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Hobart's Bobby Wynne advances the ball as Nazareth College's David Trzeciak chases him down. The Statesmen defeated the Golden Flyers, 18-14, in the NCAA Division III tournament semifinals.

## Hobart burns Nazareth, 18-14, in lacrosse semis

By Mike Latona  
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GENEVA — It was almost hot enough that you could cook your dinner right on the bleacher seats.

Unfortunately for the Nazareth College men's lacrosse team, everyone went back to Rochester hungry.

The Golden Flyers were victims of an 18-14 loss to Hobart College in an NCAA Division III national semifinal contest played last Sunday, May 22. The defeat, played in 85-degree weather before an estimated 6,400 spectators at Hobart's Boswell Field, gave Nazareth a final record of 12-2.

Hobart, meanwhile, improved to 11-2 and will now face Salisbury State, Md., in the Division III national championship game on Sunday, May 29, at College Park, University of Maryland.

The May 22 contest resurrected an intense rivalry between Division III's last two national champions. Hobart, currently ranked No. 2 nationally, is the defending champ and will go for its 14th national title in 15 years in Maryland.

This marked the fourth consecutive year in which the two lacrosse powerhouses have locked horns in the semifinal round. The only time Nazareth has defeated the Statesmen at this juncture was in 1992, when the Golden Flyers went on to win their sole national championship to date.

Both offenses scored seemingly at will most of the afternoon — except for a crucial scoreless stretch for No. 4-ranked Nazareth which spanned more than 13

minutes in the third and fourth quarters.

"We made a few mental errors; other than that, I thought we played a great game," said sophomore attackman Neal Powless, who led Nazareth with four goals.

Early on, this game had the makings of a Nazareth blowout when the Golden Flyers went on a five-goal run in a span of 5 minutes, 38 seconds to take a 6-2 first-quarter lead with 1:45 to go. Senior midfielder Jeremy Hollenbeck scored all three of his goals during that spree, and teammates Pat Metzler and Kevin Cox also chipped in with goals. Powless had Nazareth's other first-quarter score.

This game of quick momentum shifts saw Hobart rally for six of seven goals — the lone Nazareth goal came from Ed Geary — to go back in front, 8-7, with 8:11 remaining in the second quarter. Nazareth's Brian Majczak and Cox then sandwiched goals around a score by Hobart's Todd Burnham, and the halftime tally was deadlocked at 9-9.

Hobart led off the second half with a five-goal blitz, including three straight by Cabell Maddux, to go ahead for good.

Despite their 14-9 deficit, the never-say-die Golden Flyers ended the third period with a goal by Metzler and two by Powless to climb to within two goals.

Hobart's Trent Carter and Tony Gray led off the final quarter with goals before Cam Bomberry and Powless once again brought Nazareth to within two, 16-14, with 7:14 remaining.

Yet the Statesmen used an effective stall from that point on, and the Golden Flyers failed to find the net again.

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