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BASEBALL

Huskies drop fourth straight game in R.I.

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Sophomore pitcher Matt Cook picked up his second loss of the season after lasting just two innings in the Huskies' 7-1 loss to University of Rhode Island Tuesday. Cook gave up six runs on six hits in the loss.

"One of the things we talk about with baseball and to the guys a lot is having short term memory which means you've got to be able to put things behind you. This is a game of a lot of failures," assistant coach Mike Glavine said. "It hurts and it should bother us but we've got to be able to move on."

With the loss, the Huskies drop to 12-11 on the season (3-6 Colonial Athletic Association), having lost four straight games.

Head coach Neil McPhee served a one-game suspension after being thrown out of Sunday's game against Virginia Commonwealth University for arguing with the home plate umpire.

On the offensive end, senior infielder Matt Miller went 3-4 in the loss with a double.

The Huskies got on the board in the top of the first thanks to Rams' pitcher Liam O'Sullivan's wild throw. With the bases loaded, a walk to first baseman Rob Fonecas forced home junior designated hitter John Puttress from third, the first and only Northeastern run of the night. Sophomore center fielder Connor Lyons struck out looking with the bases loaded to end the inning.

"The issue really is finding holes

when we have runners in scoring position," Glavine said. "Some of that is luck and some of that is having better at bats. It's a combination of those two things right now."

URI tied the game in the bottom of the inning when sophomore catcher Pat Quinn grounded out to first scoring sophomore outfielder Jeff Roy, who drew a walk earlier in the inning.

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— Mike Glavine, assistant coach

In the second inning, Cook hit senior designated hitter Greg Anarummo, who then advanced to second thanks to a bunt by sophomore infielder Joe Landi. After Anarummo stole third, Roy brought him home on an RBI double. The Rams got two more runs off of senior outfielder Jeff Cammans' double to make it 4-1. Two more RBI singles by Quinn and junior infielder Pat Fortunato increased the lead to 6-1.

Senior pitcher Greg Ferguson relieved Cook and got out of a jam with two men on by striking out

two hitters and getting junior outfielder Chris Famiglietti to ground out.

Senior pitcher Sam Berg took the mound in the fourth and started with a one-two-three inning. However, Berg ran into trouble in the fifth when a third consecutive walk brought home Landi for the Rams seventh run.

Freshman pitcher Nick Berger replaced Berg and only allowed one hit until sophomore pitcher Sean Lyons relieved him in the eighth.

The Rams' defense was just as responsive as their at-bats. URI fielders laid out in the outfield with bases loaded for a diving catch and turned a caught line drive into a double play preventing additional Husky runs from crossing the plate.

"I'm disappointed with the loss. I know we all are, but we got really, really solid relief effort today," Glavine said. "We gave up those six runs in the first two innings and we gave up one run after that and it was an unearned run so I think the bullpen did an outstanding job today of keeping it where we needed it to be."

The Husky offense got going in the seventh with sophomore outfielder Aaron Barbosa and Puttress getting back-to-back singles and Miller getting a single later in the inning, but a strikeout to Leroux and a ground out to Vosler ended the run.

The Huskies will head to Virginia for a three-game weekend series against James Madison University. The series opens Friday at 6:30 p.m.



News Staff Photo/Dan Pagliaroli

Senior captain and pitcher Andrew Leenhouwers suffered his first loss of the season Friday afternoon at Friedman Diamond. He is 3-1 on the season.

TRACK

Runners, throwers, jumpers bring home top finishes

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Sophomore thrower Max Milder set a personal record Saturday with a hammer launch measuring 56.36 meters to capture fourth place in a field of 37 competitors. Milder was one of nine top 10 finishes for 15 Huskies at the Raleigh Relays in North Carolina.

"It was great weather, great competition, so everyone who went down there really got something out of it," assistant coach Tramaine Shaw said.

Senior distance runner Annie Scully, the women's only running participant, placed fourth in the 5,000-meter run. She finished with a time of 18:18.66 in a field of 28 runners.

"Annie Scully is really starting to come into her own once again," Shaw said. Scully missed the indoor season with an injury.

The five other female participants competed in field events.

Junior vaulter Jillena Decarteret finished in sixth, soaring 3.65 meters.

