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**Ford Surprises in Relief Against Bucks**

*Utility infielder strikes out the side to close out the game*

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For Huskies fans, it’s been a treat to witness the swift glove and lightning speed of utility infielder Lance Ford early in the 2019 season. The true freshman from the University of Texas played in 52 of 54 games for the Longhorns in the spring. Since arriving in Duluth, he’s been a consistent starter and shown pristine positional versatility for the Huskies.

In last night’s heartbreaking 7-3 loss to the Waterloo Bucks, Ford showcased his skills 60 feet and six inches from home plate.

“Coach [Pointer] asked if anyone on the bench felt like they could pitch,” said Ford. “I was feeling pretty good since I got a break, so I thought I’d give it a go.”

Ford used only his four-seam fastball to retire three Waterloo hitters, amazing his coaching staff and fellow players.

“It’s always exciting to see things like that happen,” said Huskies manager Marcus Pointer. “With a doubleheader the next day and a staff that was already short on rest, we had to rely on some position players to pitch and Lance really stepped up for us—showcased a ‘never give up’ mentality, and that’s something he should be proud of.”

“I was blown away,” said Huskies pitcher Mason Bryant, who plays alongside Ford at Texas. “He’s already gone above my expectations. He’s just a real tough competitor and he’s going to do what he can to win no matter where he is on the lineup card.”

Ford will return to the infield for tomorrow’s doubleheader against the Waterloo Bucks. Catch all the action live from Wade Stadium on the Northwoods League Baseball Network and 92.1 The Fan. First pitch is at 6:35 p.m.

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