

Aggies set record in winning two from Red Raiders

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The West Texas wind stirred up the dust and played havoc with the Southwest Conference series between A&M and Texas

Tech in Lubbock Friday and Saturday, with the results being as unusual and unpredictable as the gusts that blew through the town.

The Aggies failed again in

their attempt to sweep a league series, losing the first game 10-6 but taking the next two, 21-3 and 9-6. One SWC record was set and another tied in the second game.

A&M had 26 hits, breaking the old mark of 23 in one contest, and Butch Ghutzman equalled an individual record by getting five hits that game.

The series, which left the Aggies 23-9 for the season and 7-5 for SWC play, saw a total of 55 runs, 73 hits, 19 errors, 10 doubles, five triples, two home runs, 27 bases on balls and 54 strikeouts in the 25 innings.

Ghutzman, who played in his hundredth winning game at A&M Saturday, joined center fielder R. J. Englert in leading the hitting barrage. The pair had eight base hits each. Jim Hacker had six, Jim Langford and Carroll Lilly five each and Tommy Hawthorne four.

In two relief appearances, Bobby Wittkamp was credited with the loss in the first game and the win in the last. Bruce Katt threw his fourth complete game in winning Friday's nightcap.

The Aggies took a quick 5-0 lead in the top of the second inning of the first game, but the

Red Raiders came back with runs in the last six frames to win the opener. Three hits and a pair of errors in the fourth inning helped Tech push the go-ahead run across.

A&M had a chance to knock Raider ace Ruben Garcia out of the box in the top of the fourth, after they sent seven men to the plate. With the bases loaded and only one run in, Gene Reinarz took a third strike after hitting a drive just foul down the line.

After that, the Aggies got only one man on base. Garcia came through with six strikeouts in the last three innings.

A&M reversed the situation in the second game, when the conference record was broken. After Lilly hit into a double play in the top of the first, Englert hit a 340-foot drive over the right field wall. From there, it was just a matter of keeping up with how many runs were being scored.

The sixth inning was the big one, with 14 batters going to the plate. There were nine runs, nine hits and two errors. At one stretch there were six consecutive base hits.

That inning cooled Katt off, though, and the lefty was tagged for two runs and four hits in the bottom of the sixth. He got

out of trouble with two strikeouts, and Tech left the bases loaded. Katt threw 38 pitches to eight batters that time out.

Tech scored the other run in the fifth on a triple by pitcher Randy Prince after a walk to Cecil Norris. With the exception of those two innings, Katt held the Raiders hitless, with only six men getting on base.

Katt walked eight and struck out ten in posting his fifth win of the season. The walks brought his total to 20 for the year. Coming into the game, Katt had walked 12 men in 44 innings. With the strong winds, he was forced to throw a total of 149 pitches in the nine-inning contest.

The Saturday game started out quietly in comparison to the previous day's activity, but the Aggies finally scored three times in the third on a double by Hawthorne, a single by Lilly and consecutive doubles by Englert and Hacker.

Englert's blast to right increased his hitting streak to 24 consecutive games. He has hit safely in 29 of A&M's 32 contests this year. He has a string of 12 SWC games this season, with the record being 15.

Tech retaliated with a pair of tallies in the bottom of the third

when Doug Ault poled a homer over the fence in right center. The wind carried the high fly over the wall after Barry Hoffpauir was on with a base hit.

The Raiders got two more in each of the sixth and seventh innings on walks, base hits and infield outs to go ahead 6-3.

In the eighth, Hacker walked and scored on Karl Bystrom's triple. Jim Langford drove Bystrom home with a base hit to close the gap to one, 6-5.

After Wittkamp got the Raiders out in order in the bottom of the eighth, the Aggies sent eight batters up in the ninth to break it open. Ghutzman led off with a strikeout, and pinch hitter Mike Schraeder got a hit to left. Englert was called out on strikes for the sixth time all year. It was Ghutzman's third time to strike out this season.

Hacker walked to put men on first and second with two out before another pinch hitter, Gene Reinarz hit a single to right, scoring Schraeder and moving Hacker to third. Jim Atterbury drove Hacker in with another hit, and Reinarz came in on an error in the outfield. An infield error tallied Atterbury to end the rally.

Wittkamp got the side out in order to end the game. Hoffpauir

went down swinging the easiest of the three out. pair hit a towering fly which was blown back into Ghutzman followed it all the way to first. Ault grounded short, but an excellent Schraeder nailed him to series.

A&M Rugby Club wins; nearing another championship

The Maroon team of the Texas A&M Rugby Club trounced San Antonio Rugby Club 32-6 Sunday to narrow the Northern Division Texas Rugby Union Championship down to a race between A&M and Austin Gold Rugby Clubs.

Playing on the Drill Field at A&M, neither San Antonio nor A&M looked impressive in the first half, but the Aggies were able to put it together better in the second period when they literally ran over their opponents.

From the kick-off the Aggies began with several fumbling mistakes on which the visitors were unable to capitalize. The first score came when A&M's Giles Fort broke through two defenders who collided while he touched down for four points. The Aggies led 4-0.

San Antonio retaliated forcing the lethargic A&M squad onto the defense with well-placed kicks. Fifteen yards out from the Aggie goal line the San Antonio scrum won one of its few strikes, and Gary Tibbets sped over untouched to score. They converted the try and went into the lead 6-4.

From a scrum 20 yards out Bob Elmore broke wide to power into the San Antonio in-goal for the second A&M try. This was converted by Butch Preston, putting the Aggies ahead 10-6.

For a while the A&M team seemed unable to make headway for their many mistakes, but just before the half they clicked together with a fine passing movement from a penalty 40 yards out, and Randy Harju put Fort over the San Antonio line with a perfectly timed pass for four points. A&M went ahead 14-6 at the half.

The second period began disappointingly slowly, but picked up pace as the A&M pack began to click. Powerful running by the forwards, particularly Larry Gallego, and fine line out work by Mark Anthony and Elmore, was backed by very impressive hooking by George Alden who won more than 95 per cent of the set scrums. With this far superior possession the A&M team fairly walloped San Antonio.

Art Saldana went over from the wing position after a fine forward rush. Like an untouchable ghost Larry Gallego from the half-way line weaved his way to within 10 yards of the San Antonio goal, then passed to the hard running Aaron Cahoon who scored. Ricky Myers touched the ball down after Alda broke into the end zone on a great rush.

Later the ball sped to the Aggie captain, Butch "Mighty Mouse" Preston, who refused to be knocked down by tacklers. Under great harassment he moved the ball out to Mark Fischer who made his usual 40-yard streak to confuse and bewilder the San Antonio defense until he scored in the corner. A fantastic conversion kick by Elmore pushed the score to 32-6 in A&M's favor.

This victory leaves A&M half a game behind Austin Gold for the Northern Division Championship, both teams having lost one game, but Austin Gold having completed Union play.

Next weekend the Maroon team hosts Austin Black Rugby Club for the final Union game of this season. Should the Aggies win this game they will be the Northern Division champions.

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