



2008 Phillips 66 Big 12 Baseball Championship No. 6 Baylor vs. No. 3 Nebraska Recap



No. 6 Baylor 10, No. 3 Nebraska 4

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Shaver Hansen was 3-for-4 with three runs and four RBI, including a key three-run triple in Baylor's four-run seventh as the Bears defeated 12th-ranked Nebraska 10-4 in first-day action at the Big 12 Conference Championship at Bricktown Ballpark. The sixth-seeded Bears (32-24) became the first team to win five consecutive pool-play games at the Big 12 Championship, dating back to the 2006 season. The third-seeded Huskers (39-13-1) have lost four straight games for the first time this season.

Hansen, who was making the first start of his career in the cleanup spot, singled and scored in the second and delivered an RBI single as the second run of Baylor's two-run third as the Bears took a 3-0 lead. After Nebraska got a pair of runs in the bottom of the fourth, Hansen walked and scored on Adam Hornung's double in the sixth.

However, it was Hansen's bases-clearing triple in the seventh that propelled the Bears to victory. Raynor Campbell and Beamer Weems opened the frame with back-to-back walks, and Ben Booker followed with a single to load the bases. Hansen yanked Mike Nesseth's full-count offering down the right-field line, plating three with his team-leading sixth triple of the season. Hornung followed with an RBI single, pushing the Bears' lead to 8-4.

Nebraska did not go quietly, loading the bases in the bottom of the seventh before Tyler Farst's two-out, two-run single to left on the 12th pitch of the at bat. Baylor was quick to answer, though, taking advantage of a two-out Nebraska error in the top of the eighth. Campbell reached when Nebraska shortstop Ben Kline's throw to first was wide, and Beamer Weems was then hit by a pitch. Booker followed with double off the right-field wall, scoring both runners.

Starter Shawn Tolleson (6-4) earned the victory, his fifth against a Big 12 team this season. The honorable mention All-Big 12 selection allowed four runs on five hits and three walks with two strikeouts over 6.1 innings; he also hit a Big 12 Championship single-game record tying three batters. Willie Kempf scattered two hits and a walk with three strikeouts over 2.2 scoreless innings for his second save of the season.

Booker and Hornung both had two-hit days and each had two RBI. Campbell scored three times, while Weems scored twice. Hansen's four RBI tied Baylor's single-game record in Big 12 Championship play; he was the sixth Baylor player to accomplish the feat.