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Nebraska's Eddie Anderson slides safely back to first base, avoiding the tag of Iowa State's Craig Gronowski, in the Cornhuskers' 11-3 loss Saturday. Nebraska will finish its regular season this weekend against Oklahoma.

Nebraska gives away wins to Cyclones

By Nick Hytrek
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The Nebraska baseball team's chances of making the Big Eight tournament became as gloomy as the sky over Buck Beltzer Field Sunday as the Cornhuskers lost the final game of the weekend series against Iowa State.

The Cornhuskers, 8-12 in the Big Eight, now must sweep their four-game series with Oklahoma next weekend if they are to qualify for the four-team tournament.

Sunday's loss left the Huskers with a split of the series after winning two games Friday 5-1 and 2-1. On Saturday, Iowa State won the opener 11-3 and the two teams were tied 1-1 when the second game was rain delayed until Sunday, a game the Cyclones went on to win 3-2.

In Friday's opening game, Josh Bullock, 5-3, shut down Iowa State for the 5-1 complete-game victory.

Mike Zajeski, 6-1, followed with an equally impressive complete game of his own, giving up only four hits in the 2-1 win in the seven-inning second game.

Both wins were errorless defensive performances for the Huskers. Saturday was a different story, however.

Nebraska committed five errors in the first game as all of Iowa State's runs were unearned in the 11-3 Husker loss.

Husker starter Trey Rutledge, 5-5, took a 3-1 lead into the seventh inning and then the Nebraska fielding woes began.

With one out and a runner on first, Rutledge fielded a routine grounder by Iowa State's Mark Elsinger. Rutledge threw the ball

over first baseman Corty Kulhanek's head, allowing Elsinger to advance to second. Two hits, one walk and a hit batsman later, Iowa State had a 6-1 lead.

The eighth inning was no better, as two more Husker errors allowed five more Cyclone runs to score.

The Huskers played error-free in the second game — and then the rain began to fall. The game continued until the top of the fourth when a rain delay was called.

After waiting an hour and eight minutes, play continued until the bottom of the fifth, when play was stopped for good, with the game tied 1-1.

Chris Eckley, who started for Nebraska on Saturday, continued on the mound Sunday. He walked the first batter he faced and was replaced by Bullock.

Iowa State scored a run in the

top half of the sixth inning and Nebraska answered with one in the bottom of the inning.

Shawn Buchanan walked to lead off the inning and made it to third when Cyclone pitcher Steve Nichol threw wild to second on a grounder by Bill Vosik. Buchanan scored on a sacrifice by Jeff Rhein.

The Cyclones scored the winning run in the seventh inning as a Husker error led to another Iowa State win. With one out and a runner on first, Iowa State's Lee Blevins hit a double play ball to shortstop Vince DiGrandi. The ball went under DiGrandi's glove and the Cyclones went on to score their run for the 3-2 win.

"It was a charity weekend," Husker coach John Sanders said. "We basically gave them gifts."

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INTRAMURAL SPORTS FINAL AWARD STANDINGS

Men's All-University Point Standings

Fraternity	
1. Sigma Phi Epsilon	1589
2. Alpha Tau Omega	1567
3. Chi Phi	1509
4. Delta Tau Delta	973
5. Beta Theta Pi	971
6. Triangle	804
7. Sigma Alpha Epsilon	800
8. Phi Gamma Delta	778
9. Phi Delta Theta	757
10. Beta Sigma Psi	742

Residence Hall	
1. Schramm 2	327
2. Abel 11	309
3. Abel 6	251
3. Cather 3	251
5. Abel 12	198
6. Harper 10	186
7. Cather 7	161
8. Abel 4	155
9. Abel 5	150
10. Schramm 8	149

Team Sports Award Standings

Fraternity	
1. Alpha Tau Omega	652
2. Sigma Phi Epsilon	561
3. Chi Phi	541
4. Phi Delta Theta	510
5. Beta Theta Pi	493
6. Delta Upsilon	492
7. Delta Tau Delta	432
8. Sigma Alpha Epsilon	405
9. Triangle	404
10. Kappa Sigma	401

Residence Hall	
1. Cather 3	245
2. Schramm 2	185
3. Abel 4	174
4. Abel 6	162
5. Abel 11	143
6. Harper 8	127
7. Cather 7	115
8. Harper 2	110
9. Schramm 8	101
10. Harper 3	84

