

Gibson sets mark as Aggs win, 5-2

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Pitchers James "Hoot" Gibson and Lockett threw six innings of ball as the Aggie baseball team sealed a 5-2 victory over the University of Minnesota. The squads were to meet in a doubleheader, but grounds cancelled the opener because of rain and the game was postponed to a later date. The win upped the Aggs season record to 23-2. Minnesota, who earlier in the week took three of four games from the University of Texas, is now 12-10 for the year.

Other errors in the second inning allowed A&M to take an early lead. Randy Blanchard scooped past the outstretched glove of Minnesota second baseman Magela. Freshman Mark Thurston, batting in the unfamiliar designated hitter's role because of a toe injury, reached base safely as first baseman Brian Denman made a grounder attempting to bunt. Blanchard at second. Catcher Biersner singled to right and outfielder threw to third to cut off ground. The third baseman misjudged the relay and it dropped to ground. Blanchard raced across

the plate putting the Aggies ahead, 1-0. Buddy Grobe then racked up a pair of RBIs on a double to left-center field to extend the lead.

The Farmers did not score again until the seventh inning when Bob Dulak and Winston Whiddon had a pair of base hits. Whiddon's was a riling shot down the first base line which sent Dulak to third. Center-fielder Robert Verde followed with a sacrifice fly. Biersner then got his second hit of the afternoon to send in Whiddon for the final tally.

Minnesota scored a run on a wild pitch which bounced off the plate and over the backstop in the seventh, and another on a hit by Denman which slid by Scott Pacchal in the final inning.

Gibson yielded one walk while recording his ninth win of the year. The win tied the A&M record for career wins in a single season. The senior from Carrizo Springs equalled his victory total of last year. He also broke the school record for most consecutive innings pitched without giving up a run.

Dan Forsythe suffered the defeat for the Gophers.

The Aggs square off with Minnesota again today in a single game and then resume Southwest Conference action Friday against the Baylor Bears.



Photo by Steve Krauss

Onlookers pause as the Kyle Field infield is set ablaze to hasten drying.

No progress made in baseball talks

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Representatives of the Major League Players Association and the owners' Players Relations Committee met for five hours Wednesday in an attempt to settle complicated problems, but no progress was reported.

Afterward, it was announced that Marvin Miller, executive director of the players union, and John Gahagan, the chief negotiator for management, would confer Thursday to set up another meeting date, the union said.

Wednesday's session, conducted in Gahagan's office, dealt with a review and discussion of all the issues under negotiation. No new ideas were proposed.

It was the first meeting between the two sides in 10 days and the first of any kind since March 17 when the Executive Board of the Owners Association met in Florida. At that time, the union's executive board neither accepted nor rejected the owners' offer of March 15, instead calling for more talks and the opening of spring training.

The camps were opened the same day by order of Commissioner Bowie Kuhn and Wednesday's meeting was the first negotiating session since the camps opened after a 17-day shutdown.

At the last confrontation between the two parties, the management committee had presented what it called its "best and final" offer to the players group.

That proposal recognized the pro-agent rights won by the players in arbitration last December and subsequently upheld in two federal courts. The owners offered free agent status to all major leaguers in the next two seasons, but tied certain limitations to the proposal, including an eight-club draft of the players involved.

When the union's executive board did not act on the matter, the owners withdrew it.

Miller and counsel Dick Moss represented the Players Association at

the latest session. Present for management were Gaherin, American League President Lee MacPhail and National League President Chub Feeney.

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TCU is now 12-17 for the year. Horner's homer in the sixth inning of the nightcap brought TCU from a 3-2 deficit. TCU scored seven runs in the second inning of the runaway opener.

HOUSTON — Rice University announced Wednesday the signing of Steve Pettit, a quarterback from Glen Oaks High School of Canton, Ohio.

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