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IOWA BASEBALL

HAWKEYES TOP NORTH DAKOTA STATE, 4-1

IOWA CITY - The University of Iowa baseball team defeated the North Dakota State Bison, 4-1, Wednesday night at Banks Field.

The Hawkeyes (15-16, 8-4) took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first when **Skyler Moss** singled and moved to second when **Andy Lytle** walked. Both runners moved up on a wild pitch, and Moss came home on an RBI groundout from **Nate Yoho**.

Neither team could generate much offense until the Hawkeye bats briefly woke up in the fifth, scoring three runs on three hits on a Bison error. Moss started things off with a leadoff double, Lytle walked, and Yoho got his second RBI with a double down the rightfield line. **Dusty Napoleon** ripped a single that scored Lytle, while a **Brian Burmester** groundout plated Yoho for the third run.

North Dakota State managed a run in the top of the sixth, but the Hawkeye bullpen clamped down the rest of the way to close out the game.

Senior **Jeff Maitland** made his return to the hill after missing all of last season with an elbow injury and threw well, allowing one hit over three innings and striking out three. Senior **Brian Furlong** saw his first action of the year, picking up the win in an inning of hitless relief. Freshman **Ben Geelan** threw a 1-2-3 inning in the ninth to get his first save.

Moss was the only Hawkeye with multiple hits, going 2-of-3.

Iowa returns to action this Friday when it kicks off a four-game weekend series with Penn State. Friday's opener starts at 6 p.m.

GAME SUMMARY

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WP – **Brian Furlong (1-0)**

LP – Terry Tchida (0-5)

SV – **Ben Geelan (1)**

