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# Father's heart attack helps student-athlete change outlook

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Staff Reporter

Nebraska softball junior Amy Offenbacher hasn't had a typical season of ups and downs.

Sure, she is having a career year at the plate while her team is struggling. But one thing has overshadowed the normal peaks and valleys of a softball season.

Her dad, Robert Offenbacher, had a heart attack at the Nebraska Softball Complex while Nebraska and the University of Missouri-Kansas City waited to resume play on April 14.

After being revived by trainer Chris Oelling and softball assistant coach Lori Sippel, Robert Offenbacher is recovering from six-vessel bypass heart surgery.

He returned home from the hospital about a week ago, Amy Offenbacher

said.

She took a four-game leave from the softball team to be with her father.

Although she has returned physically, she said, she hasn't come back completely mentally.

"It was very tough to come back," she said. "It had an effect on my play, because I haven't played as well as I was playing."

Nebraska softball coach Rhonda Revelle said she was not surprised Amy Offenbacher came back so quickly.

"The softball team represented a family away from her family," Revelle said. "Her dad's a softball fanatic, and he probably gave her a little kick in the butt to get back."

Amy Offenbacher agreed. "After my dad got out of intensive care, he was asking me why I wasn't at Oklahoma State," she said. "He wanted me to do it. And I needed to get back to something."

She is also coming off arthroscopic surgery to her shoulder in the fall. However, she said, her arm is in the best condition it has ever been.

"Whatever the surgeon did, it worked," she said.

That has showed in the batter's box, as Amy Offenbacher is hitting .359, the second-highest average on the team. She is also second on the team in home runs with two, is second in slugging percentage at .544 and has 17 RBIs.

Revelle said she knew Amy Offenbacher could be successful at the plate.

"I always knew she had the potential," Revelle said. "She's always had the tools physically."

Although she has turned things around at the plate, Amy Offenbacher said, she is more worried about her 21-29 Cornhusker teammates.

"I don't really look at numbers," she said. "My individual success has been insignificant as far as the team goes."

And her team's struggles are insignificant compared to her dad's struggle two weeks ago.

"It really does change your outlook," she said. "It's not as important anymore to be winning or losing."



Offenbacher

## Sweep

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tant because it got the Huskers back on the winning track and in position to make a move before the end of the season.

"Friday, Saturday and Sunday were tough losses," he said. "Those were close games and we came up short."

Nebraska struck first in the opener when third baseman Derek Dukart scored on a single to left by Shepherd in the second inning.

The Tigers tied the game with a run in the third inning, but Shepherd held Missouri scoreless for the rest of the game.

The Huskers took a 2-1 lead in the fifth on an RBI double by shortstop Darin Petersen. Nebraska scored two insurance runs in the seventh and one in the eighth to seal the victory.

In the second half of the doubleheader, Missouri jumped out to a lead in the first inning when left fielder David Sanderson scored on a single by first baseman Jay White, who ended up 4-for-4 in the game.

Nebraska came back with a run by center fielder Jed Dalton in the bottom half of the first on a sacrifice fly by

right fielder Matt McKay.

Left fielder Darin Erstad gave the Huskers the lead for good with a two-run, two-out double in the third inning. Erstad later scored when Dukart grounded out to shortstop, giving the Huskers a 4-1 lead.

Nebraska tacked on a run in the fourth, three in the fifth and single runs in the sixth, seventh and eighth innings.

Tom Bergan, 5-4, earned the win for the Huskers. Bergan pitched seven innings and allowed four runs and nine hits, while striking out three. Mike Bellows relieved Bergan in the eighth and allowed one run and four hits in two innings.

Dukart, who had five hits in the two games, extended his hitting streak to 25 games. He is now three games off the Husker record, which is held by Kenny Ramos. Ramos scored a hit in 28 straight games in 1987.

Sanders said the Huskers, who play Creighton at 3:30 p.m. today in Omaha, can capitalize from the sweep.

"(The Tigers) are tough to beat in a doubleheader," Sanders said. "They are a resilient team and they reflect their coach."

"We have some quality games left. Playing well at the end of the season is a key."

## Dukart

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But Dukart said he hasn't thought about the streak too much.

Dukart, who is batting .395 on the season, said his recent success may have resulted from a new attitude at the plate.

Dukart said Nebraska coach John Sanders told him to focus on hitting line drives.

So far, the advice has paid off.

"This year, I came in just trying to hit the ball in the gaps," he said. "I think I'm more of an alley hitter. I'm not a power hitter. I'm not trying to hit home runs."

Nevertheless, Dukart is second on the team and seventh in the Big Eight with eight home runs.

Sanders said Dukart could extend his streak a long way.

"He has a golfer's mentality," Sanders said. "I don't think he puts any pressure on himself, he just builds on that."

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