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Marshalltown High School seniors Carter Hunt, right, and Anthonieh Kopsa complete the final handoff for Bobcat track and field during the 4x400-meter relay on Thursday night at Leonard Cole Field. With construction of a new athletic complex set to commence next week, the Bobcats won the final race on the outgoing venue.

Bobcats bid fond farewell to track



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Marshalltown senior Jayzek Lee, center, maneuvers around the turn during the opening paces of the 200-meter dash at Thursday's Kenny Dean Invite at Leonard Cole Field. Lee finished third in the event in 24.30 seconds.

By ROSS THEDE
 TIMES-REPUBLICAN

The weight of his emotional burden finally caught up with Marshalltown High School senior Anthonieh Kopsa as he carried the baton around the track encircling Leonard Cole Field one last time.

Once he crossed the finish line, Kopsa was finally free to let it all out. So he did, and it knocked him off his feet.

Kopsa dropped to his knees before letting out the cries and tears that he lugged around the track in the final event of Thursday's Kenny Dean Invite. Anchoring the 4x400-meter relay, Kopsa carried the baton as the Bobcats claimed victory less than a week before construction begins on a new \$8 million athletic complex.

The Bobcat foursome of Gatlief Joar, Cory Smith,

Carter Hunt and Kopsa combined on a winning time of 3 minutes, 41.68 seconds, but there was more to that final quarter mile for Kopsa than just nostalgia.

"We had a loss in our family really recently," he said. "She was a really big fan of how far I got in track so there was a mix of that and the track being gone and all that history, this being my last home meet and all the history I've had through my four years. I've had my spikes signed by a lot of (teammates), so along with that it was just a really overwhelming moment I guess."

"Before the race I was pretty much only thinking about those things and I knew I had to just lock in one last time and go at it. That was the best I could give, and then just to see as I'm running it play out how

FAREWELL | A11

Bobcat boys netters turn back Little Cyclones, 9-2

TIMES-REPUBLICAN

AMES — The potential for an upset bid was erased by a pair of third-set super-tiebreakers as the Class 2A No. 6 Marshalltown boys' tennis team turned back host Ames, 9-2, on Thursday night.

The Bobcats (3-1, 1-0) won the top three singles matches in straight sets, but Ames threatened to make a split out of the evening's opening proceedings. Each of the last three singles matches went to a deciding third set, where Marshalltown thwarted the Little Cyclones' opportunity for an upset.

Jacob Thiessen at No. 4 singles and Isaac Bencoter at No. 5 turned away their Ames counterparts to help

Marshalltown capture a 5-1 singles lead that helped the visitors take momentum into doubles play. MHS won four of the five doubles bouts as well to pull away to a lopsided win.

Marshalltown's Jason Strand scored a 6-1, 6-1 sweep at No. 1 singles over Tharun Raju, while Gavin Jablonski won a 6-1, 6-3 match at No. 2 over Anson Bernard. Nile Christensen made it 3-0 Bobcats with a 6-1, 6-0 triumph over Hayden Sinclair at No. 3.

Thiessen topped Akshay Sarda, 7-5, 5-7, (10-8), while Bencoter scored a 6-2, 4-6, (10-7) victory over Tim Hanulik. Drew Loney was edged out in three sets,

NETTERS | A11

Ames girls tennis withstands Marshalltown's rallies

TIMES-REPUBLICAN

Ames made good on two of the three matches to reach a deciding third-set super-tiebreaker to beat back the Marshalltown girls' tennis team, 9-2, in Thursday's Iowa Alliance Conference dual meet at the Marshalltown Court Complex.

The Little Cyclones (1-0, 1-0) won all six singles bouts to secure the team victory, though it took a marathon triumph at No. 2 to lock it down. Marshalltown's Rebekah Downs came up on the short end of a three-set thriller, 6-4, 3-6, (12-10), as Katie Gu's victory sealed the meet for Ames.

The No. 5 doubles team of Ellie Hughes and Rachel Jones got the Bobcats' first win of the evening with a 6-3, 6-0 win over Naomi Pena and Yerin Lee, and the

No. 3 doubles team of Claire Bohan and Ava Lucas added Marshalltown's only other triumph with a 7-6 (7-1), 1-6, (11-9).

The No. 1 doubles tandem of Kennedy Feldman and Downs fought to the end with a 6-7 (5-7), 7-6 (7-4), (10-8) loss to Angelina Chen and Gu, but the Little Cyclones had long since locked up the dual.

