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Again, the boys of summer





UNL's baseball team will try to continue its winning ways this weekend with doubleheaders both this afternoon and Saturday afternoon.

Coming off a 6-1 and 14-2 doubleheader sweep of Wayne State College Thursday the Huskers will host Morningside College of Iowa at 1:30 p.m. today.

University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) will be in Lincoln for a 3 p.m. doubleheader at the Husker diamond.

The Huskers, coached by Tony Sharpe, have won five straight games and have won 10 of their last 11. Overall their record is 11-4.

Ensier schedule.

"We had an easier schedule down there this time and the early wins helped us with our confidence," Sharpe said.

Morningside also took a trip to Texas in the first week of March, Sharpe said.

Probable pitchers for the Huskers against Morningside will be junior Steve Nagal (0-1) in the first game and sophomore Jeff Costello (2-1) in the night cap.

Saturday afternoon former UNL assistant baseball coach Bob Gates returns as head coach for UNO.

The Mavericks, a young team according to Gates, are 10-2 for the season going into a doubleheader today with Dana College.

"We're a young bunch, one senior and two juniors, and we have a lot to work on," Gates said. "They're out there hustling and they're beginning to believe they can win every time they take the field."

Gates said players to watch on the UNO team are catcher Bob Woodworth and shortstop Rich Sagfte. Woodworth is batting .385 this season and "hits with some power," Gates said. Sagfte is hitting at .400.

Speed

"We also like to use our speed on the basepaths," Gates said. "We like to take the extra base or put the hitand-run on to pressure the defense in the right situation."

On the mound for UNO for the twinbill will be Mike Metz (2-1) and Jim Kantor (2-0), Gates said.

Pitching for the Huskers will be freshman Cliff Faust (2-1) in the first game. Sharpe said he has not decided who he will start in the second game.

Included in the Husker line-up is leftfielder Joe Scherger. Scherger leads the team with four home runs, 17 runs batted in and a .417 batting average.

Also in the starting nine will be senior Paul Haas in centerfield.

Haas, who did not play on the Texas road trip, raised his average from .245 to .466 in the Wayne State twinbill.



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