



March 30, 2005

IOWA BASEBALL
HAWKEYES FALL TO ILLINOIS STATE, 5-2

NORMAL, IL - The University of Iowa baseball team was defeated by Illinois State, 5-2, Wednesday at Redbird Field in Bloomington, IL. The Hawkeyes fell to 4-11, while Illinois State upped its record to 9-13.

The Hawkeye bats were mostly silent during the game, as Iowa managed only three hits on the day.

In the bottom of the second, Illinois State took a 2-0 lead off Iowa starter **David Conroy** with three singles and two sacrifice bunts.

The Hawkeyes took advantage of sloppy Redbird fielding in the top of the fifth to tie the score. **Dusty Napoleon** started things off by reaching on an error, then came around on a throwing error on **Jason White's** grounder to second. A sacrifice bunt from **Ryan Considine** moved White to third, and he came home on a passed ball.

The Redbird's scored the go-ahead run in the bottom of the sixth on a RBI single off the bat of Kyle O'Brien. Illinois State added a pair of insurance runs in the eighth to take a 5-2 lead.

Sophomore **Ryan Dupic** took the loss despite throwing well. He allowed one run and four hits in three and 2/3 innings pitched, while striking out three.

The Hawkeyes will open the 2005 home season this weekend when they host Big Ten rival Michigan State in a four-game set. First pitch on Friday is scheduled for 6 p.m.

GAME SUMMARY

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WP – Eric Theiesen (2-0)

LP – **Ryan Dupic (0-1)**

