

# Huskers lose fifth inning lead, Shockers take charge

By Jerry Guenther  
Staff Reporter

A fifth inning power surge by Wichita State proved to be too much for the Nebraska baseball team to overcome Tuesday afternoon.

Wichita State, 48-9, scored four runs on three consecutive homers to left field during the fifth inning en route to a 15-3 win.

Before the inning, Nebraska led 3-1 behind the pitching of freshman Jason Abramavicius.

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With two outs in the fifth, Eric Wedge hit a two-run homer to tie the game 3-3. Mike McDonald followed with a blast over the scoreboard, before Mike Jones homered over the 375 foot sign in left center field.

Despite the home runs, Nebraska baseball coach John Sanders said he was pleased by Abramavicius's performance.

Abramavicius held the Shockers to five runs -- one of which was earned -- before being relieved in the seventh inning with the Shockers leading 5-3.

"Jason did a nice job," Sanders

said. "Looking back, I'd say maybe Jason should have stayed in longer. But that's the job of the bullpen to keep us in the game."

After Abramavicius left, the Shockers added another run in the eighth and nine more in the ninth off three different Nebraska pitchers.

Sanders said he was disappointed by Nebraska's play in the ninth.

"It was a combination of things, errors and pitching, . . . but when things go bad, you have to overcome it."

Wichita State, which is rated third

by Baseball America and seventh by Collegiate Baseball, collected 16 hits

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against the Huskers. The Huskers scored all three of

their runs in the third inning on RBI hits by Doug Twitty, Bobby Benjamin and Shawn Buchanan.

Even though the runs gave the Huskers a 3-1 lead, Stephenson said he didn't doubt his team's ability to come back.

"I kind of figured we'd get out to a slow start," Stephenson said, "but we picked it up at the end."

"We've been hitting the long ball quite a bit this year."

Today, Nebraska will play Northern Iowa in a doubleheader beginning at 2 p.m. All University of Nebraska-Lincoln students who present their IDs at the gate will be admitted free.

# UNL intramural champions to face Wesleyan champs

By Mark Derowitsch  
Senior Reporter

Hosers' basketball coach Dave Clare doesn't need, or necessarily want, to know who his team will play next.

The Hosers, the all-university

intramural champions at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, will play Nebraska Wesleyan University's champion tonight at Taylor Gymnasium, 55th Street and Huntington Avenue. And Clare said he doesn't know anything about the team the Hosers will play. Tipoff is scheduled for 7 p.m.

"I know some friends at Wesleyan who play basketball and they didn't even know who we are playing," Clare said. "They couldn't tell me anything about the competition. I know they're the champions at Wesleyan. Beyond that, I don't know anything about them."

Clare said it doesn't matter who the Hosers will play because they should win. Clare's confidence is based upon his team's success against

the Runnin' Reptiles, which the Hosers defeated 55-52 for the title.

"With the athletic ability of our team, I don't see how anyone could hang with us," Clare said. "Spring football might have taken something out of us, but it should be interesting. But I'm not going to say that we'll walk away with it."

"I'd be awfully surprised if they had a team over there that is as good as the Runnin' Reptiles."

Kenny Walker is the Hosers' "big gun," Clare said. Walker scored 14 points against the Runnin' Reptiles. A 6-foot-4, 230-pound sophomore from Crane, Texas, Walker is a defensive lineman for the Nebraska football team.

"I really don't know his status, but we went through spring practice injury-free," Clare said. "But he still might have been banged around."

Clare said starter Jerry Gdowski, another member of the Cornhusker football team, probably won't play that much.

"I'm not sure he's ready to play basketball yet," Clare said. "He banged up an elbow pretty good."

Chip Bahe, a junior from Fremont, and Tim McCoy, a junior from Lincoln, are unavailable because of injuries sustained during spring practice, Clare said.


"We have a bunch of guys who aren't ready to play because of spring football," Clare said. "So we really won't be at full strength."

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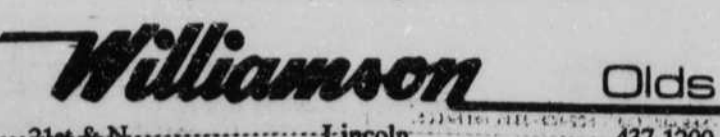
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