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**IOWA BASEBALL**  
**HAWKEYES SPLIT SATURDAY DOUBLEHEADER**

**IOWA CITY** - The University of Iowa baseball team picked up its first Big Ten win Saturday afternoon when it split a doubleheader with Michigan State. Iowa won the first game 7-6, then dropped game two 11-5.

The Hawkeyes made things very interesting in game one, blowing a three-run seventh inning lead only to come back and win the game in the bottom of the inning.

Leading 6-3 in the final inning, the Hawkeyes gave up three runs to let the Spartans tie things up. Starter **Casey O'Rourke** hit the leadoff batter, then gave up a bunt single to Steve Gerstenberger. **Tim Gudex** then entered the game in place of O'Rourke. Two more singles, an error and a sacrifice fly tied the game up at 6-6.

The Hawkeyes came into the bottom of the seventh determined not to let their first conference win slip away, quickly loading the bases with one out. Pinch hitter **Skylar Moss** ripped a line drive off the second baseman's glove, allowing **Jesse Brownell** to come home with the winning run.

In game two, the Spartans pounded out 12 hits on five different Hawkeye pitchers. Iowa took an early 2-0 lead with RBI singles from **Dusty Napoleon** and **Jason White**, but the Spartans came right back in the top of the third with three two-out runs to take a 3-2 lead. Michigan State scored in every inning the rest of the way, including five runs in the top of the sixth.

Down 11-2 in the bottom of the seventh, the Hawkeyes did what they could to get back in the game, scoring a trio of runs in the final frame, but it wasn't enough.

Iowa (5-13, 1-2) and Michigan State (10-12, 2-1) will wrap-up the weekend series tomorrow with a single game starting at 1 p.m.

**GAME SUMMARIES**

MSU            120 000 3 -- 6 7 5  
**IOWA            200 031 1 -- 7 8 5**  
 WP – **Tim Gudex (2-3)**  
 LP – Mike Monterey (0-3)

MSU            003 115 1 -- 11 12 1  
**IOWA            020 000 3 -- 5 9 1**  
 WP – Craig Brookes (2-1)  
 LP – **Austin Seward (0-1)**