Fellow vaulter, freshman Dana Schweiger cleared 3.35 meters, good for eighth. Junior Lauren Bennett also made the top ten with a 3.20 meter vault.

Junior thrower Rachel Taback placed 12th in the discus throw in a field of 58 athletes, launching the disc 42.29 meters. Teammate junior thrower Julia Westover tossed the hammer 49.82 meters to finish 12th.

"It was a great meet and I'm happy that I got to compete in it," Westover said. "I've been working very hard this year, so I know it will pay off in the long run."

On the men's side, the Huskies had three top 10 finishes among their nine competitors.

Sophomore thrower Christopher Reider placed fifth in the javelin with a 61.03 meter throw. Reider's throw was good enough for the fifth-best javelin throw in school history.

"This is just the beginning of what we can do," Westover said.

Freshman Stefano Combi was 15th in the same event. The rookie notched a 51.66 meter throw in his first of three events on the day. Combi also placed seventh in the

long jump with a 7.06 meter leap and 25th in the 110-meter hurdles, crossing the line in 15.16 seconds.

"[The throwers] are in a good position," Shaw said. "I think it says that the work they've been putting in is working."

Sixth and seventh place finishes went to senior thrower Patrick Jablonski in the shot put and the discus respectively. The veteran continued to place in his final season launching the shot 16.47 meters and sending the disc 50.49 meters.

Junior thrower Mark Mastone competed in the same events, finishing 22nd in the shot put and 42nd in the discus.

"We are really satisfied with the way they performed in Raleigh," Shaw said.

The Huskies also had male runners compete on the track. Freshman distance runner Zachary Fraielli finished 36th in the 1,500-meter run crossing the line at 4:05.43. Fellow distance runner Conor Lyons competed in the 400-meter dash finishing in 51.99 seconds and placing 94th.

"I did fine for what was expected of me," Lyons said. "During outdoor you see a lot of different competition and a lot of people that are pretty fast."

Sophomore distance runner Brian Doyle placed 17th in section I of the 5,000-meter run with a time of 14:48.45. Freshman distance runner Stephan Sollowin finished the 5,000-meter run in 15:23.25, which

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BEHIND THE SCENES

Matthews Zamboni drivers paint, maintain, but some don't skate

Dylan Lewis
NEWS STAFF

They answer to monikers like "Billy Holiday," "Italian Marble," "The Rookie," and "7/10," and throw around jargon like "double dragon" and "holiday" when discussing their work.

These are the lively men that operate the Zambonis in Matthews Arena.

"I can paint it and maintain it, but don't ask me to skate on it," said Bill Smith, Northeastern Athletics facilities supervisor.

Despite operating a Zamboni for 17 years Smith, or "Smitty" as he's affectionately known by his crew, refuses to skate on the ice. He isn't alone — on his current team, only three of the drivers played hockey growing up and only two had prior rink maintenance experience before joining NU's

Facilities crew.

Mark Bates, who graduated from Northeastern with a bachelor's degree in communications studies in 2007, is among the few that grew up on ice. As a former DogHouse member, player, captain and coach of NU's first club ice hockey team, and current driver of Matthews' Zambonis, Bates has seen every side of rink maintenance.

Bates said a Zamboni's handling is akin to a ride-on lawnmower and found "gauging when to turn and avoiding the boards" are the two toughest lessons of the learning curve.

He added that it is imperative the operator is always mindful of picking up the machine's conditioner so the blade doesn't hit the arena's concrete when it exits the ice, and to avoid stopping the machine at all costs.

"The water the machine uses is boiling hot, if it sits in the same spot for more than 30 seconds it could melt the 1 1/2 inch layer of ice right down to the concrete underneath it," Bates said.

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facilities supervisor



News Staff Photo/Dan Pagliaroli

Some of the facilities crew members have seen every side of rink maintenance at Matthews Arena, from cheering in the DogHouse to driving the Zamboni.

He worked part-time with the crew as an undergraduate before returning full-time after a brief hiatus from the university to build houses

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ROWING

Women's crew wins Woodbury Cup

Max Nagel

NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Women's rowing head coach Joe Wilhelm – fresh off of his 100th win – and his crew successfully sought Northeastern's fifth Woodbury Cup Saturday morning on the Charles.