Marshalltown's singles losses went to Feldman at No. 1, Emily Diggins at No. 3, Brianna Hargrave at No. 4, Lucas at No. 5 and Bohan at No. 6. Diggins and Hargrave were defeated 7-6 (7-4), 6-3 at No. 2 doubles by Jiwen Li and Samantha Berg, while Chesni Uhde and Grace Bethel were bounced at No. 4 doubles by Amaya Dassanayoke and Adeline Oetker, 6-3, 6-3.



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Marshalltown's Ellie Hughes, right, makes a forehand return at the net while her No. 5 doubles partner Rachel Jones watches from the baseline during Thursday's dual against Ames. Hughes and Jones won their match, 6-3, 6-0, over Naomi Pena and Yerin Lee of Ames.

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ON TAP

Friday, April 7

Boys Tennis
Cedar Rapids Jefferson at Marshalltown, 9 a.m.

College Baseball
NIACC at MCC, 1 p.m. (2)

Girls Tennis
Marshalltown at Cedar Rapids Jefferson, 2 p.m.

Girls Soccer
Fort Dodge at Marshalltown, 6 p.m.

Saturday, April 8

Girls Track
Marshalltown at Valley Invite, 11 a.m.

College Baseball
NIACC at MCC, Noon

NASCAR CUP

Food City Dirt Race
(All times Eastern)

Site: Bristol, Tennessee.

Schedule: Friday, practice, 6:35 p.m. and 8:32 p.m.; Saturday, qualifying, 6 p.m.-7 p.m. in four heats; Sunday, race, 7 p.m. (FOX).

Track: Bristol Motor Speedway.

Race distance: 250 laps, 125.5 miles.

Last year: Kyle Busch won after starting 11th.

Last race: Kyle Larson pulled away from Hendrick Motorsports teammate Josh Berry on a restart with 14 laps to go and won at Richmond for his first victory of the season.

Fast facts: Larson's victory was the 20th of his career, half of them coming in his 2021 championship season. It was also the fifth for Chevrolet in seven races and the third for Hendrick drivers... Berry's finish was his career best. He is filling in for injured driver Chase Elliott... Denny Hamlin overcame an early pit road penalty to get back into contention, but a second one took him out of the mix at his home track... Hendrick driver Alex Bowman has six top-10 finishes and leads Ross Chastain by four points in the standings... Christopher Bell is 34 points behind, and the top Toyota. Kevin Harvick is sixth and the top Ford.

MLB STANDINGS

(All times Eastern)

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	6	0	1.000	-
New York	4	2	.667	2
Toronto	4	3	.571	2 1/2
Baltimore	3	3	.500	3
Boston	3	4	.429	3 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	5	2	.714	-
Minnesota	4	2	.667	1/2
Chicago	3	4	.429	2
Detroit	2	5	.286	3
Kansas City	1	6	.143	4

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	4	2	.667	-
Texas	4	2	.667	-
Houston	3	4	.429	1 1/2
Oakland	2	4	.333	2
Seattle	2	5	.286	2 1/2

Thursday's Games

Boston 6, Detroit 3
Toronto 6, Kansas City 3
San Francisco 16, Chicago White Sox 6
N.Y. Yankees at Baltimore, p.pd.
Houston at Minnesota, p.pd.

Friday's Games

Texas (Eovaldi 1-0) at Chicago Cubs (Stroman 1-0), 2:20 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Schmidt 0-0) at Baltimore (Kremer 0-0), 3:05 p.m.
Houston (Urquidy 0-0) at Minnesota (Gray 1-0), 4:10 p.m.
Seattle (Gilbert 0-1) at Cleveland (Civale 1-0), 4:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Giolito 0-0) at Pittsburgh (Hill 0-1), 4:12 p.m.
Kansas City (Keller 0-1) at San Francisco (Cobb 0-0), 4:35 p.m.
Oakland (Waldichuk 0-1) at Tampa Bay (Eflin 1-0), 6:40 p.m.
Toronto (Bassitt 0-1) at L.A. Angels (Sandoval 1-0), 9:38 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Houston at Minnesota, 2:10 p.m.
Kansas City at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Texas at Chicago Cubs, 4:05 p.m.
Boston at Detroit, 4:10 p.m.
Oakland at Tampa Bay, 4:10 p.m.
Seattle at Cleveland, 6:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Pittsburgh, 6:35 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
Toronto at L.A. Angels, 9:07 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	6	1	.857	-
Miami	3	4	.429	3
New York	3	4	.429	3
Philadelphia	1	5	.167	4 1/2
Washington	1	6	.143	5

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	5	1	.833	-
Pittsburgh	4	2	.667	1
Cincinnati	3	2	.600	1 1/2
Chicago	2	3	.400	2 1/2
St. Louis	2	4	.333	3

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	4	2	.667	-
Arizona	3	3	.500	1
San Francisco	3	3	.500	1
Colorado	3	4	.429	1 1/2
San Diego	3	4	.429	1 1/2

Thursday's Games

San Francisco 16, Chicago White Sox 6
Colorado 1, Washington 0
Atlanta 7, San Diego 6
L.A. Dodgers at Arizona, (late)
Miami at N.Y. Mets, p.pd.
Cincinnati at Philadelphia, p.pd.

