

NU wakes up bats, storms past Cowboys

By Jeff Griesch
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One pitch into Sunday's game against Oklahoma State, it looked like the Nebraska baseball team might be in for a long day.



Erstad

But Lopez's blast was the only highlight the Cowboys had, as Nebraska's bats awoke from a midseason

slumber and erupted for a 10-3 win at Buck Beltzer Field.

The Huskers, 14-15 and 2-6 in the Big Eight, broke a six-game losing skid on Saturday with an 8-7 win over the Cowboys and continued to find a way to score runs on Sunday.

The league-leading Cowboys, who beat Nebraska 6-2 Friday, dropped to 22-9 and 9-2.

Nebraska left fielder Darin Erstad said the Huskers' hitting was contagious on Sunday. Every Husker contributed offensively, with eight players collecting at least one hit. The only player without a hit was Jed Dalton, who scored two runs.

"I said before that once a couple guys started hitting that everybody was going to get rolling, and that's what happened," Erstad said. "Once

we started hitting, it made playing so much more fun. We just had a great time."

Nebraska coach John Sanders said winning the weekend series over the Big Eight-leading Cowboys was a big lift.

"We have things headed in the right direction without a doubt," Sanders said. "They gave us opportunities. And to our credit, we took advantage of them."

After falling behind 1-0, the Huskers answered by manufacturing five runs in the bottom of the third inning.

Troy Brohawn, who returned to the Nebraska lineup Friday after breaking his left ankle in the season opener, led off with a double, and Dalton drew a walk from Oklahoma State starter Chris Nelson, who fell to 2-1.

After Darin Erstad's fielder's choice forced Brohawn at third, Derek Dukart singled over the leaping Lopez at second base to score Dalton.

Alvie Shepherd walked to load the bases, and Husker second baseman Scott Wulfin'g tapped an infield single up the middle to give Nebraska a 2-1 lead.

Oklahoma State catcher Rob Hernandez tried to pick off Wulfin'g at first base after the next pitch, but first baseman Sean Hugo couldn't handle the throw, and two runs scored.

Nebraska catcher Patrick Johnson then laid down a bunt single, which scored Wulfin'g from third to give the Huskers a 5-1 lead.

The Cowboys tried to answer the Nebraska rally by scoring two runs in the fourth inning, but the Huskers had

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an answer of their own in the bottom of the inning.

After Dalton reached on an error by Cowboy shortstop Beau Champoux, Erstad laced a line drive over the 330 sign in right field for his eighth homer

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William Lauer/DN

Nebraska's Andy Davis returns a shot during his No. 2 tennis singles match Saturday. Davis lost the match.

Men's tennis team drops weekend duals

By Trevor Parks
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A heartbreaking loss Saturday in Lincoln to Oklahoma State may have hurt the Nebraska men's tennis team Sunday against Oklahoma, Coach Kerry McDermott said.

The Cornhuskers, 4-12 overall, lost 4-3 to Oklahoma State on Saturday and were beaten by Oklahoma 7-0 on Sunday at the Cather-Pound tennis courts.

"We had a chance to go 1-1, but we ended up 0-2," McDermott said. "We have nowhere to go but up."

Against the Cowboys, Nebraska won the

No. 3, No. 4 and No. 5 singles.

In No. 3 singles, Omar Avecado defeated Oklahoma State's Pat Ohlson 6-3, 7-6.

No. 4 singles player Henrik Andersson beat David Rott 6-3 and 6-2. And No. 5 singles player Brad Bernthal won 6-4, 6-1 over Peter Hancy. Oklahoma State took the doubles competition.

After Nebraska's No. 1 and No. 2 singles players, Fredrik Riesbeck and Andy Davis, lost their matches, the dual came down to the last match on the court.

No. 6 singles player Adrian Maizey lost in three sets to the Cowboys' Daniel Schultz. Maizey won the first set 6-4 and was up 3-0

in the second set before Schultz came back to win the set. Maizey then lost the third set 6-3.

"Saturday's loss hurt us a little," McDermott said. "We were kind of down on ourselves. We had an opportunity to win, and we didn't."

On Sunday against Oklahoma, just two matches went three sets.