"Winning the Woodbury Cup this year was very satisfying, especially after last year's race, in which we lost against Columbia by a heartbreaking two seconds," sophomore stroke Greta Haselmann said.

The Huskies' finish was a school record for the fastest time for a Northeastern women's crew to complete the Charles River two-kilometer course.

Columbia and Northeastern competed for the annual Woodbury Cup, named for 1996 Columbia graduate and rower Melanie Woodbury who died in a car accident in 2002. Dartmouth College rowers also raced – and won – but their finish did not

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-- Joe Wilhelm, women's rowing head coach

count toward the Woodbury Cup as only Northeastern and Columbia compete.

In the Varsity 8 Dartmouth and Northeastern were bow to bow for much of the race, only gaining minimal leads. It was in the final meters of the race when Dartmouth grabbed a seat on Northeastern to pass the 2,000 meter mark just before the



The Varsity 8 set a new school record for two-kilometer course along the Charles, finishing in 6:29.7, .4 seconds behind Dartmouth Saturday morning.

Huskies. Dartmouth finished with a time of 6:29.3 and Northeastern was just four seconds behind, 6:29.7.

With Columbia finishing at 6:34.8, almost five seconds behind Northeastern, the Huskies won their fifth Woodbury Cup.

"The Varsity 8 made some major improvements in this race," Wilhelm said. "After reviewing the video from last week, they completely dedicated themselves to rowing with more length and control this week, and executed it on race day. They rowed more efficiently which allowed them to maintain their speed, and gave them a good kick in the last 500 meters."

"Columbia did not give the cup to us easily and the race itself was very exciting," Haselmann said. "By beating a strong crew like Columbia and simultaneously setting a new school record for the Charles, we regained our self-confidence which had suffered a little bit after last week's unfortunate race at the Beanpot."

The second Varsity 8 and Varsity 4 A and Varsity 4 B all finished third, trailing just behind the strong crews of Dartmouth and Columbia.

"Our Fours and [second Varsity 8] rowed almost exactly the same times as last weekend in similar conditions," Wilhelm said. "Having said that, all of our crews need to work on

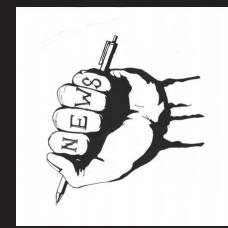
maintaining their speed throughout the entire race. They have shown good boat speed at times, and just need to become more consistent."

Women's rowing will travel to Syracuse, N.Y. to race against the University of Pennsylvania and Syracuse University on Lake Onondaga on Saturday.

"It is always a tough battle when these three programs get together, and I expect that to be the case on Saturday," Wilhelm said.

Men's crew will be back in action after a weekend off when they row on the Charles against Boston University Saturday at 7:30 a.m.

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Volser hits for the fences

Elizabeth Thomas

NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Freshman second baseman Jason Vosler's season stats after 23 games have set him apart from the rest of the newbies on the team.

He leads the team with 21 RBIs and his four home runs place him second, behind fellow freshman first basemen Rob Fonseca's five. He had two triples and three RBIs in the March 27 victory over Boston College.

He attributes his .524 slugging percentage, which ranks third on the team, to guidance from his upperclassmen and the coaches.

"I feel like a lot of the older kids helped us prepare," Vosler said. "And all the preparation, workouts and drills during fall and winter was more baseball than I've ever done in my entire life ... This is the best coaching I've ever had in my life. I didn't have the best winter, and after fall I didn't think I'd be starting, but the coaches really helped me with my swing."

The West Nyack, N.Y., native said he did not have as difficult a time transitioning from home to college. He credits the baseball team with helping him make a smoother transition than most.

"I met the freshmen first and we all became best friends and now I am starting to get closer with the older guys on the team," he said. "It was really nice to already have a bunch of friends the first day of classes. The academics are hard here, but I am doing fine. I love Boston. I love walking around this city when it's nice out. It's pretty awesome here."

As an only child, Vosler said he thrives on competition on the field, since he does not have to fight for his parents' attention at game time.

"My parents come to about every other game and they alternate on away games on who will fly or drive down," he said.

Vosler's home field is now Friedman Diamond, but as a pee-wee, Matthews could have easily been envisioned as his next stage.

