



## Norse soar past Hawks, advance to winner's round



NKU's Jack Ambrose (4) is congratulated after scoring a run during the Norse's 14-7 win against Rockhurst on Friday night in the second round of the GLVC Tournament. NKU improved to 38-20 with the victory and is 2-0 in the double-elimination event. (Photos by Tim Downer)

## NKU offense too much for Rockhurst, 14-7, in GLVC Tournament

SAUGET, Ill. - Northern Kentucky University used a 13-hit attack to outlast Rockhurst, 14-7, Friday night in the second round of the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament.

Kevin Dusold homered and drove in four runs to lead NKU, which improved to 38-20. Joe Mack added three RBIs as the Norse eliminated Rockhurst and advanced to the winner's bracket game Saturday afternoon.

After falling behind 3-1, NKU scored seven times during the third inning to build an 8-3 lead. The Norse collected five hits during that outburst and also took advantage of a pair of Rockhurst errors to forge the five-run advantage.

Mack doubled in a run to start the scoring in the third, and Brett Hofmann later added an RBI triple. Evan McDole walked with the bases loaded to force in another run, and Dusold was hit by a pitch to force in yet another run for the Norse.

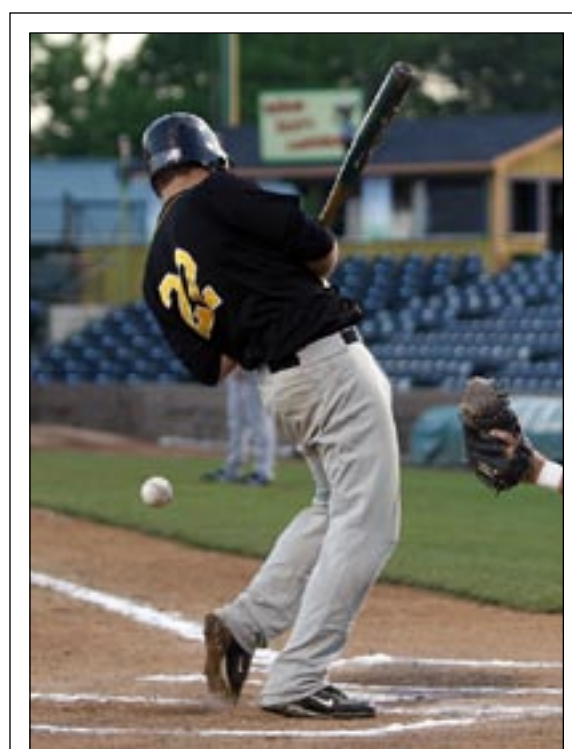
A three-run homer by Tyler Rzepka off Norse starter Sean Munninghoff helped Rockhurst slice NKU's lead to 9-7 in the bottom of the fifth. Kevin

Jordan relieved Munninghoff and allowed just one hit the rest of the way to pick up his third save of the season.

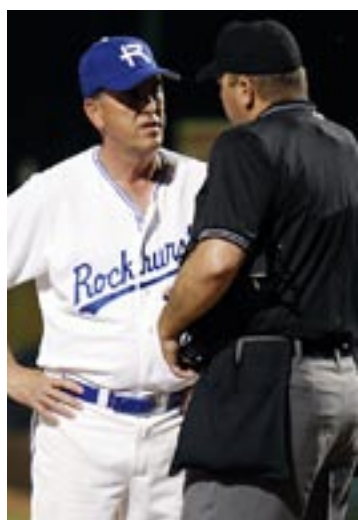
NKU sealed the win in the top of the ninth when Dusold launched his third homer in two days, a three-run blast, to cap a five-run outburst. Dusold now has 14 home runs this season and has driven in 10 runs during the GLVC Tournament.

Hofmann was 3-for-5, while Jason Cisper went 2-for-4 and scored two runs.

NKU is looking to repeat as GLVC Tournament champions. The Norse have won the event in 2002, '04, '06 and '08.



Kevin Dusold is hit by a pitch with the bases loaded to drive in a run.



Rockhurst head coach Gary Burns argues a call.