

Nebraska baseball team defeats ninth-ranked USC on West Coast

Nebraska's baseball team successfully opened a two-week West Coast road trip with a 9-6 upset victory against the ninth-ranked Southern California Trojans.

The win improved Nebraska's record to 6-0. The Huskers played Fullerton State in a game late last night.

Three-run second and third innings boosted the Huskers past the Trojans Wednesday in Los Angeles. USC jumped out to a quick 3-0 lead in the first inning against starting pitcher Jeff Anderson.

Designated hitter Rich King finally put Nebraska ahead in the third with a two-run single. Coach John Sanders is pleased with King's early play for the Huskers.

"I'm not surprised by Rich's play," Sanders said. "He's done a good job for us."

Sophomore Mike Dobbs relieved Anderson for Nebraska in the fifth inning and picked up his

second victory of the year. Phil Harrison and Bill McGuire finished up on the mound for the Huskers.

Outfielders Mark Davis and David Turney each hit home runs for Nebraska. Davis' was a three-run shot in the second inning which tied the game at three. Both home runs were the first of the year for Turney and Davis.

"It was good that we came into a tough situation — playing on the road against a rated team — and were able to create an opportunity and respond to it," Sanders said. "It's a good start for us, but we still have a lot of tough ball games ahead of us."

Nebraska's road trip continues through March 25 as the Huskers will visit Hawaii, Nevada and Missouri before returning to Lincoln. Nebraska plays 17 games over the next 12 days against Pepperdine, Hawaii Pacific, Long Beach State, Hawaii-Hilo, Hawaii, Liberty Baptist, and Nevada-Las Vegas.

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Walton said Oklahoma may not have as much of a home floor advantage as usual, considering this will be the first home meet the Sooners have had in Lloyd Noble Arena this year. The Sooners' other home meets were held in their practice gym.

"A lot of times when you get in a

Bruins...

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Others in the Husker lineup include Wes Suter in all-around; Neil Palmer in all events except pommel horse; Brandon Hull on parallel bars, rings and vault; John Chmelka on pommel horse and high bar; and Frank Hibbits on pommel horse.

Even though the Huskers have yet to hit 280 this season, Allen was predicting a 281 or 282 score for both teams. "We'll go around 281 or 282 easily,"

large space and something you're not used to, it can cause you problems," Walton said.

Walton said the Huskers still have an outside chance of making it to the national championships.

"It's looking better," he said. "Basically all we can do is hit at our next two meets and see what the other teams around the country do."

he said. "It's a little early to go 284, but it's possible."

Shurlock agreed that a 282 will win the competition.

Sunday's meet will be a preview of sorts of the NCAA championships next month, since the two teams will probably have the best shot at the national title, Allen said.

"If we can't beat them here, it's going to look pretty bad for us at nationals," he said. "Our goal is to let UCLA know we're challenging."

Injured officer to be honored

A dinner marking the retirement of a University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) police officer whose career was cut short by an orange thrown at a Cornhusker football game will be Saturday, March 24, the UNL Office of Information said Thursday.

Sgt. Marvin Kinion, 56, was injured on Nov. 27, 1982, during the Nebraska-Oklahoma football game, suffering a severe neck injury which requires him to continue wearing a supportive collar and participate in ongoing therapy.

UNL Police Chief Gail Gade called Kinion a dedicated officer, who was hard-working and well-liked by all members of the department.

The retirement dinner for Kinion will be at the American Legion Club at 5730 O St.

Chief Gade said friends and acquaintances of Sgt. Kinion who would like to attend the March 24 dinner are asked to make advance reservations by contacting UNL Police Headquarters, 1335 N. 17th St. (472-3555) by March 15. The cost per dinner is \$5.75.



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