"From five years old to freshman year in high school I played [hockey]. I thought I would have more of a future in baseball so I dropped hockey and started to really concentrate on baseball," Vosler said. "I miss hockey a lot though. I miss the adrenaline rush of getting to check when cheap shots

were taken."

Vosler said his parents didn't mind him playing two sports growing up and were supportive no matter what ever he chose.

"[My parents] helped me train and do preparation all year around to get in the best shape for baseball, and I guess it paid off well," he said.

For a student athlete, preparation doesn't end with workouts on the field, but extends to the classroom. Weekend road trips and a week day game complicate the team's weekly schedules.

"The professors are great and a lot of help. We have mandatory study hours [with the baseball team] so I get a lot of help with getting all my work done and questions answered," Vosler said.

"Tucker [Roeder, a senior co-captain catcher on the team] is actually my math tutor. I work with him a couple times a week and he helps me out big time with math. He's very smart and [the tutoring] has improved my math grade a lot".

While Vosler has seen his share of success in his first season as a Husky, he credits the senior leadership for much of the team's success.

"It's pretty cool having some of the freshmen in there helping out the team, but the upper classmen like Miller, Roeder, Puttress, and Leroux definitely do a lot of the work and help out everyone a lot," he said. "Yeah, it's cool to know that a couple of us freshmen can still help the team win and

not just be a burden to the older guys."

Head coach Neil McPhee has stated that he puts the freshmen in as starters because he has a lot of confidence in their ability to work with the upperclassmen.

"He's part of that freshmen class, that's a very young team, but a very good team," McPhee said.

Part of the excitement of playing at a college in Boston for his first season is getting to experience the Beanpot tournament and show school pride for each sport. Vosler will be playing in his first Beanpot against University of Massachusetts-Lowell April 10 in Lowell.

"I'm really excited to see what the atmosphere is like with that," he said. "I went to the hockey one and that was awesome."

On a campus where hockey is arguably the sport on campus most attended by the student body, a lack of fans could have an affect, but Vosler said it has no effect on him.

"They get a little more attention then us, but that's just New England's atmosphere. They do get more attention and a lot more fans at their games, but I still feel very accomplished being a baseball player here," Vosler said. "I think it's tough because the field is off campus, but our field is unbelievably nice ... we would like to have more fans, and we would still be playing as well either way, but yeah, more fans would be nice".



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Freshman second baseman Jason Vosler leads the Huskies with 21 RBIs, with four home runs and two triples on the season.



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Pondering the first pitch

I'm ready to brush my teeth and cleanse my palate of the lingering taste of defeat, disappointment, fried chicken and beer. Game 162 of the Red Sox 2011 season conjured the dumbfounded, surreal, "Wait, did that really just happen?" feeling I haven't felt since game seven of the 2003 ALCS.

But enough about last year. The season opens this afternoon in Detroit and Tuesday night's final spring training game gave us a fresh slate and all the promise of a new season.

What I like:

Pitcher Josh Beckett was sharp in spring training. A 2.61 ERA, .79 WHIP (that's not a typo) and opposing batting average of .117 gives me every reason to believe after the media-beating he's taken this off-season, he's ready to return to the ace we saw in 2007 and 2009.

Outfielder Cody Ross is swinging a hot bat. Right fielder J.D. Drew was a good, but not great, player for the Sox who never quite lived up to his \$14 million a year contract. At \$3 million for 2012, Ross was an inexpensive replacement for Drew. Even if he cools off, he'll still put up better numbers than Drew's 2011 clip of .222/.315/.302.

Infielder Mike Aviles has been named the starting shortstop. Nomar Garciaparra was the last Red Sox SS to hit over .300 in a season back in 2004. Aviles is capable of putting up the high batting average at shortstop that Sox fans have pined for since No. 5's departure. More importantly, Aviles being named the starter takes the pressure off top prospect Jose Iglesias, and allows him to continue to develop in AAA. There is nothing worse than prematurely calling up a top prospect.

What worries me:

Which Carl Crawford will we see when he returns from the disabled list? The outfielder that hit .307/.356/.495 in 2010 or the one that hit .255/.289/.405 in 2011? It was painful to watch him at the plate last year. Maybe the rehab minor league stint will allow him to break down his mechanics and make some adjustments.

