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Bruins add to win streak

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Beatrice's Bruins baseball team added another victory to the team's current winning streak Tuesday night, downing the Clarinda, Iowa, A's at Christenson Field.

The 5-1 win over Clarinda was the fifth-straight victory for the Bruins.

"We're on a little roll now and it's coming at the right time," Bruins manager Bob Steinkamp said.

Steinkamp said the Bruins will take a couple days off before starting a stretch which will have them on the road for five straight games.

Next action for the Bruins, 10-9 overall and 9-8 in MINK League, will be Friday at Clarinda.

Tuesday's starting pitcher Sean Potter took a no-hitter into the seventh inning against the A's.

"He (Potter) didn't give up a hit in the first six innings," Steinkamp said. "The first couple innings, he lacked a little bit of command, but after he settled in, he kept them off balance."

Steinkamp said Potter was using his slider effectively and was throwing in the upper 80s.

Potter gave up two hits in the seventh, but kept the A's from scoring by getting two ground ball outs to end the threat.

In seven innings of work, Potter faced 24 batters. Along with the two hits, he struck out six and walked two.

Closer Shane Minks relieved Potter, throwing the eighth and ninth innings.

Minks struck out the side in the eighth before surrendering one run on two hits in the ninth.

In two innings, Minks faced eight batters, giving up one run on two hits and one walk, while striking out four.

"Pitching-wise and defensively, we did a good job," Steinkamp said.

Defensively, the Bruins turned 11 ground balls into outs in backing up their pitcher.

The team had one double play, an unassisted effort by first baseman Tyson Parks on a line out to end the game.

Offensively, the Bruins were led by Parks, who had a home run and two singles in the game.

"Tyson Parks had another heck of a night," Steinkamp said. "The homer was huge."

Parks' seventh-inning home run was a two-run blast, which put the Bruins up 5-0.

While the Bruins were able to hit the ball and get on base, Steinkamp said the one drawback Tuesday was leaving runners on base.

The Bruins stranded eight runners in the nine-inning game.

"We left a lot of people on base early and in the middle part of the game," Steinkamp said. "We still scored enough to get it done."

The Bruins opened the game's scoring in the bottom of the first inning.

Tyler Farst reached second on a fielder's choice and throwing error and scored on a single by Adam Bailey.

In the fourth inning, the Bruins went up 2-0.

Scott LeJeune reached on an error to lead off the inning, advanced to second on a single by Tyson Parks and took third as Travis Parker walked.

A sacrifice fly by Randall Thorpe scored LeJeune.

The Bruins broke the game open with a three-run seventh inning.

Farst led off with a double and gave way to pinchrunner Keegan Morrow.

Morrow advanced to third as Ryan Morgan reached on an fielder's choice and scored on a sacrifice fly by LeJeune.

Parks then hit a blast off the right-field scoreboard, scoring Morgan and putting the Bruins up 5-0.

The A's scored their only run in the top of the ninth inning on back-to-back singles and an error.

Hitting for the Bruins, aside from Parks, were Ryan Morgan with two singles, Farst with a double and Bailey, LeJeune and Adam Smith with a single each.

Steinkamp said the Bruins are nearly at full-strength as Texas player Kevin Lusson joined the team Tuesday night, following the Longhorns' College World Series appearance.

Another Texas player, infielder Jordan Etier, is expected to join the team this week.

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