

# Shepherd puts past behind

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Alvie Shepherd got a chance to redeem himself in the Nebraska baseball team's game with Kansas Tuesday night.

In the Cornhuskers' 9-8 loss to Missouri in 11 innings Saturday, Shepherd came out of the bullpen without control over his fastball and squandered an 8-2 lead in the ninth inning.

The 6-foot-7, 215-pound junior from Hillside, Ill., felt so bad after the loss that he apologized to the team in the clubhouse after the game.

"I told them that I owed this team an apology because I came in and had a job to do, and I didn't get the job done," Shepherd said. "The day it happened I was beside myself because not doing my job cost us the game."

Although Shepherd felt like he let the team down, he said his teammates supported him.

"We're a close team, and they told me that they still had confidence in me," Shepherd said.

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Nebraska pitcher

ing the Huskers a win, other thoughts ran through Shepherd's head Saturday night.

Shepherd carries more than just the weight of being Nebraska's go-to guy and closer in the bullpen. He carries the burden of being projected as one of the top 10 college players chosen in this summer's draft.

"I spent most of the night lying in bed thinking about how I was sup-

posed to be this top prospect and so good, and I still couldn't hold the lead," Shepherd said. "All kinds of thoughts ran through my head, but I put them out of my mind Sunday because you just can't take it with you on the field."

"All you can think about is throwing strikes."

But Shepherd's redemption didn't come on the mound Tuesday; it came at the plate.

Shepherd, who played first base against Kansas, stepped to the plate with two outs and the bases loaded in the bottom of the ninth inning and the score tied 5-5, his disappointing performance Saturday was the furthest thing from his mind.

"I just put that out of my mind and went out there and did what needed to be done," Shepherd said. "I was just looking for a fastball and waiting for a strike, but he didn't throw me one."

Shepherd walked to force in the winning run and gave the Huskers a 6-5 win.

"It feels good to get the win and make up a little for what happened Saturday," Shepherd said. "It feels good to get the job done."

# Men's golf team must settle for sixth

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The Nebraska men's golf team finished in a sixth-place tie at the Diet Pepsi/Shocker Classic at Tallgrass Country Club in Wichita, Kan.

The Cornhuskers finished with a three-round total of 923, which tied

them with Illinois State.

Nebraska moved up from an eight-place finish on the first day with a 317 team score, which was the third-best team score of the day.

Iowa State captured the team title with a score of 891.

Individually, Nebraska was led by sophomore Trent Morrison, who fin-

ished in a tie for 11th with a three-round score of 228. Morrison's score of 75 on Tuesday tied for the low round of the day, along with Wichita State's Randy Freedman.

Husker Steve Reiter fired a 77 on Tuesday and finished with a score of 229, good for a tie for 15th place.

# Huskers

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baseman Jed Dalton drew a walk, putting the winning run on first with no outs. Jayhawk right-hander Dan Rude, who relieved Kansas starter Jamie Splittorff and pitched a perfect eighth inning, then retired Darin Petersen on a bunt back to the mound.

Left fielder Darin Erstad, who went 2 for 4 on the night with two runs scored, drew an intentional pass from Rude. Nebraska center fielder Mel Motley popped up to third, and Meyer walked to load the bases with two outs.

To the plate came first baseman Alvie Shepherd. Shepherd said he knew he didn't need a hit to win the game but only a walk. Four pitches later, Shepherd had his walk, and Dalton crossed the plate with the winning run.

"I was pretty clear-headed as far as what I needed to do," Shepherd said. "I was just looking for my pitch, and he didn't throw it, so I took four balls and had the walk."

Rude took the loss and fell to 1-2 on the season.

Sanders said he was pleased with Nebraska's discipline in the late innings. Early in the game, he said, Nebraska didn't show as much pa-

ience, allowing Splittorff to handle the Husker hitters with his change-up.

Catcher David Crain paced the Huskers in the first six innings, going 2 for 4 at the plate with three RBIs.

Nebraska starter Bob Courter allowed five runs in five innings and was relieved by Castro after pitching to one batter in the sixth inning. Castro, making only his second appearance out of the bullpen this year, picked up the win, improving to 2-2.

He pitched four scoreless innings, giving up only two hits, while striking out five and walking one.



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