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to watch.”

Lehrman, a junior with the Bradley program this past spring, created a lot of lasting memories in his first season with the Braves, having season highs in innings pitched (4) and strikeouts (5) during a stint against Murray State on April 6, while he was also third on the team with his 8.12 earned run average making an impressive 21 appearances (second on the team) with three pitching starts and adding with one save.

“No doubt it was a big adjustment for me going from the JUCO level to D-I,” Lehrman said. “At JUCO there’s usually only a few guys in every line-up that you really have to worry about. But at Bradley playing at the D-I level, every single guy who steps to the plate is someone you have to worry about. The talent at this level is amazing. You can’t take your foot off the gas even for a second or these hitters will make you pay.”

Getting acclimated to the elite level of play with the Braves was something Lehrman looked forward to, however.

“The ride this season was filled with a lot of highs and lows,” he said. “I had a lot of outings that were very close to being great ones, then others that just spiraled on me. But I wouldn’t allow the lows to catch up on me. I had to stay mentally strong through it all knowing I could be right back on the mound the very next day. I’m usually pretty good with that stuff. That’s my game, and I did the best I could

to help my team win.”

Lehrman logged 44.1 innings on the mound this past season coming through with 39 strikeouts, posting a 1-3 overall record while holding opposing hitters to a .313 batting average, one of the top numbers on the Bradley pitching staff in 2025.

“My role with Bradley this season was kind of all over the place,” Lehrman said. “I started sometimes. I closed games sometimes, but mostly I was a middle relief guy. Overall, I felt like I had a decent season pitching. A couple of bad outings made my stats look a little worse than they actually were, but for me anyway, I think it’s a good start to me career here at Bradley and the D-I pitching level.”

While Lehrman had to make plenty of adjustments mentally to the new level of pitching, he also had to make some mechanically during the course of the 2025 campaign.

“I was mainly recruited to play at Bradley because of my ability to throw a lot of strikes,” he said. “But I did have to make subtle changes to the way I normally did things, and there was a lot of wear and tear on my body and my arm by the end of the season.”

The Braves finished with a 16-35 overall record, but played much better in the Missouri Valley Conference going a solid 12-16 to finish tied for seventh in the 10-team league.

Lehrman had an impressive 17 multi-inning outings during the course of the 2025 campaign, but said his highlight performances came against

Murray State, Florida Atlantic and the University of Illinois-Chicago.

“I would say those were my top-3 pitching performances, if I had to pick,” he said. “I threw four innings against Sienna (Feb. 22) and Murray State (April 6) but against Murray State I didn’t allow a run and only gave up two hits.

“Overall though, it was a rough year for us as a team, and we didn’t start very hot either.”

The Braves opened the 2025 season dropping 13 of their first 15 games and 24 of their first 27.

“Towards the end of the year though we got hot,” Lehrman said. “It was almost like we flipped a switch and we made it into the conference tournament. That end of year run gave us a lot of confidence and momentum heading into the off-season.”

That off-season ultimately saw Bradley administration relieve the Braves’ program of its entire baseball coaching staff.

“That sure came as a shocker to all of us,” said Lehrman, a corporate finance major. “We’re still not done with a lot of the changes here, but I’m good with working on my own right now and seeing what changes there are going to be.

“I’m excited about next year, too, not just on the field, but off of it as well. I’ve been really happy with my move here to Peoria. The reality of playing at the D-I level has lived up to the dream, and the good thing is, I’ve still got one more year to go.”

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plate twice in the contest.

Tyler Taube got the pitching start for the Springville team and worked the game’s first 6.1 innings allowing just five hits and three earned runs while striking out an impressive seven Viking batters. Wilson threw just two pitches in working the final two-thirds of an inning to close the game out.

The opener of the league twinbill saw Edgewood-Colesburg score six of the game’s final seven runs in escaping with a 7-3 victory over the Orioles.

Trailing 1-0 in the top of the second, Springville plated two runs to take a 2-1 lead before the hosts scored six straights runs, two in each of the third, fourth and fifth frames taking control leading 7-2.

Springville scored their final run in the top of the sixth.

Oriole bats ripped five hits in the opener led by two from Goad while also came through with an RBI. Lansing, Christian Anguiano and Taube added hits for the Springville offense as well.

Lansing got the pitching start and worked the first three innings allowing three hits and two earned runs while fanning four Viking batters before giving way to Goad and Sweet who combined to toss the final three frames.

The Orioles opened their week on the road at Easton Valley Thursday, June 19, where the Orioles were handed an 11-1 setback that ended in walk-off style in the bottom of the fifth for the host River

Hawks.

Easton Valley got the offense going quickly plating six first inning runs before adding two more in the second and a single run in the fourth to lead 9-0.

Reece Jacobi drove home Jayden Meeker in the top of the fifth inning for Springville’s lone run in the game before the hosts closed things with the two-run bottom half.