Women's All-University Point Standings

Sorority	
1. Alpha Omicron Pi	552
2. Pi Beta Phi	282
3. Kappa Alpha Theta	216
4. Alpha Delta Pi	203
5. Gamma Phi Beta	190
6. Alpha Xi Delta	141
7. Alpha Phi	124
8. Phi Mu	91
9. Delta Gamma	90
10. Kappa Delta	52

Residence Hall	
1. Sandoz 6	110
2. Schramm 7	101
3. Sandoz 5	61
4. Sandoz 9	46
5. Abel 12	44
6. Abel 13	40
6. Burr 2 East	40
8. Heppner 2	35
9. Smith 4	32
10. Pound 2	28

Team Sports Award Standings

Sorority	
1. Alpha Omicron Pi	200
2. Alpha Delta Pi	187
3. Alpha Xi Delta	127
4. Alpha Phi	101
5. Gamma Phi Beta	92
6. Phi Mu	91
7. Delta Gamma	90
8. Pi Beta Phi	85
9. Kappa Alpha Theta	50
10. Delta Delta Delta	45

Residence Hall	
1. Sandoz 6	110
2. Schramm 7	101
3. Sandoz 5	55
4. Abel 13	40
4. Burr 2 East	40
6. Heppner 2	35
7. Smith 4	32
8. Pound 2	28
9. Sandoz 8	19
10. Sandoz 9	18
10. Raymond 3	18

Bird falls on face, pounds Pacers

Pistons to face Celtics in second round play

The Associated Press

It took a couple of wounded warriors, Isiah Thomas and Larry Bird, to get the Detroit Pistons and Boston Celtics where they were supposed to be — in the second round of the NBA playoffs.

With Detroit's dreams of a "Threepeat" one game away from ending, Thomas stepped forward after missing most of the season's second half with a right wrist injury that required surgery.

Playing with a covering on his injured wrist and a wrap on his pulled left hamstring, Thomas had 26 points and 11 assists as Detroit breezed to a 113-81 win over Atlanta in the decisive fifth game of their series. Sixteen of the points came in the first half, when Detroit jumped to a 59-42 lead that it expanded throughout the game.

That put the Pistons, seeking to become just the third team to win three straight NBA titles, into the second round against the Celtics in a

series that begins Tuesday in Boston.

Bird, already playing with a bad back, led the Celtics to a 124-121 win over Indiana despite leaving the game with 4:23 left in the half with what was first thought to be a fractured cheekbone.

Bird returned with five minutes gone in the second half and scored 12 of his 32 points in a 42-point third quarter. That allowed the Celtics to withstand a late Indiana charge that reduced a 16-point Boston with seven minutes left to two points. It marked the first time in the past three years that the NBA's most-titled team advanced to the second round.

Boston had overcome losing the second game of the series on their own home court and faced the possibility of being eliminated on the Pacers' home court, heading back to Indianapolis with the series tied 1-1. However, the Celtics came back to split the two games at Indiana and forced the series back to Boston.

"I was coming back no matter what," said Bird, who was greeted by a thunderous roar from the Boston Garden crowd when he returned. "The fans were pumped up and I wasn't going to let them down."

He didn't. But he also got help from the Pacers, particularly Chuck Person, who took an off-balance 3-pointer with 15 seconds left and Indiana trailing by two points. Brian Shaw then hit two free throws to seal the game.

"I didn't want to go into overtime here, so I went for it," said Person, who made 5-of-9 3-pointers en route to 32 points.

But it was Bird's inspirational effort that did it, Boston coach Chris Ford said.

"I think our players gutted it out," Ford said after the Celtics improved their record to 21-7 in deciding playoff games. Last year, they lost 3-2 to the New York Knicks in the first round, falling in Game 5 at home.

"Larry was absolutely spectacu-

lar, amazing, stupendous," Ford said. "I didn't know if Larry would be back after the half until I heard the crowd. He is truly amazing and courageous."

Detroit was aided by its typically stingy defense that held the Hawks to just 30 percent shooting from the floor, 26 in the first half. The Pistons led the league in team defense during the regular season. They built a 30-15 lead late in the first quarter, expanded it to 17 points at halftime and expanded it from there.

In a third playoff game Sunday night, the Los Angeles Lakers played the Golden State Warriors in the opening game of their second-round series at Los Angeles. Golden State is coming off of an opening-round upset of the San Antonio Spurs, and the Lakers swept the Houston Rockets in round one.

The Lakers are looking to return to the NBA Finals after failing being swept by Phoenix in the second round last. The Lakers had been to the Finals eight times in the 80s.