

Sports



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Nebraska's John Kohli winds up to release a pitch during the NU-Creighton game Thursday at Buck Beltzer Field.

Frosh pitcher, 13 hits doom NU

By Steve Sipple
Staff Reporter

Creighton used a freshman's pitching performance and a 13-hit offensive attack to defeat Nebraska 10-5 Thursday at Buck Beltzer Field.

Bob Kennedy entered the game for the Bluejays in relief of starter Dave Driggers after catcher Darren Abrams' triple in the sixth inning, with Nebraska leading 4-2. But Kennedy limited them to three hits and one run the rest of the way, raising his record to 5-3.

Creighton coach Jim Hendry said he was pleased with the pitching, especially with conference games against Wichita State coming up this weekend.

"Kennedy has done a really good job for us," Hendry said. "He's a competitor and usually he's right around the plate. He comes in there and there's not much secret. . . he throws a fast-ball, slider and says, 'here it comes, right over the plate.'"

Nebraska also has weekend games against a conference opponent (Missouri), but their pitching isn't as strong. They gave up 11 walks, seven in the last three innings when the Bluejays rallied for eight runs to put the Huskers away.

In the seventh inning, Husker pitcher Steve Gewecke issued one-out walks to Gary Selvera and Scott Servais, before Pat Mascia's single loaded the bases. Gewecke then struck out Russ Menczywor and reliever Steve Spurgeon came in.

Spurgeon walked two batters with two outs, enabling Creighton to tie the score, 4-4. After pinch-hitter Bill Meier was walked intentionally, Dick Dineen followed with a tie-breaking single.

Creighton scored three more runs off Spurgeon in the eighth. Mascia, Jack Dahm and Meier all had run-scoring singles after Chris Gadsden walked to open the inning.

Gewecke (0-3) picked up the loss in relief of starter John Kohli. He went 1 2/3 innings, giving up three runs off one hit and two walks.

Pat Mascia had the big day at the plate for the Bluejays. He was 4 for 6, scored two runs and had three runs batted in.

Hendry said he was pleased with the split of the teams' two-game series. Nebraska won 5-3 last night in Omaha.

"Obviously, after the first game we hoped we would get a split," he said. "I think both clubs probably are thinking 'hey, we would like to win both games from Creighton or both from Nebraska,'

and that's the way it should be. But we are happy with the split." Nebraska coach John Sanders announced that Todd Bunge is out for three to four weeks and possibly the rest of the season due to ligament

damage in his wrist. Bunge injured his wrist earlier this season and it was reaggravated last Sunday when he was hit by a pitch in a game against Oklahoma State in Stillwater.

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Richins seeks revenge

By Mark Derowitsch
Staff Reporter

that. We know we got ripped off by not being able to go last year. We

Revenge isn't the most important thought Lori Richins is dwelling on, but it's still in the back of her mind and the minds of everyone on Nebraska's softball team.

The reason for these ill feelings is that the Cornhuskers last season were denied a chance to participate in the College World Series last season in Omaha. The Huskers found out about their NCAA probation after they had clinched a spot in the eight-team field.

"There was revenge on my mind in the early part of the year because of what happened to us last year," said Richins, who is a team captain. "But now, it hasn't faded away, but we're trying to pay back what happened to us. Everyone has kind of reorganized their thinking on



Richins

also know we've got to work for it this year, and we don't want no one to take it away from us this year."

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