## Nettles homers twice: Braves rip Yanks, 11-3

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Graig Nettles came closer to nailing down a spot on Atlanta's roster by hitting two home runs Friday as the Braves beat the New York Yankees 11-3.

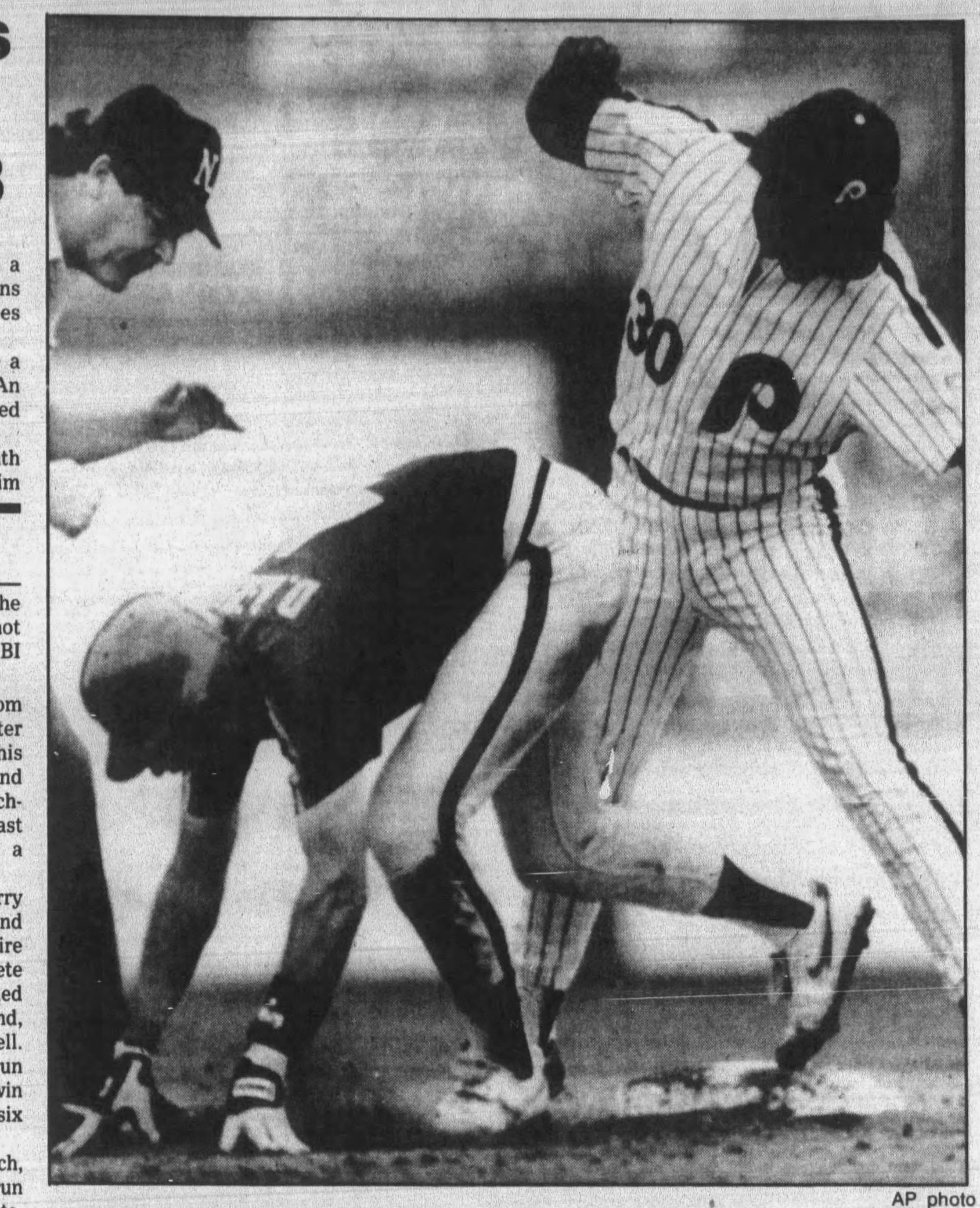
Nettles, 42, hit his first home run to ignite a five-run fifth inning off Dennis Rasmussen. An 18-game winner last season, Rasmussen yielded six runs on 12 hits in six innings.

