitter in the University of Illinois Springfield's two-year NCAA Division II history, leading the Prairie Stars to a 9-0 victory over Panhandle State on Friday for a doubleheader split.

Arkansas-Monticello beat the Prairie Stars 12-3 in the first game, which was UIS' season opener.

In the second game, Buck struck out five in seven innings and went 2 for 3 with two RBIs.

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