



SENIOR CATCHER Justin Cowen stands ready at the plate for a Creighton runner during the second inning at Buck Beltzer Field on Tuesday. The Huskers won the game, 6-3. Josh Wolfe/DN

CU Coach: Walks hurt Jays' staff

■ Allowing the Huskers seven walks lost the game for the Bluejays.

By Matthew Hansen

Staff writer

The defining moment of Nebraska's offensive play in a 6-3 triumph over Creighton wasn't a towering home run or even a timely single.

Instead, it was another NU hitter tossing away his bat and slowly trotting to first as a Bluejay pitcher stomped around the mound in disgust.

Creighton pitchers allowed only six hits, but walked seven Huskers. Tack on two hit batsmen, and that's nine free passes to first base for NU.

Following the loss, CU Manager Jack Dahm said his pitchers' lack of control led to the loss.

"That game was going quick until we started walking guys left and right," Dahm said. "I'm disappointed in some of our young guys that threw tonight. They didn't step up and throw strikes."

Creighton starter Joe Humay wasn't one of the ball-four culprits. In fact, Humay issued only one free pass and two hits before being removed from the game in the fourth. CU held a 2-0 lead at the time.

Dahm said he didn't want Humay to throw more than three innings. Unfortunately for the Bluejays, his replacements would not fare nearly as well.

It began with Creighton's second pitcher, Keith Hood, who walked four and gave up four runs before being pulled after only one inning. And while Michael Pietro and Matt Garland gave up only one walk apiece, they also each hit a batter.

Their performance mattered very little, according to their coach. Dahm said the damage had already been done.

"We had the momentum early, but we lost our energy after those walks," he said. "We were still able to stay close, though. I thought if we put the pressure on, we could still win."

The Creighton offense was unable to do so. After four hits in the second and third innings, the CU bats managed only one hit in the sixth and one in the ninth.

More importantly, Dahm said Creighton drew only one walk.

"You are not going to drive a baseball on a cold night like this," he said. "We swung the

Husker pitcher stuffs Bluejays

Bullock shuts down No. 23 CU's lineup in in-state rivalry matchup

By Dane Stickney

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As the wind whipped in from left-center field and the temperatures dipped into the low 40s Tuesday night, Nebraska pitcher Trevor Bullock left Creighton ice cold.

Bullock, a senior left hander, stymied the 23rd ranked Bluejays, allowing three runs and five hits over seven innings, while the Cornhuskers won 6-3.

Creighton lost the battle of the fundamentals, giving up seven walks and hitting two batters.

But Bullock (3-0) was sharp in only his second start of the season, walking only one batter and using his curve ball to keep the Bluejay batters off balance.

"The key for me tonight was getting ahead with my curve ball," Bullock said. "I'd usually start off with a 0-0 curve, then bust the hitter inside with a fastball."

And it was a good night to pick

inside.

The weather conditions set the stage for a low offensive output, as both teams recorded only six hits.

Creighton struck first, scoring two runs in the second inning. Left fielder Chris Hinrichs opened the scoring by stealing home as Bullock made a pick-off move to first. First baseman Rhett Dwyer hit a two-out single off NU first baseman Dan Wright's glove to score another run in the inning.

The Huskers went silently through the first three innings, then scored three runs in the fourth.

Third baseman Matt Hopper led off the inning with a double, and left fielder John Cole proceeded to double him home.

After a walk to second baseman Will Bolt, Cole stole third. Wright hit a sacrifice fly to score Cole.

After two walks, Jamal Strong, Nebraska's center fielder, singled to score Bolt.

In the top of the fifth, the Bluejays

HUSKERS	6
BLUEJAYS	3

went down in order but not without drama.

Creighton second baseman Vince Pietro hit a fly ball to right center, and Strong and Husker right fielder Adam Stern closed on the ball at full speed. The two collided and fell to the field.

They both walked back to the dugout after a small delay, and Nebraska Coach Dave Van Horn was glad.

"That could have been a disaster," he said. "They both have such good speed, and they're both so aggressive. I'm thankful neither were injured."

Nebraska responded to score three more runs in the fifth, highlighted by Stern's two-run single.

Creighton added a run in the sixth on a sacrifice fly.

Husker reliever Thom Ott earned his first save of the season by allowing just one base runner and striking out three batters in the final two

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innings.

"We were only going to pitch Thom for an inning," Van Horn said. "But he was great out there, so we let him finish the game."

But Van Horn said he was most pleased with Bullock's outing.

"He did a great job by giving us seven strong innings," he said. "We couldn't have asked for more out of him."

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Collier names assistant coach

By Joshua Camenzind

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Nebraska Basketball Coach Barry Collier took the first step in filling his coaching staff on Tuesday, naming Western Nebraska Community College's Dave "Soupy" Campbell his top assistant.

Campbell, who compiled a 353-105 record in 13 seasons at WNCC and has 25 years of coaching experience overall, received high marks from his new boss.

"He has won nearly 600 games and produced and recruited a number of very good players," Collier said. "He is an excellent recruiter, and that will be one of his primary tasks here, but he is also an excellent basketball coach, both on the floor and in the locker room."

Campbell was named the

"I know the state of Nebraska quite well, and this is a tremendous opportunity."

Dave Campbell

new assistant basketball coach

National Association of Basketball Coaches Junior College Coach of the Year in 1994-95 and grabbed eight District Nine coach-of-the-year honors in all. His overall record is 585-236.

While Campbell's teams pro-

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Freshman juggles softball, basketball

■ Athlete hopes to continue participating in two sports at NU.

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Nebraska's Amanda Buchholz is part of the rare breed who are two-sport athletes.

As a freshman, she is the only female two-sport athlete at NU, if one doesn't count cross country and track as separate sports. Playing in spot duty as a reserve guard on the Cornhusker basketball team and a larger role in softball, Buchholz says she sometimes questions herself how, or even why, she does it.

But the Ogallala native isn't planning to change.

"I've kind of always done everything," Buchholz said. "So if I don't do two sports I feel like I'd be lost."

Buchholz's athletic success

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FRESHMAN SHORT STOP AMANDA Buchholz is the only two-sport woman athlete at NU, playing both softball and basketball. Buchholz has been involved in numerous sports all her life, and said if she had to choose between softball and basketball, it would be one of the hardest decisions of her life. Heather Glenboski/DN