Nettes' second homer keyed a four-run eighth against Cecilio Guante. The Braves' Ted Sim

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mons opened the scoring with a solo homer in the fourth and Darryl Motley added a three-run shot in the eighth. Motley went 3 for 4 with five RBI and three runs scored.

Indians 1, A's 0: In Tucson, right-hander Tom Candiotti threw a four-hit shutout and Joe Carter scored the game's only run after extending his spring hitting streak to 10 games as Cleveland defeated Oakland. Candiotti, a knuckleball pitcher who led the AL with 17 complete games last season, struck out three and did not walk a batter.



# Agent denies any threats to players

NEW YORK (AP) - Norby Walters, under investigation by the FBI in connection with alleged threats of violence in a battle of sports agents to represent college football players, denied Friday that he was involved in the threats.

"It's ludicrous, it's sickening, it's vile, it's nauseating," Walters said of published reports linking him to the threats.

"I do believe the (sports) agents who are my competitors will tell any of these young men to say anything to try to break a contract," Walte said. "Anybody's capable of saying anything."

A federal law enforcement source, speaking on condition that he not be identified, said that the FBI's Dallas office has launched an investigation of alleged threats by several sports agents. The investigation was said to be in its early stages.

The New York Times, quoting other sources in its Friday editions, reported that the Dallas FBI office had recorded a telephone conversation between player agent Lloye Bloom and former Southern Methodist University wide receiver Ronald Morris in which Bloom was alleged to have threatened to have Morris' hands broken if he signed with another agent.

Clements, a former Notre Dame quarterback who plays for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers in the Canadian Football League.

FBI agents in both Dallas and Chicago refused to confirm or deny whether they were involved in investigations. Both cited bureau policy.

Walters said he has filed suit against five former college football players he said broke their contracts with him and signed with other agents: Rod Woodson of Purdue; Ronnie Harmon, formerly of Iowa and now with the NFL's Buffalo Bills; Brent Fullwood, Auburn; Terrence Flagler, Clemson; and Tony Woods of the University of Pittsburgh.

"All they did was sign contracts with the blessings of their parents and accepted support (from Walters) during their senior year," Walters said. "I'm the guy who done right. They're the ones who have done wrong. That's why I'm suing everyone of them.

Reds 11, Rangers 7: In Port Charlotte, Barry Larkin drove in two runs in a six-run second inning that sent Cincinnati past Texas. Umpire John Hirschbeck ejected Reds Manager Pete Rose in the bottom of the first after Rose argued a safe call when Scott Fletcher stole second, sliding around the tag of short stop Kurt Stillwell. The Reds broke the game open with the six-run rally in the second against Rangers pitcher Edwin Correa, who has allowed 20 earned runs and six home runs in 181/3 innings this spring."

Dodgers 6, Braves 3 (ss): In West Palm Beach, Steve Sax's bases-loaded triple in a five-run seventh inning helped Los Angeles beat Atlanta. Rick Honeycutt, 3-1, started for the Dodgers and earned the victory. Tom Niedenfuer got his first save of the spring.

White Sox 5, Cardinals 1: In St. Petersburg, Rich Dotson, attempting to rebound from last year's 10-17 record, pitched into the eighth inning as Chicago defeated St. Louis. Dotson, targeted by Sox Manager Jim Fregosi to pitch the season opener April 6 in Kansas City, allowed six of St. Louis' eight hits before being relieved by lefthander Ray Searage with two runners on base. Searage permitted the final two hits, and Bob Thigpen retired the last four St. Louis batters to record the save.

Phillies 3, Astros 2: In Clearwater, solo home runs by Juan Samuel, Mike Easler and Chris James powered Philadelphia over Houston. Samuel gave the Phillies a 1-0 lead with a two-out homer in the third inning off loser Jim Deshaies. Glenn Davis later got an RBI single with two outs in the exhibition season, allowed five hits while two bunt attempts, singled to send pinch-runner to tie the game in the fourth. Easler hit a two-out walking three and striking out six. homer to left field in the fourth, and James hit his in the fifth.

BALANCING ACT: Houston's Dale Berra tries to keep his foot on second base under the watchful eyes of Philadelphia's Steve Jeltz and umpire Jerry Crawford. Berra, who was trying to stretch a long single into a double, was tagged out on the play by Jeltz.