Friday's Games

Miami (Cabrera 0-0) at N.Y. Mets (Megill 1-0), 1:10 p.m.
Texas (Eovaldi 1-0) at Chicago Cubs (Stroman 1-0), 2:20 p.m.
Cincinnati (Greene 0-0) at Philadelphia (Wheeler 0-1), 3:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Giolito 0-0) at Pittsburgh (Hill 0-1), 4:12 p.m.
Kansas City (Keller 0-1) at San Francisco (Cobb 0-0), 4:35 p.m.
San Diego (Martinez 0-1) at Atlanta (Shuster 0-1), 7:20 p.m.
St. Louis (Flaherty 1-0) at Milwaukee (Woodruff 0-0), 8:10 p.m.
Washington (Gore 1-0) at Colorado (Ureña 0-1), 8:40 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 1-0) at Arizona (Bumgarner 0-1), 9:40 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Cincinnati at Philadelphia, 4:05 p.m.
Kansas City at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Texas at Chicago Cubs, 4:05 p.m.
Miami at N.Y. Mets, 4:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Pittsburgh, 6:35 p.m.
St. Louis at Milwaukee, 7:10 p.m.
San Diego at Atlanta, 7:20 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at Arizona, 8:10 p.m.
Washington at Colorado, 8:10 p.m.

PGA TOUR

Masters Tournament

At Augusta, Ga.
Augusta National, par 72

First Round

Viktor Hovland, Norway	31-34	65
Brooks Koepka, U.S.	32-33	65
Jon Rahm, Spain	33-32	65
Jason Day, Australia	34-33	67
Cameron Young, U.S.	34-33	67
Sam Bennett, U.S.	32-36	68
Sam Burns, U.S.	31-37	68
Shane Lowry, Ireland	33-35	68
Xander Schauffele, U.S.	34-34	68
Scottie Scheffler, U.S.	33-35	68
Adam Scott, Australia	34-34	68
Gary Woodland, U.S.	35-33	68
Tony Finau, U.S.	35-34	69
Collin Morikawa, U.S.	34-35	69
Justin Rose, England	36-33	69
Jordan Spieth, U.S.	32-37	69
Keegan Bradley, U.S.	35-35	70
Matt Fitzpatrick, England	37-33	70
Ryan Fox, New Zealand	36-34	70
Tom Kim, South Korea	34-36	70
Chris Kirk, U.S.	38-32	70
Cameron Smith, Australia	34-36	70
Scott Stallings, U.S.	35-35	70
Sepp Straka, Austria	39-31	70
Justin Thomas, U.S.	35-35	70
Patrick Cantlay, U.S.	35-36	71
Fred Couples, U.S.	38-33	71
Harris English, U.S.	37-34	71
Tyrell Hatton, England	35-36	71
Max Homa, U.S.	38-33	71
Sungjae Im, South Korea	35-36	71
Dustin Johnson, U.S.	36-35	71
Hideki Matsuyama, Japan	34-37	71
Phil Mickelson, U.S.	34-37	71
Joaquin Niemann, Chile	32-39	71
Patrick Reed, U.S.	35-36	71
Abraham Ancer, Mexico	39-33	72
Tommy Fleetwood, England	35-37	72
Talor Gooch, U.S.	36-36	72
Kevin Kisner, U.S.	36-36	72
Rory Mclroy, N. Ireland	37-35	72
Francesco Molinari, Italy	38-34	72
Harold Varner III, U.S.	34-38	72
Mike Weir, Canada	35-37	72
Corey Conners, Canada	36-37	73
Russell Henley, U.S.	36-37	73
Billy Horschel, U.S.	36-37	73
Si Woo Kim, South Korea	37-36	73
Jason Kokrak, U.S.	38-35	73
Adrian Meronk, Poland	35-38	73
Taylor Moore, U.S.	37-36	73
Seamus Power, Ireland	35-38	73
Sahithi Theegala, U.S.	37-36	73
Bryson DeChambeau, U.S.	38-36	74
Sergio Garcia, Spain	34-40	74
Tom Hoge, U.S.	37-37	74
KyungHoon Lee, South Korea	39-35	74
Mito Pereira, Chile	39-35	74
Thomas Pieters, Belgium	37-37	74
J.T. Poston, U.S.	37-37	74
Charl Schwartzel, South Africa	38-36	74
Tiger Woods, U.S.	38-36	74
Ben Carr, U.S.	38-37	75
Harrison Crowe, Australia	36-39	75
Zach Johnson, U.S.	36-39	75
Kurt Kitayama, U.S.	38-37	75
Bernhard Langer, Germany	38-37	75
Min Woo Lee, Australia	36-39	75
Keith Mitchell, U.S.	37-38	75
Vijay Singh, Fiji	38-37	75
Adam Svensson, Canada	41-34	75
Danny Willett, England	38-37	75
Cameron Champ, U.S.	41-35	76
M. F. de Oliveira, Argentina	39-37	76
Kazuki Higa, Japan	36-40	76
Mackenzie Hughes, Canada	39-37	76
Louis Oosthuizen, South Africa	37-39	76
Brian Harman, U.S.	39-38	77
Matthew McClean, N. Ireland	37-40	77
Jose Maria Olazabal, Spain	40-37	77
Alrich Potgieter, South Africa	40-37	77
Gordon Sargent, U.S.	39-38	77
Bubba Watson, U.S.	40-37	77
Alex Noren, Sweden	41-37	78
Larry Mize, U.S.	38-41	79
Sandy Lyle, Scotland	40-41	81
Kevin Na, U.S.	WD	
Will Zalatoris, U.S.	WD	

