



2006 Big 12 Softball Championship ASA Hall of Fame Stadium Oklahoma City, Okla. ~ May 10

Game 4 -- #7 Missouri 3, #2 Nebraska 0

Pitcher Jen Bruck aided her own cause with a solo home run in the top of the second to lead No. 7 seed Missouri (25-25) to a 3-0 win over No. 2 seed Nebraska (40-9).

Bruck (23-19) won her second game of the evening with the six-hit shutout. She struck out eight while walking five. Bruck pitched two complete games Wednesday with nine hits and 13 strikeouts. She also recorded two RBI in the earlier win over Texas Tech with a double. Mizzou added two more runs in the sixth when DP Amanda Renth knocked in Leanne Bowers and Micaela Minner. Bowers got on base with a walk while Minner singled down the right field line.

NU's Ashley DeBuhr (22-7) gave up three runs, all earned, on four hits with seven strikeouts and two base on balls in seven innings.

Missouri advances to play the winner of No. 3 Baylor vs. No. 6 Kansas Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Nebraska falls to the elimination bracket and will face the loser of Baylor vs. Kansas at 2 p.m. Thursday. No. 8 seed Oklahoma State upset No. 1 seed Texas 2-1 as the top two seeds went down in their opening game for the first time in Big 12 Softball Championship history.

Missouri Quotes

Coach Ty Singleton

"It was nice (the win). Nebraska is a very good team and it was nice to beat a good opponent. I'm very pleased with our team."

Centerfielder Micaela Minner

"We really came together as a team and played well. We haven't played consistently like this in back-to-back games for a while. It really was awesome to knock off the number two seed. We weren't lacking confidence that we could do it, it was just the fact that we pulled together as a team to get the win."

Nebraska Quotes

Coach Rhonda Revelle

"In some ways, I think we can get better from this loss. Sometimes you need a loss to get you to that next place. Tonight we were talking to our team about offense, where we've had several of our hitters going up to the plate not very confident. I've said from the beginning of the year, we're not about the scoreboard this season. We're about just trying to be the best we can be. If trophies come our way because of it, then so be it. If they don't, then so be that."

Shortstop Devin Porter

"We just need to put this behind us tomorrow. Our coaches always tell us to come out and play like champions and that's what we have to do. Tomorrow, we just have to come out aggressive and do what we do, which is play softball."