Angels 15, Mariners 2: In Palm Springs, Wally gave the Kansas City Royals the victory. Joyner drove in four runs and California scored The Royals tied the score in the eighth with eight unearned runs in the sixth inning en route two runs on only one hit, a Quirk single. Errors to beating Seattle. Joyner singled to drive in two by Mike Fitzgerald and Tom Foley led to the two runs off loser Mike Trujillo in the third, and had unearned runs. another two-run single in the sixth as the Angels Kansas City's Danny Jackson stopped the took advantage of third baseman Rich Renteria's Expos on five hits and two first-inning runs fielding error to score eight runs. Mike Witt before leaving after seven innings, the longest scattered seven hits during his first seven-inning outing by a Royals starter this spring.

stint of the spring to pick up the victory.

Padres 2, Brewers 1: In Yuma, Andy Hawkins Melvin's sacrifice fly in the ninth inning lifted pitched six scoreless innings and Goose Gossage San Francisco and improved the Giants' record to picked up his first save of the spring as San Diego 16-6, best in baseball's exhibition Cactus League. beat Milwaukee. Hawkins, who became the first Candy Maldonado led off the Giants' ninth with a San Diego starter to hurl as many as six innings single, his third hit. Chili Davis, after failing on

Royals 5, Expos 3: At Fort Myers, Jamie the game-winning fly to right field off loser Quirk's two-run homer with two out in the ninth Dickie Noles.

### Weaver may be ready to finally say never to managing

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giving him his unconditional refast ball and it got away. I think he

Bloom works for Walters' firm, World Sports and Entertainment Inc.

The newspaper also quoted unnamed sources as saying the FBI was investigating alleged threats made against another former SMU player, Jeff Atkins. Both Atkins and Morris are currently under contract with another management firm, Athletic Associates of Dallas.

A source, who asked not to be identified, told The Associated Press that the Chicago office of the FBI had been brought into a police investigation in Skokie, Ill., where Kathe Clements, a vice president of the Zucker Sports Entertainment Group was beaten unconscious and stabbed in the arm by a man wearing a ski mask. The attack occurred in the offices of Zucker Sports on March 16.

Clements is the wife of Tom

"There will be one more: Reggie Rogers of Washington," Walters said. "He's being served the legal papers."

Walters admitted that he signed players while they were still in . school and, in some cases, gave them money.

The NCAA allows undergraduate athletes to consult agents, but prohibits them from entering into an agreement or accepting cash or discussing financial arrangements before their eligibility expires.

Besides the five he has filed suit against and Rogers, other football players Walters reportedly has signed include Chris Carter of Ohio State; Lorenzo White, Michigan State; Adrean White, Florida; Tim McGee, Tennessee; Tony Powell, Auburn; Kenny Flowers, Clemson; John Clay, Missouri; Garland Rivers, Michigan; Mark Ingram, Michgian State; Doug Dubose, Nebraska; Edwin Simmons, Texas; and Paul Palmer, Temple.

Investigations have either begun or have been completed at several schools since Walters admitted giving cash to college athletes in an effort to sign them as clients.

### **Driscol's no-hitter paces Kirkwood**

BOONEVILLE, Mo. - Sophomore Robert Driscol tossed a fiveinning no-hitter and Mike Himmelsbach and Paul Zwiener each clubbed solo home runs as Kirkwood Community College opened its baseball season with a doubleheader sweep of Kemper Military Academy Friday night.

used the combined three-hitter of Matt Usher and Steve Basquin to an 18-1 rout in the nightcap.

Driscol, a left-hander from La-Porte City, struck out 13 and missed

MIAMI — Earl Weaver may be on the verge of breaking a vow never to say never.

Though he is reluctant to declare that he will never manage again, citing the possibility of future inflation eating away at his retirement nest egg, Weaver nevertheless sounds more and more like a man in permanent retirement.

"Baseball is the greatest way in the world to make a living," Weaver said at his home near Miami. "But once you've made a living . . . it's time to live."

Paid a reported \$1 million in salary and deferred payments over the last 11/2 seasons, his second stint as manager of the Baltimore Orioles, Weaver, 56, should not have to work again.

In addition to his income from investments and deferred payments, he also will start drawing a \$90,000 annual baseball pension in another three or four years.

other clubs have come calling, as a dozen did following his first retirement in 1982. But even if they do, they will face a hard sell.

