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<u>IOWA BASEBALL</u> HAWKEYES EDGED BY MICHIGAN, 2-1

IOWA CITY – The University of Iowa baseball team was defeated by the Michigan Wolverines, 2-1, Friday night at Ray Fisher Stadium in Ann Arbor, MI. The Hawkeyes fall to 23-30 (12-17 in the Big Ten), while Michigan ups its record to 35-19 and a conference-best 20-9.

The game was a classic pitcher's dual between Hawkeye starter **Luke O'Loughlin** and Michigan's Paul Hammond. The Wolverine senior picked up the win, allowing just three hits and one run in nine innings of work. He struck out 12 on the day.

O'Loughlin (2-6) took the hard-luck loss after scattering seven hits and striking out three. Iowa closer **Tim Gudex** pitched a scoreless eighth in relief.

The game was scoreless into the bottom of the fourth, when the Wolverines broke onto the scoreboard with an RBI double from Doug Pickens.

Iowa came right back in the top of the fifth, when **Ben Geelan** reached on a single and **Kevin Hoef** made it to first on an error to start things off. Freshman **Wes Freie** advanced Geelan with a popout to right, then tied things up on a squeeze bunt from **Jason White**.

Michigan took a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the inning, getting an RBI groundout from Eric Rose.

The pitchers took over from that point, not allowing another run to cross the plate.

The two teams will resume the series with a doubleheader tomorrow, which will begin at 3:05 p.m. (CT).

GAME SUMMARY

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WP – Paul Hammond (7-3)

LP – Luke O'Loughlin (2-6)



