



2006 Big 12 Softball Championship

ASA Hall of Fame Stadium

Oklahoma City, Okla. ~ May 12

Game 13 -- No. 6 seed Kansas 2, No. 2 seed Nebraska 0

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA. - Junior pitcher Kassie Humphreys tossed a complete-game three-hitter to lead No. 6 seed Kansas to the finals of the Big 12 Championship with a 2-0 victory over No. 2 seed Nebraska. The Jayhawks (33-24) advance to the title game in Big 12 postseason softball action for the first time in school history.

KU will face either Oklahoma or Missouri in the championship contest. Nebraska falls to 42-10 and will await the announcement of NCAA Championship selections and possible host duties on Sunday, May 14. Kansas is also the first No. 6 seed to advance to the finals of the Big 12 Championship.

The Jayhawks opened the scoring with a single run in the top of the fifth inning. Senior shortstop Destiny Frankenstein reached base on a bunt single. She then moved to second on a sacrifice by senior second baseman Jessica Moppin. After advancing to third on a groundout, Frankenstein scored on a fielding error.

Kansas added an insurance run in the top of the seventh, as Frankenstein scored her second run of the contest. She reached base on a fielder's choice and then stole second, her 10th theft of the year. She went to third on a fielding error and then scored on an error by the NU second baseman.

Humphreys improves to 16-16 on the season after striking out seven with one walk. Nebraska junior pitcher Ashley DeBuhr was the hard-luck loser, falling to 24-8. She struck out 10 with one walk, allowing just two hits and no earned runs in seven innings.

Kansas Quotes

Head Coach Tracy Bunge...

"I'm really excited about my team and how they've come together here at the end of the year. Offensively, we struggled so much throughout the regular season and this time we found a way. We're a team where we've had so few breaks during the regular season, we kind of feel like we deserve a few at the end of the year. We are not going to apologize for getting a break when we needed one. Kassie Humphreys was tremendous on the mound again. It was another shut out against a very good team. We have so much respect for Nebraska and their program and what they do."

Pitcher Kassie Humphreys...

"It was another great team effort. Destiny Frankenstein did a good job of starting us off. She found a way to get on. We just thought if we put the ball in play, things were going to happen our way finally and they did. We had great defense and we're just really excited right now."

Nebraska Quotes

Head Coach Rhonda Revelle...

"Our team's performance is unacceptable because our standards are higher. We're really disappointed with the loss tonight. Ashley pitched with everything she had and we couldn't have asked for anything more from her. We broke down defensively. They say that defense wins championships in a pitcher's dual and it is usually the team that breaks down first that loses. That's what happened to us against Kansas."

Second Baseman Jess Yoachim...

"In my opinion, Kassie Humphreys is one of the best pitchers we have faced. She is one of the hardest pitchers to hit because she has great ball movement and location placement combined with mixing up her speeds. Yet, she is hittable. We didn't take advantage of what we knew about her and we did not hit her like we can."