Springville bats were held to just four hits (Anguiano, Meeker, Wilson and Taube) while Connor May got the pitching start allowing six runs before giving way to Jacobi who tossed the final four frames of six-hit baseball allowing two earned runs while also striking out one River Hawk batter.

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The momentum from the enormous long ball didn’t last long however, as Northeast scored six times in the top of the eighth inning taking a 12-6 lead.

Anamosa showed no quit however, as King ripped a two-run home run over the left-center field wall in the bottom of the eighth, trimming the Rebel lead to 12-8, but it would be all the hosts would get in the four-run setback.

Offense was the name of the game in the nightcap as the two teams combined for an amazing 20 runs and 29 hits as the Raiders tallied 13 hits led by two-hit outings from Wheeler, Dane Owen, King and Faille.

Diers got the pitching start and went seven strong innings tossing a nine-hitter with five strikeouts before Wheeler and

Owen each went to the hill in the eighth inning.

Anamosa opened their week with a non-conference contest hosting perennially powerful Cedar Rapids Xavier Tuesday, June 17, dropping a 9-2 final at the hands of the Saints.

“Didn’t execute enough when the opportunities were there,” Tvedt said. “We had some chances early and didn’t take as much advantage of them as we could have. Xavier is a good team and they are hard to beat without playing a near perfect game on our end. We just weren’t able to do that. We hung around quite a while, but they eventually pulled away.”

The Saints plated three top of the first inning runs to set an immediately tone, but the Raiders answered scoring a single run

in the first when Owen singled and crossed the plate thanks to an RBI hit from Diers before Fischer scored a run in the bottom of the second without the benefit of a single hit in the inning.

The hosts wouldn’t score again in the contest as Cedar Rapids Xavier tacked on single runs in the fourth and fifth frames to lead 5-2 before a four-run sixth blew the game open.

Diers powered a six-hit Raider offense going 2-for-3 at the plate while Wheeler got the pitching start and tossed two innings of five-hit baseball allowing three runs while striking out one. Faille, Owen and Vargason all took on stints on the hill as well for the hosts.

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the sixth, Anamosa did add one more run when Izzy Reck singled and scored.

Miell powered the Raider offense coming through with two hits and an RBI as the team tallied eight hits in the contest.

Marcus got the pitching start and tossed an eight-hitter allowing four earned runs while striking out three Rebels batters.

The Anamosa homestand continued Friday, June 20, against Iowa City Regina, and in what was a nail-biter for nine intense innings, the hosts came out on the short end of a 2-1 score.

“This was a good game,” Tallman said. “Our defense was on fire, but unfortunately it was one of those games where all the small things were not going in our favor. We battled and held them when things were getting intense.”


The Regals broke a scoreless tie coming through with a sin-

gle run in the top of the fourth inning, but the Raiders were able to knot the score in the bottom of the sixth when Marcus drilled a one-out double with pinch-runner Albrecht scoring later in the frame.

Iowa City Regina scored

what proved to be the game-winner in the top of the ninth, though Anamosa did have the game-tying run (Kuehl) at second base in the bottom of the ninth but could not get the big hit to keep the contest going.


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MINUTES	
Action Minutes from Martelle’s Regular City Council Meeting held June 18, 2025 at the Martelle Fire Station. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Dave Fountain at 6:32 pm. Those answering Roll Call were: Dave Fountain, Diane Fountain, Michael Redington, Roxanne Tapken, Jan James, and Gary Darrow. Motion to approve meeting’s agenda made by Redington seconded by James. All Ayes. Motion carried. Motion to approve Consent Agenda made by Redington seconded by James. All Ayes. Motion carried. Fire Report: Motion to add a Safety Deposit box for the city to hold CD’s and vehicle Titles with key holders and to be the Mayor and City Clerk made Tapken, seconded by James. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion to approve 28e Fire Protection Agreement with Greenfield Township made by Tapken seconded by Redington . All ayes, motion carried. Next regular City Council Meeting will	be held Wednesday, July 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 at the Martelle Fire Station. Motion to adjourn was made by Redington, seconded by Tapken. All ayes, meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm. City of Martelle is an equal opportunity employer. Minutes submitted by Rebekah Bell. <b>CITY OF MARTELLE FINANCIALS MAY 2025 CLAIMS</b>  IPERS.....\$516.57 Water Excise Tax.....\$350.92 US Bank.....\$908.34 Garry Darrow - April Wages.....\$51.64 Rebekah Bell - April Wages.....\$1,077.09 Richard Boesenber - April Wages .....\$172.12 Sherri Hunt - April Wages.....\$61.06 Larry Driscoll.....\$875.00 Richard Boesenber - Reimbursement.....\$6.00 True North Companies, LC...\$3,256.00 Cedar Rapids Municipal Utilities.....\$12.50 Jones County Solid Waste ....\$311.25
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