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IOWA BASEBALL

HAWKEYES WIN OPENER IN DRAMATIC FASHION, 12-10

CLARKSVILLE, TN - The University of Iowa baseball team kicked off the 2006 season in style, defeating 2005 NCAA Tournament team Austin Peay 12-10 in the first game of the Austin Peay Tournament Friday afternoon. Iowa is 1-0 while Austin Peay falls to 2-1.

Trailing 10-7 in the ninth, the Hawkeyes scored five runs in the final inning. **Brian Burmester** led off with a pinch hit single, and Iowa loaded the bases when **Ryan Considine** and **Jason White** were hit by pitch. Senior **Nate Price** then brought Burmester home with an RBI groundout and stole second. Junior **Matt Wooldrik** then walked and **Travis Sweet** tied the game up with a single to right. With runners at first and third, **Dusty Napoleon** smacked a ground ball to second, which was booted and allowed Wooldrik to score the go-ahead run. Iowa picked up an insurance run with a double steal involving Sweet and Napoleon.

All-Big Ten closer **Tim Gudex** then came in and struck out the side to get his first save of the year. Freshman **Steve Turnbull** picked up the win in relief.

Wooldrik (3-of-4), Sweet (3-of-5) and freshman **Wes Freie** (3-of-4) each had three hits for Iowa.

The Hawkeyes struck first, scoring three runs in the top of the first inning. Price opened the 2006 season with a base hit to left, then promptly stole second. Wooldrik scored Price with a base hit up the middle, then advanced to second on a bunt single from Sweet. A balk moved Wooldrik and Sweet to second and third, and they scored on a two-run single from Napoleon.

Austin Peay knotted the game at 3-3 in the bottom of the third on a pair of doubles and a Hawkeye error. Iowa came back to take a 5-3 lead the following inning on an RBI single from Wooldrik and an RBI double from Sweet.

Governor designated hitter Will Hogue led off the bottom of the fourth with a home run off Hawkeye starter Jeff Maitland. Austin Peay loaded the bases, forcing the Hawkeyes to make a pitching change. Luke O'Loughlin, who is coming out of the bullpen while recovering from offseason back surgery, replaced Maitland and struggled with control initially. Two wild pitches, two walks and a sacrifice fly gave the Governors a 7-5 lead.

After Austin Peay added a run in the bottom of the sixth, Iowa got RBIs from Freie and White to bring the score to 8-7. The Governors came right back in the bottom of the inning with a pair of runs to take a three-run lead.

The Hawkeyes return to action tomorrow with a 10 a.m. game against Illinois State.

GAME SUMMARY

IOWA	300	200	205	--	12	16	4
Austin Peay	003	401	200	--	10	11	2

WP – Steve Turnbull (1-0)
LP – Jamie Ganz (1-1)
SV – Tim Gudex (1)