Was center fielder Jacoby Ellsbury's 2011 season an aberration? His 32 home run season was nearly a four-fold increase from his previous career high of 9, and his .321/.376/.552 helped put him second in the MVP voting. It's hard for me to imagine he is able to post the same numbers again this year, but he is eligible for contract arbitration at season's end, so he'll have every reason to perform.

And finally, pitching. Pitching. Pitching.

Let's begin with the starting rotation. Behind Lester, Beckett and Buchholz, we have Daniel Bard, converted reliever and farm system product Felix Doubront. Those are two big question marks. Bard's calling card is his 97-100 miles per hour fastball, but being forced to throw 180-plus innings as a starter this year (compared to 73 last year out of the bullpen in 2011) might cause his velocity to dip as the season wears on. Doubront is kind of a wild card. It will be nice to have another southpaw in the rotation, but his MLB track record is really too short to source for speculation. Let's just hope the rotation doesn't slot Bard and Doubront to both start games against the Yanks and Rays too often this season. Don't think I forgot about Daisuke Matsuzaka; I'm intentionally omitting him from the conversation.

Bard's move to the starting rotation also creates a lot of concern in the bullpen. Losing Jonathan Papelbon to free agency was a big blow, but the Sox made the smart move not trying to match the \$12.5 million per year he is going to receive from the Phillies. He just hasn't been as dominant during the last two years as he was from 2006 to 2009 when he made four straight All-Star appearances. Off-season acquisition Andrew Bailey looked like the perfect substitute for Papelbon until news broke earlier this week that an injury to the thumb on his throwing hand requires surgery. The Bailey-less bullpen is now devoid of a clear closer or setup man. Former White Sox All-Star closer Bobby Jenks seemed like a viable option, but his back procedures and his late-March DUI arrest may jeopardize his 2012 season. New Red Sox Mark Melancon converted 20 of 24 saves last year for the Astros and will likely assume the closer role in Bailey's absence. Assuming Sox starters last seven innings, it still begs the question, who will bridge the gap in the 8th inning between Boston's rotation and Melancon?

Prediction:

For those of you counting at home, I spent 183 words describing what I liked about the Sox going into the 2012 campaign and 413 listing out my major concerns. Like most Sox fans, I am a pessimist extraordinaire. Vegas has set the over/under for Red Sox wins at 89.5 this season. Even with the question marks, I think that's a pretty reasonable number. They'll probably squeak out berth in the new single elimination playoff game.

BEHIND THE SCENES

Alum returns to NU to drive Zambonis

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in New Orleans in 2007 and 2008.

Bates said he wasn't allowed to operate the Zamboni as a student, but once he began working full-time he was trained, and has been driving the machines since the fall of 2008, in which the men's hockey team went 12-3-4 at home (25-12-4 overall).

In Massachusetts, Zamboni operators need a specific license. It is a wrecking ball of a machine – taller than the average man (5-foot-9) and weighing more than 7,000 pounds.

But surprisingly, with the exception of a few states, rink maintenance is learned on the job through hands-on experience. Smith trained at Matthews when he joined the crew "by going out on the ice with someone who had operated [a Zamboni] for a while and learned from him," and he's kept that tradition.

The rink at Matthews arena is resurfaced multiple times daily during hockey season depending on

practice times men's and women's teams and the free skate schedule, but maintenance doesn't stop there. Usually once a day, sometimes twice, Bates will scrape the edges where the ice meets the boards to maintain a straight corner and prevent a lip from forming.

When they aren't making their intermission trips around the rink, you can find the Zamboni crew passing the time on game days watching from behind the nets as the ice they smooth gets carved by skaters.

Smith, Bates and the rest of the crew said they love their jobs, but there is a downside. The machines generate a deafening noise, but not quite loud enough to drain out certain arena anthems.

"That Black Eyed Peas song, 'Tonight's going to be a good night,' [I Gotta Feeling], yeah, I'm kind of sick of that one," Bates said.

The ice has been melted down at Matthews for the season, changing the crews' focus to Friedman Diamond and the baseball team's needs.

BASEBALL

Huskies swept in weekend series at home

Zolan Kanno-Youngs
News Correspondent

The Virginia Commonwealth University Rams swept the Huskies with a 10-3 win at Friedman Diamond Sunday.

The stage for the sweep was set with a 6-2 Huskies' loss Friday afternoon and an 8-2 loss Saturday.

