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Bruins lack offense in losses

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Beatrice Bruins starting pitcher Michael Mariot could probably sue his teammates for lack of support after throwing an "outstanding" game, but losing in the opener of a doubleheader Wednesday night against the Chillicothe, Mo., Mudcats.

The Bruins fell 2-1 in the first game with Mariot going the distance on the mound.

Beatrice also lost the nightcap to Chillicothe, 7-1.

The starter from Nebraska faced 26 batters in seven innings, allowing two runs on four hits. He struck out seven and walked none.

"Pitching was the highlight of the night," Bruins manager Bob Steinkamp said. "Mariot gave us an outstanding effort."

Steinkamp said the hurler was in the 89-91 mph range all evening.

"He (Mariot) is back to where he's suppose to be (velocity-wise)," Steinkamp said.

Steinkamp said having Mariot back on track should be a "big plus" for the Bruins.

But, Steinkamp said, pitching was about the only thing good about Wednesday night's games.

"Pitching, hitting and defense are the three part of the game and we had one of those tonight," Steinkamp said.

The Bruins only run in the opener came on a solo home run by Mariot's Nebraska teammate Tyler Farst in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Beatrice's only other hits in the game were singles by Scott LeJeune and Tyson Parks.

Chillicothe scored one run on a solo home run in the top of the second and one run as the result of three singles in the fifth.

The Bruins' offense continued to struggle in the nightcap Wednesday, falling to Chillicothe, 7-1.

Chillicothe outhit the Bruins 13-5 in the game.

"There's just not much good to say about this game," Steinkamp said. "We couldn't get a basehit when we needed one."

Another Nebraska product, Jordan Roulades, took the loss for the Bruins, allowing six runs on eight hits and a hit batter. He struck out four.

Sean Bartholomew relieved Roulades, throwing the final three innings. He gave up one runs on five hits and

one walk, while striking out one.

Beatrice's lone run came in the bottom of the first inning on a solo home run by LeJeune.

Adding a single each for the Bruins were Parks, Keegan Morrow, Mark Ramos and Trevor Adams.

Steinkamp said he believes the Bruins offense will improve with the addition of Nebraska players Farst and Adam Bailey.

Both Farst and Bailey made their first starts for the Bruins Wednesday, seeing their first action of the summer.

"Once we get everyone here and going, we should be OK," Steinkamp said.

Next action for the Bruins will be tonight (Thursday) as they host Chillicothe in the final game of a three-game series.

The game is slated for 7 p.m. at Christenson Field.

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