



WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE shortstop Andy Bjornlie stretches for a throw from pitcher Josh Justman, as Nebraska first basemen Ken Harvey slides back to second in the bottom of the fourth inning Sunday. Harvey, who was running on the pitch, avoided a triple play as he returned to the base safely after Brian Johnson lined out.

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Huskers take three from Panthers

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Wiles (1-0) pitched seven solid innings, allowing two runs on five hits while striking out five.

"After the second inning, I did feel like I was dictating the game in some ways," Wiles said.

The Panthers took the lead in the second inning as catcher Todd Ludwig jacked a solo home run, which gave UWM (0-3) an early 1-0 lead.

But the Huskers answered with two runs in the third as left fielder Jeff Hedman's single drove in designated hitter Craig Moore to give NU a 2-1 lead.

The Panthers managed to tie the game in the fifth at two, but UWM was never able to get Wiles into any trouble, as the Wood River native never faced more than five batters in an inning. Wiles kept the Panthers off-balance throughout the game.

"(Wiles) really pitched well; all of their pitchers pitched well this weekend." UWM Head Coach Jerry Augustine said.

Augustine, who pitched for the American League Champion Milwaukee Brewers in 1982, said he was disappointed to leave Lincoln without a win, but said there was no shame in losing to the Huskers.

"They hit the ball when they needed to, and their pitchers never got behind in the count, which made it tough for us to get good pitches to hit," Augustine said.

The Huskers received timely hitting in the sixth inning as they took advantage of two walks by UWM relief pitcher Andy Weary. A leadoff single by third baseman Daniel Kimura, helped trigger the four-run inning.

After right fielder Donny Starkins struck out, catcher Brian Johnson hit a single, and second baseman Kevin Harrington drew a walk to load the bases. Shortstop Bryan Schmidt then lined a double to right-center, which scored Johnson and Kimura.

After center fielder Scott Larsen walked, Weary was called for a balk, scoring Harrington to give NU a 5-2

lead.

A sacrifice fly by Moore allowed Schmidt to score the final run and gave NU a four-run lead — the final margin.

Senior Brian Downing came on in relief of Wiles and pitched the last two innings, facing the minimum six batters.

NU Head Coach Dave Van Horn said he was happy with the way his team responded from last week's three-game sweep at Minnesota.

"We got better this weekend, but there are still too many mental mistakes," Van Horn said. "If we eliminate the mistakes then we'll stay out of trouble."

The Huskers won a doubleheader on Saturday against UWM (7-3, 9-2), behind the hot hitting of Ken Harvey, who went 5 for 8. The sophomore first baseman hit two home runs, had four-RBI, and scored three runs.

This weekend the Huskers travel to Louisville, Ky., where they will play six games in a four-day tournament.

Weekend Wrap-Up

Tennis team loses to TU

The Nebraska women's tennis team had a bumpy start to the Big 12 Conference season. The Cornhuskers lost 7-0 to Texas, the fourth-ranked team in the country Saturday.

Texas swept both the singles and the doubles matches. However at No. 1 singles, NU's Sandra Noetzel won the first set from the Longhorns' Sandy Surephong, who is ranked in the top 10 nationally in singles.

"Texas showed why they are the No. 4 team in the country," NU Coach Scott Jacobson said. "They are the premier team in our conference. But having the opportunity to play them makes our program stronger."

Friday, the Huskers swept Southwest Missouri State. NU was able to win all nine matches. The Huskers are 4-2 overall and 0-1 in the Big 12 Conference.

Women gymnasts take third

The No. 20 Nebraska women's gymnastics team finished third place at the Arizona State quadrangular Friday with a score of 193.750.

No. 11 Arizona State finished first with 194.325, No. 13 Brigham Young was second with 194.200 and No. 18 Illinois was fourth with 192.825.

NU led going into the last event — balance beam — but its last gymnast fell, allowing NU to get passed in the standings by ASU and BYU.

The Cornhuskers were led by Misty Oxford, who finished second in the all-around with a 39.075, and Heather Brink, who placed fourth in the all-around with a 38.950.

Oxford finished second in the floor exercise, while Brink was third in the vault and second in the parallel bars.

Courtney Brown tied for first on the balance beam with a 9.80 score.

Husker men place second

Paced by five all-around scores above 56, the Nebraska men's gymnastics team finished second in a triangular with Iowa and Oklahoma Friday.

