Huskers Stay Alive in Big Ten Tournament

Columbus, Öhio – After dropping a 10-9 heartbreaker on Wednesday afternoon to Michigan State, the Nebraska baseball team (35-22, 14-10 Big Ten) responded with 12-3 victory over Penn State on Thursday afternoon to knock the Nittany Lions out of the Big Ten Baseball Tournament.

Junior Ryan Hander threw a gem for the Huskers, gaving up just two earned runs over a career-high 6 1/3 innings of work, while striking out a career-high seven. Hander retired seven straight Nittany Lions after getting out of a bases loaded jam in the third and faced just nine combined hitters in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings.

Nebraska's offensive racked up 18 hits on the day, including a 4-for-5 performance and a career-high five RBI's from freshman Pat Kelly, and three hits each from Rich Sanguinetti and Richard Stock, who produced his 18th and 19th doubles of the season. Chad Christensen also blasted his team-leading 10th home run of the season with two outs in the top of the seventh.

The Huskers will be back at Huntington Park at 11:05 a.m. today for the third straight day. Nebraska will take on number 6 seed Ohio State in an elimination game.