NBA STANDINGS

(All times Eastern)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Boston	55	25	.688	-
x-Philadelphia	52	28	.650	3
x-New York	47	33	.588	8
Brooklyn	44	36	.550	11
Toronto	40	40	.500	15

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	43	37	.538	-
Atlanta	41	39	.513	2
Orlando	34	46	.425	9
Washington	34	46	.425	9
Charlotte	26	54	.325	17

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Milwaukee	58	22	.725	-
x-Cleveland	51	30	.630	7 1/2
Chicago	38	42	.475	20
Indiana	34	46	.425	24
Detroit	16	64	.200	42

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Memphis	50	30	.625	-
New Orleans	41	39	.513	9
Dallas	38	42	.475	12
San Antonio	21	59	.263	29
Houston	20	60	.250	30

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Denver	52	27	.658	-
Minnesota	40	40	.500	12 1/2
Oklahoma City	39	42	.481	14
Utah	36	44	.450	16 1/2
Portland	33	47	.413	19 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Sacramento	48	32	.600	-
x-Phoenix	44	35	.557	3 1/2
L.A. Clippers	42	38	.525	6
Golden State	42	38	.525	6
L.A. Lakers	41	39	.513	7

Thursday's Games

Cleveland 118, Orlando 94
Miami 129, Philadelphia 101
San Antonio 129, Portland 127
Oklahoma City 114, Utah 98
Denver at Phoenix, (late)

Friday's Games

Detroit at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Houston at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Miami at Washington, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Memphis at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
New York at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Golden State at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Denver at Utah, 3:30 p.m.
Minnesota at San Antonio, 4 p.m.
Portland at L.A. Clippers, 4 p.m.

NHL STANDINGS

(All times Eastern)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
z-Boston	78	61	12	5	127	288	167
x-Toronto	78	46	21	11	103	263	215
x-Tampa Bay	79	45	28	6	96	271	243
Florida	79	41	31	7	89	281	263
Buffalo	77	38	32	7	83	278	284
Ottawa	79	37	35	7	81	248	261
Detroit	78	35	33	10	80	237	259
Montreal	79	31	42	6	68	225	291

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-Carolina	78	50	19	9	109	251	201
x-New Jersey	79	50	21	8	108	279	218
x-N.Y. Rangers	79	46	21	12	104	269	213
N.Y. Islanders	79	40	30	9	89	233	215
Pittsburgh	79	39	30	10	88	253	255
Washington	78	34	35	9	77	242	249
Philadelphia	78	29	36	13	71	210	261
Columbus	78	24	46	8	56	206	315

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-Dallas	78	43	21	14	100	271	214
x-Colorado	76	46	24	6	98	256	210
x-Minnesota	78	44	24	10	98	233	213
Winnipeg	78	43	32	3	89	235	218
Nashville	78	40	30	8	88	219	227
St. Louis	79	37	35	7	81	258	290
Arizona	78	27	38	13	67	216	282
Chicago	77	25	46	6	56	190	280

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-Vegas	78	48	22	8	104	259	223
x-Edmonton	79	47	23	9	103	312	257
x-Los Angeles	78	45	23	10	100	267	245
Seattle	77	43	26	8	94	272	243
Calgary	79	37					