At No. 2 singles, Davis lost in three sets 3-6, 6-2, 6-3 to the Sooners' Joe DeLuna.

Avecado won the only other set for the Huskers when he lost in No. 3 singles to Glenn Kellett, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.

Frazier injury draws variety of reactions

By Tim Pearson
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Just like in any other scrimmage, Nebraska's quarterbacks wore green jerseys over their uniforms Saturday as a signal to the defense to not tackle them.



Berringer

But in Saturday's scrimmage, the green jerseys took on a whole new meaning. The Cornhuskers were down to just three quarterbacks after starter Tommie Frazier sprained his ankle in last Wednesday's practice.

So when Brook Berringer was tackled to the ground during Saturday's scrimmage at Memorial Stadium, Nebraska coach Tom Osborne ran to the middle of the field.

Osborne then held a conversation with his defensive players, instructing them to make sure none of his three remaining quarterbacks got hurt. But Berringer, who threw for 222 yards as Frazier's backup last season, said wearing the green jerseys was both good and bad. Berringer, who will be a junior in the fall, is the only healthy quarterback on scholarship. Matt Turman and Vinnie Murphy are both walk-on quarterbacks.

"I think it's good for the depth we have at quarterback," he said. "The thing that's hard is that everybody's going at full speed."

"On that one play the defense didn't know whether to go at full speed or let up. It's tough for the defenses to really know how to react."

Frazier's injury has given the other three quarterbacks more practice time, Berringer said, which has helped their passing.

"It's really good for all of us," he said. "All of the quarterbacks are getting all of their repetitions in practice."

Berringer led the quarterbacks Saturday, throwing for 112 yards on 9-of-15 passing. Turman ran for two touchdowns and was 7-of-15 passing for 94 yards. Murphy was 6 for 10 for 71 yards through the air.

Berringer said his throwing would be limited this spring because of his elbow, which was injured much of last season.

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Outdoor season starts with title wins for NU tracksters

From Staff Reports

Both the Nebraska men's and women's track and field teams started off their outdoor seasons on a successful note by winning the UTEP Spring Time Invitational in El Paso, Texas.

The Cornhusker men scored 96 points to win their first outdoor meet of the season.

Illinois finished second with 63 points, while host Texas-El Paso scored 59 points.

The Nebraska women scored 102

points, winning the meet handily over the host Miners, who scored 38 points. New Mexico State finished third with 11 points.

The men turned out four winners Saturday.

Junior javelin thrower Nick Kutovy set a career mark in his event. Kutovy threw for 219-2 feet in winning the javelin throw.

Balazs Tolgyesi won the 1,500 with a time of 3 minutes, 58.75 seconds. Senior decathlete Mike Bailey won the 400-meter hurdles with a time of

52.67.

Junior distance runner Brady Bonsall won the 5,000- meters by running a personal-best 15:21.89.

The Husker women won 13 events and had five NCAA provisional qualifying marks in the meet.

Freshman sprinter Angee Henry won the long jump with a leap of 19 feet 10 inches. Junior sprinter Jenny Johnson won the 400-meters in a time of 56.34. Freshman middle distance runner Sherri Elwood won the 800-meters with a time of 2:14.42.

Sophomore thrower Paulette Mitchell won two events, setting provisional qualifying marks in both. In the discus, she had a throw of 164 feet. In the shot put, she had a toss of 52-7 1/4 inches.

The Nebraska women's team won both relays. The 4x100-meter relay team set a provisional qualifying mark with a time of 45.45. The 4x400-meter relay team won with a time of 3:49.37.

Senior sprinter Kwani Stewart won both the 100-meter hurdles and the

200-meter dash. Stewart set a provisional qualifying time in the hurdles with a time of 13.76. In the 200, she had a time of 23.61.

Junior Destiny Liebl won the high jump with a provisional qualifying leap of 5-10. Sophomore Colleen McKinney won the 400-meter hurdles in 1:03.57. Junior Julie Mazzitelli won the 3,000 with a time of 10:40.96.

Sophomore jumper Nicola Martial set a provisional qualifying mark in the triple jump with a leap of 42-10 1/2.