

## Underdogs Take Down Top-Seed on Opening Day of NCBA World Series

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Tampa, FL – The No. 8 Badgers defeated top-seeded East Carolina by a score of 16-8 on Friday evening. Wisconsin claimed its first tournament victory to finish off the opening day of the 2014 NCBA Division I World Series event.

Talk about a dramatic night of baseball. The Badgers jumped out to an early lead, scattering six runs through the first three innings while blanking East Carolina. But just as quickly as the Badgers went ahead, the Pirates answered and put up six runs of their own before the end of the sixth inning.



Leading by a score of just 7-6, Wisconsin stepped to the plate with a plan in the seventh. The Badgers lit up the Pirates' pitching staff, tallying a total of four hits and four walks to score a strong six runs in a top-of-the-inning rally. In the half inning, East Carolina blew through three pitchers trying to fend off Wisconsin.

With a comfortable lead in place, Wisconsin kept chipping away and achieved the unpredictable. The underdog Badgers upset the top-seeded Pirates by a score of 16-8 to end the first day of the 2014 World Series event.

Chris Hase was the dominant force for the Badgers through nine full innings both at the plate and in the field. The senior went 4-for-5 with one RBI and two runs scored and played solid defense in right-field.

"I've been hitting the ball really well recently and I hit the ball really well at Regionals and I just kind of kept it going today," said Hase. "I always look for the fastball and it was definitely in my wheelhouse tonight."

Wisconsin advances within the Winner's Bracket and will play the winner of No. 4 Delaware vs. No. 5 Texas on Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. East Carolina will face the loser of the aforementioned match-up in an elimination game on Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

Check out the complete [box score](#) of the game online at the NCBA League Website.

This is the second consecutive season that the National Club Baseball Association has hosted the season-finale event at the University of Tampa Baseball Stadium in downtown Tampa. Games will continue through Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. For a full schedule of events, links to in-game broadcasts and play-by-play updates, head to the [NCBA World Series Website](#).