

Ags, Rice Split Twin Bill

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For awhile yesterday afternoon, the Aggies looked like they might take a pair of Southwest Conference baseball games from Rice, but the Owls took advantage of a Bo Paradowski wild pitch in the second game to score without the benefit of a base hit in the top of the eighth to gain a split, A&M taking the opener in 10 innings.

The Houston nine had given A&M the first game, 6-5, when third baseman Bob Burns threw wildly past first on Lupe Fraga's ground ball, allowing catcher Gary Herrington to score easily from second.

The nightcap, scheduled for seven frames, went into overtime too, with the Owls winning as catcher Jerry Sims walked, moved to second on Claude White's sacrifice, to third as pitcher Bill Arhos grounded to second, and scored as Paradowski threw past the frantically outstretched glove of Herrington.

With two out in the home half of the eighth, Paradowski singled to center. Doug Mullins, hitting for shortstop Wayne Balke, grounded to Fred Penny at third, but Penny's throw to first was wild, moving Paradowski to third and Mullins to second. The tying and winning runs died on base, however, as Arhos struck out Wendell Reed on three pitches, after getting behind two balls.

The Aggies, who now own a 3-8 conference record, scored both their runs in the bottom of the third. Reed walked to open the inning and Herrington followed

with a base hit to center. Jim Smotherman drove a fly ball to left, but Captain Dick Munday singled to short center, loading the bases.

Arhos fanned Cliff Tuttle, then Dickie Thomas smashed a ground-ball single between third and shortstop to score both runners.

Rice got one back in the fourth when right fielder Rod Murray walked, stole second and went to third as Herrington's throw bounced into centerfield. Paul Lang, the Aggies' starting pitcher forced Alex Mitchell to pop up, but Sims hit a long fly to left and Murray scored easily after the catch.

Lang's lack of control hurt him again in the fifth when Bobby Williams got a free pass, stole second and Murray singled him home. Paradowski came in at this point and held the Owls to one hit until the fatal eighth. Lang gave up only two.

Reed opened the first game with

a single, but was erased when Behn Hubbard forced him at second. Hubbard stole second and scored when shortstop Fred Burns couldn't find the handle on Smotherman's ground ball.

The Owls dented the plate once in the second on a pair of hits off Munday, then pushed across three more in the third on two hits, including Tim Staples' 360-foot homer with a mate aboard.

A&M got a pair in their half of the third on hits by Hubbard and Smotherman, coupled with an infield error, and tied it up in the next frame as Paradowski walked, Fraga singled and Reed doubled down the left field line.

Smotherman blasted a drive over the left field barrier in the fifth to put the Aggies ahead, but Rice tied it in the sixth when Staples doubled, moved to third on an infield out and scored on Munday's wild pitch.

Both Munday and Rice's Emil Tejml went all the way in the op-

ener, giving up 10 and nine hits, respectively. Tejml had beaten the Aggie senior, 1-0, in Houston.

BOX SCORE (First Game)

	R	H	E	O	A
Rice (5)	4	0	3	4	
Williams, 2b	1	0	0	0	
Murray, rf	1	2	2	0	
Mitchell, 1b	1	1	2	0	
Sims, c	3	0	5	1	
Burns, R, 3b	4	0	0	2	
Arhos, cf	5	1	5	0	
Staples, lf	5	3	0	0	
Burns, F, ss	5	1	2	2	
Tejml, p	4	2	0	5	
Totals	39	10	29	14	

SECOND GAME

	R	H	E	O	A
A&M	0	0	0	0	2
Winning pitcher, Arhos	1	0	0	0	2
Loser, Paradowski	0	0	0	0	2

BOX SCORE (Second Game)

	R	H	E	O	A
A&M (6)	4	2	0	3	
Reed, 3b	1	0	0	0	
Hubbard, lf	1	1	3	0	
Tuttle, cf	4	0	4	0	
Smotherman, rf	4	2	1	0	
Herrington, c	5	1	6	0	
Munday, p	5	1	0	0	
Paradowski, 1b	4	0	13	0	
Fraga, ss	5	1	0	4	
Worden, 2b	4	1	3	4	
Totals	40	9	30	11	



GREETINGS, MATE—Agie players gather to greet Jim Smotherman as he dents the plate after walloping a solo home run in the first game against the Owls yesterday. Shown are Wendell Reed (5) and catcher Gary Herrington (38).

Ted's Homers Beat Chisox

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