

Bulldogs sweep NU

■ The seventh-ranked Nebraska softball team loses two games to Drake on Thursday.

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DES MOINES, Iowa — The good news for the No. 7 Nebraska softball team is that the Cornhuskers still have a chance to finish the Big 12 Conference regular season undefeated.

The bad news is that they won't be carrying any momentum from a long winning streak into games this weekend.

NU was swept in a doubleheader at Drake in front of a crowd of 85 at Buel Field.

The Bulldogs won the first game 3-1 and won game two 3-2 in their last at bat.

It is the first time the Huskers (36-10 overall) have lost a game since splitting a doubleheader with Creighton March 26.

"I don't really have any excuses for this," NU Coach Rhonda Revelle said. "They just beat us."

In the first game, senior Ali Viola put the Huskers on the board with a solo home run with two outs in the first inning. The homer was Viola's 16th this year, which leads the team. But that was the only run NU could score on Drake pitcher Carol Thompson.

Thompson, a sophomore from Vancouver, Wash., tossed all seven innings in game one. Thompson gave up 10 hits but only one run, while striking out three Husker hitters.

Drake (16-17) countered with a run in the bottom of the first inning.

Neither team could produce any more runs until Bulldog third base-

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man Jessica Lilja hit a two-run home run in the bottom of the third inning off NU sophomore Jenny Voss.

Voss, who fell to 28-7 this season, gave up three runs on six hits.

The Huskers had several chances to score runs but couldn't capitalize. In the last five innings of game one, NU left eight runners on base. The Huskers loaded the bases in both the third and sixth innings, but did not get a runner across the plate.

"In the first game, I don't think we came out aggressive enough," Revelle said. "Maybe what this does is make us realize that this is a humbling game, and we have to be aggressive in all aspects: hitting, pitching and defense."

Revelle would not let media members speak with Husker players.

NU scored first again in the second game, when freshman Jessica Draemal drove in fellow freshman Kelly Pinkepank with a single to center field. The Huskers again had a problem driving in runs, stranding two base runners in the fifth inning.

But while the Huskers were having problems advancing runners, Drake was having trouble getting people on base.

In the second game, Revelle started senior Christie McCoy to rest Voss for this weekend's games at Oklahoma. McCoy dominated Bulldog batters, allowing only two hits in the first six innings.

In the top of the sixth inning, it appeared that freshman Jamie Fuente

had given the Huskers all the insurance runs they would need with a solo home run over the left field fence. McCoy retired the Bulldogs in order in the bottom of the sixth.

NU also went down in order in the top of the seventh. In the bottom of the seventh, Drake freshman Jessica Jobs popped out to Viola for the first out of the inning — then the floodgates opened.

With two outs, the Bulldogs knocked three consecutive hits. Freshman Molly Murphy singled to center field, driving in junior Melanie Nimitz for the game-winning run.

This is the first time Drake has swept a top 10 opponent under Coach Megan Bryant.

"We were able to put it all together today," Bryant said. "This is a pretty good accomplishment."

The Huskers continue their road trip with consecutive double headers against Oklahoma on Saturday and Oklahoma State on Sunday. NU has a chance to finish the conference regular season undefeated, which Revelle said may have contributed to the losses.

"I don't want to take anything away from Drake," Revelle said. "They were really motivated today."

"There has been a lot of publicity surrounding this weekend, and no one really looked at Drake. Maybe we got sucked into it, too. There's too much on the line this weekend to let this mar our focus."

18th ranked OSU next for NU Huskers look to continue winning ways

BY ANDREW STRNAD
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It's crunch time in the Big 12 this weekend as the Nebraska baseball team travels to Stillwater, Okla.,

where the Cornhuskers will play their third straight ranked opponent.

NU (21-15 overall and 7-8 in the Big 12 Conference and winners of seven of their last eight) will be entertained by the 18th ranked Oklahoma State Cowboys at Allie P. Reynolds Stadium in a three-game series.

After sweeping then-14th ranked Oklahoma and taking two of three from No. 25 Texas Tech, the Huskers are in a position to get into the Big 12 Tournament for the first time.

"Every series we play is the most important series of the season from here on out," Nebraska pitcher Pete Lythgoe said.

The team has been getting timely hitting and strong outings from its starters during NU's recent terror.

Lythgoe (1-0), who will pitch Saturday for the Huskers, is an example of Nebraska's rebirth as he pitched 7 2/3 innings of one-hit ball on Tuesday to help defeat Texas Tech 2-1.

"We're understanding our roles," Lythgoe said. "Last year we weren't real organized, and the focus just wasn't there."

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In 1997, Nebraska finished 27-35 with the second-worst team earned run average (6.68) in school history.

This season, with first-year Pitching Coach Rob Childress calling the shots, the Huskers ERA has dropped more than a run to 5.24.

By his own admission, Childress said he believed organization in the bullpen has played an important part in NU's recent success on the mound.

"It's just so much easier this way," Childress said. "We know what's going on, and everybody knows what they have to do."

The Huskers have had the luxury of having middle-relief help and a strong closer at their disposal.

Closer Tevis Arnold (1-1) has seven saves, which ranks him second in the conference.

Junior lefty Jay Sirianni has been spectacular in his last two outings, striking out eight batters over 8 1/3 innings of work.

Starter Matt Schuldt (4-0, 2.40 ERA) has won three straight over ranked teams and will pitch Sunday against Oklahoma State.

The senior has thrown 287 pitches in his last two outings, but like the other pitchers, understands the roles assumed by the entire staff.

"Our job is to throw strikes," Schuldt said. "Whether we're starting or coming in middle relief, the name of the game is throwing strikes."

On Friday Nebraska will send sophomore Chad Wiles (3-2) against a Cowboy team that has won 12 of its last 13 games.

Oklahoma State (32-13 overall and 11-8 in the Big 12 Conference) is in third place in the Big 12 and is coming off of a three-game sweep of conference leading Baylor last weekend.

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