Iowa won with a 230.625, NU fin-

ished second — despite scoring a season-high 230.15 — and OU was third with 226.475. Prior to this weekend, no men's team had topped 230 all season.

"We hit 88 percent of our routines," Allen said. "This is where we should have been all year."

Freshman Jason Hardabura finished second in the all-around with a career-best 57.3, and Bill Mulholland was third with a 57.025.

Other NU all-arounders were Marshall Nelson, who scored a career-best 56.925, Jim Koziol (56.5) and Derek Leiter (56.10). Leiter also won the vault with a 9.8.

"We were happy with everything," Allen said. "This puts us in striking distance of the top."

Bowlers roll to victory

The Nebraska women's bowling team won last weekend at the ACU-I Bowling Tournament in Manhattan, Kan.

NU easily outrolled Central Missouri State and Wichita State to win the tournament.

Nebraska was led by junior Jennifer Daugherty whose nine-game score of 1,811 qualifies her for the individual national championships, which will be held May 1-2 in Reno, Nev.

NU track team wins big

Fourteen Nebraska athletes won events — including two who recorded NCAA provisional marks — during the Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference Invitational Friday evening at the Bob Devaney Sports Center Friday.

Freshman Erin Wibbels' toss of 57 feet, 4 inches bettered her previous provisional mark of 55-10 1/4.

Wibbels claimed one of seven events won by the Husker women.

Grand Island native and sophomore Jack Melson threw a personal best 59-9 in the shot put.

Melson's throw also earned him an NCAA provisional mark, the Huskers 15th provisional mark this season.

Lue breaks slump in win

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Cookie Belcher, Lue converted a 3-point play to put the Huskers up 58-50 with 5:02 remaining in the game.

Then, freshman Chad Johnson extended NU's lead to 62-52 with two consecutive baskets, including a 15-foot, off-balance bank shot over Colorado center Charlie Melvin.

"I make that shot probably one out of a hundred times," Johnson said. "If I'm lucky."

The second half execution extended to the defensive end of the floor. Nebraska employed a two-three zone defense to hold CU to 33.8 percent shooting for the game. Colorado made only 6 of 29 attempts (20.7 percent) from beyond the 3-point line.

"They shot 29 3s, and that's not

part of their game plan," NU Coach Danny Nee said. "It probably made the difference in the game."

NU won its fourth straight conference game for the first time since 1980-81 to up its record to 17-10 overall and 8-6 in the Big 12 Conference. Colorado fell to 12-12 and 6-8.

For the game, NU forward Venson Hamilton recorded his 16th double-double of the year with 12 points and 11 rebounds. Johnson tied a career-high with 11 points.

NU will make its final home appearance of the season Wednesday against Texas Tech. A win would assure the Huskers a winning conference record for the first time since 1992-93 and the fourth seed in the Big 12 Tournament.

Swim team wins league title

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Freshman Shandra Johnson paced the Nebraska women's swimming and diving team to its second straight Big 12 Conference title Saturday in Austin, Texas, at the Jamail Swimming Center.

Johnson was named Newcomer of the Meet and Co-Outstanding Swimmer of the Meet after a five-gold medal performance.

"She's for real," NU Coach Cal Bentz said. "She's probably only going to improve from here."

Johnson broke four Big 12

Conference records and three school records after winning the 500-yard free, 200-yard free and 200-yard backstroke. Johnson also swam legs in the 800-yard free relay and 400-yard medley relay.

The seventh-ranked Cornhuskers' performance included 16 automatic NCAA qualifying marks, six Big 12 records and nine school records. The Huskers swam their way to 23 medals, including seven gold, 11 silver and five bronze.

"This is obviously a big win for us — a hard-fought win," Bentz said. "We are certainly proud of our team's performances across the board. We have taken another

big step for our program."

The Huskers trailed Texas by 20 points after Friday's session, 592-572. But Nebraska's depth in the 200-yard backstroke and 100-yard freestyle proved too much for the Longhorns as the Huskers sailed to the win with 868 points. Texas followed with 818.

"Texas has a great tradition," Bentz said. "We have a great deal of respect for that. They swam hard and pushed us to do better."

NU's 16 automatic NCAA qualifying marks solidify a possible top-five finish for the Huskers at the national championships March 19-21 in Minneapolis.

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