"I have no thoughts about managing again, and I don't expect any offers," he said. "I can't see myself getting up at 6 o'clock (in spring **BASEBALL NOTES** 

training) to get a bus to Vero Beach and back . . . doing things like that for seven days a week, for eight months a year."

"I may not have many summers left . . . I'd be happy with 15 or 20," he said. "I don't want to give any of them away."

THE NEW YORK Mets obtained pitcher David Cone and minorleague catcher Chris Jelic from the Kansas City Royals Friday for pitcher Rick Anderson, catcher Ed Hearn and minor-league pitcher Mauro Gozzo.

Cone, a 24-year-old right-hander who had a 2-0 record with a 2.25 earned run average in 16 innings this spring, will join the Mets Sunday.

Jelic, a former University of Pittsburgh quarterback, was as-Weaver acknowledges that no signed to the Mets' Lynchburg affiliate of the Carolina League. Last year, with Fort Myers of the Florida State League, he hit .256 in 108 games.

> PITCHER ROD Scurry was placed on waivers by the New York Yankees Friday for the purpose of

### Errors lead to 8-6 lowa loss

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) — Butch Nolan hit a two-run single in a four-

back with a two-run homer by catcher Brian Butz and two more

lease.

The left-handed Scurry, 31, was 0with a 5.63 earned run average in five spring training games this year. With the Yankees last year, he was 1-2 with a 3.66 ERA and two saves in 31 games, all as a relief pitcher.

**AL NIPPER** of the Boston Red Sox was informed by the baseball commisioner Friday he has been fined for hitting Darryl Strawberry of the New York Mets with a pitch in an exhibition game.

The Red Sox also were fined for failing to control the actions of one of their players.

Sources placed Nipper's fine at \$300 and the club's at a minimum of \$1,000.

Nipper denied that he threw intentionally at Strawberry, saying: "I tried to come up and in with a

overreacted."

Giants 7, Cubs 6: In Scottsdale, Ariz., Bob

Randy Kutcher to third before Melvin delivered

Strawberry still was angry, calling Nipper names, after the game, won by Boston 7-2.

"I'll never forget it," he said. "He'd better hope he doesn't see me down the line. I'll never forget him."

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA land developer George Argyros, who has owned the Seattle Mariners for the past six years, put the team up for sale Thursday when he announced that he was buying the San Diego Padres.

The Mariners were born out of a lawsuit against the AL that was filed after the 1969 Seattle Pilots became the Milwaukee Brewers in 1970. The AL gave Seattle an expansion team on condition that the city of Seattle, King County and the state of Washington drop their lawsuit.

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#### Rugby match today

The Cedar Rapids Rugby Club will open its 1987 season with a match today at 1 p.m against the University of Northern Iowa Rugby Club.

That match will be followed at 3 p.m. by a match between the English Rugby Club of Cedar Rapids and UNI's "B" side. Both matches will take place at the C.R. Rugby Club's pitch, located on **River** Road.

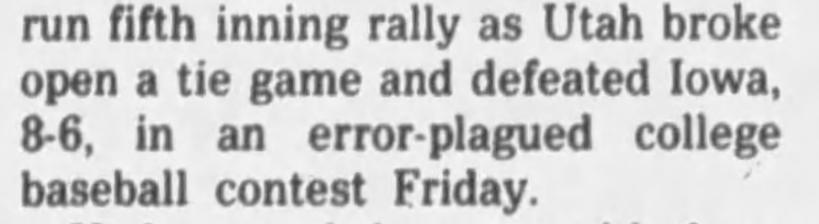
### **Babe Ruth tryout**

Meetings and tryouts for the LaSalle Babe Ruth baseball league will be held today at 2 p.m. and Monday at 4 p.m. Boys 13 to 15 who are future LaSalle students are eligible. For more information, call Daryl Ruby at 396-9425.



a perfect game when he walked the first batter he faced in the fourth inning.

Kirkwood travels today to Neo-The Eagles rode Driscol's gem in sho, Mo., to face Crowder Communi-



Utah opened the game with three runs on one hit, a walk and two lowa errors.

In the fourth inning, Iowa came Utah improved to 6-9.

runs on Utah errors. Randy Frakes went 4-for-4 at the plate for the Hawkeyes.

Calvin Eldred was the losing pitcher for lowa, which slipped to 5-10.

Kyle Hardman got the victory as



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