The Rams' offense had 33 hits throughout the series, including 13 in the final game. Northeastern's lineup only put forth six in the loss and 25 in the series.

With the sweep, the Huskies fall to 3-6 in the Colonial Athletic Association (12-10 overall).

The first day of April gave junior pitcher Kevin Ferguson his first loss of the season as he allowed six earned runs on 10 hits through five innings.

VCU freshman pitcher Heath Dwyer was strong, pitching eight innings and only giving up three runs on just six hits.

"That kid today was really good," NU assistant coach Mike Glavine said. "He had a good fastball, a good breaking ball, a lot of confidence on the mound. I was really impressed with him."

Head coach Neil McPhee was ejected in the fourth inning for arguing with the home plate umpire.

The Huskies scored early in the first inning with an RBI single by junior designated hitter Jon Leroux. VCU quickly responded with junior outfielder Taylor Buran hitting his third home run of the season. The Rams scored again when junior catcher John Putress was charged with a passed ball allowing freshman infielder Vimael Machin to score.

The Huskies tied the score at 2 in the second inning when sophomore infielder Aaron Barbosa hit an RBI single off of Dwyer, bringing home sophomore outfielder Connor Ly-

ons.

Aside from a home run given up to Rob Fonseca in the seventh inning, he didn't allow any Husky runs until he was relieved in the eighth inning.

"I honestly think we should have done a better job as a team hitting him but [Ferguson] did locate pretty well and he did what he needed to do today," Barbosa said.

The Rams took the lead in the

third inning behind senior catcher Nick Abraham's two run single and didn't look back as they scored two runs in each of the next three innings.

"[Sunday] especially, we made a bunch of mistakes that have been uncharacteristic of us all year. We made some errors and didn't make some plays that we needed to," Barbosa said. "First two games of the series we just got outplayed. We

didn't do anything spectacular but we didn't do anything terrible."

The Northeastern line up pounded 13 hits off VCU in the series opener Friday afternoon. They only scored two runs off those hits, one of them coming in the bottom of the eighth cutting the deficit to four, 6-2.

"Offensively, the trouble was with guys in scoring position which hasn't been a problem for us this year. We've really swung the bats well but this weekend we didn't so I got to give their pitching credit," Glavine said.

Junior pitcher Kyle Haynes, who went the first five innings for VCU, got out of jams including a third inning with the bases loaded, as the Huskies left six people on base through the first five innings.

Senior captain and pitcher Andrew Leenhousts only gave up one run – an RBI groundout to sophomore catcher Joey Cujas in the third – through the first seven innings.

The Rams broke through in the eighth and scored five runs off of four hits to push the lead to 6-1. Barbosa and freshman catcher Alex McKeon each had RBIs in the 6-2 loss.

VCU used another big late inning in the second game of the series to defeat the Huskies 8-2.

Junior pitcher Dylan Maki gave up one run until the sixth inning, when the Rams scored six runs to take a 7-1 lead. Four Rams had RBIs in the including Cujas with two.

Barbosa and Leroux each had two hits for the Huskies and Vosler contributed as well with an RBI.

"It's just a matter of execution when you're on the field," Glavine said. "The guys work really hard in practice and it's a great group of guys and we've played well up until this weekend. It's a disappointing weekend to be home and be swept like this."



News Staff Photo/Dan Pagliaroli

Sophomore left fielder Matt Milner went 1-3 in Friday's loss, 6-2. The Huskies had 13 hits on the afternoon but only crossed home plate twice.

TRACK & FIELD

Milder sets personal record in hammer throw

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put him 22nd in section III of the event.

"We had some awesome performances," Shaw said. "It just really puts them in a good position for conference and post-conference championships."

The Huskies sent two throwers to compete at Tufts University in the Snowflake Classic Saturday. Sophomore thrower Conor Ebbs finished fourth in the discus throw with a 42.24 meter toss. His 13.10 meter throw in the shot put was good

enough for 11th while a 34.12 meter toss placed him 18th in the hammer throw.

"It was my first meet this season competing in all three of my events, so it helped me to get a feel for transitioning back and forth while still maintaining focus," Ebbs said.

Northeastern will compete in the George David Invitational at the University of Massachusetts-Lowell this weekend.

"We might not be a huge Division I school, but we still hold our own," Lyons said.

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