

Houston series is next step

Aggies take doubleheader

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The Aggie baseballers tuned up the Houston series this weekend with a convincing doubleheader sweep of McNeese State. The Aggies on the opener of the twinbill 14-4, and took the nightcap 8-2.

Aggie pitcher, Clint Thomas, had hardly warmed up before McNeese State's lead-off hitter, Jackie Robert, stroked a home run on the third pitch. Catcher Tom Stelley followed with a base hit to rightfield, and

Rodney Paulette brought him home on a misplayed ball to center.

The Aggies did not do too badly in their half of the first. After two quick outs and a walk to Bill Raymer, designated hitter, Randy Blachard picked out a pitch he liked and hit a home run over the right field fence. The Aggies went ahead to stay when Mark Thurmond rapped a base hit to center, and Winston Whidden followed with a run scoring double to left.

All the base raps didn't stop there. The Aggies added four runs in the second and five runs in the third. Robert Verde led off the second inning with a single to left and was batted around to score on John Biersner's hard hit double. After an infield single and two outs, Blachard was walked to load the bases. Thurmond hit a single to center which brought home three runs, when the Cowboys' center fielder misplayed the ball.

The highlight of the five-run third

inning was Bob Dulak's home run to right. Right fielder Phillip Smith ran into the wall when trying to catch the long fly ball. He was momentarily shaken-up, but remained in the game.

Thomas settled down after his shaky start, and held the Cowboys in check for three innings before being relieved in the fifth by Dave Lockett. Thomas gave up two runs on four hits in four innings, with both runs and three of the hits coming in the first inning.

The Aggies were handcuffed in the fourth and fifth innings, but added two runs in the sixth. Thurmond walked to lead off the inning and strolled home in front of teammate Robert Verde, who smashed a home run to deep right field.

Lockett did an excellent job in relief. The three innings he pitched he gave up two runs on two hits.

The Aggies had a shaky start in the second game. Aggie pitching ace James Gibson got the nod and promptly gave up one run on a single and a double. Gibson was nearly flawless after the rough first inning, giving up no runs and only two hits through the next four innings.

Through the first four innings the game remained close with the Aggies holding a slim 2-1 lead. In the fifth the Aggies broke it open sending 12 men to the plate. Six runs and six hits later the Aggies gave reliever Al Thurmond more cushion than he needed.

The baseballers' next contest will be this Friday at 3 p.m. against Houston in a crucial three-game series.



Photo courtesy of Steve Krauss

Randy Blachard slides safely into second base with a stolen base. Blachard had an excellent day at the plate, including a home run over the right field fence. The

Aggies swept a doubleheader from McNeese State 14-4 and 8-2. The Aggies will host Houston this weekend in a crucial series.

Rocket manager mellows

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Tom Nissalke, the disciplinarian new coach of the Houston Rockets, and Ray Patterson, the team's vocal president and general manager, have reached a gentlemen's agreement.

"The only thing Tom has said is that if I will stay out of the locker room and away from the officials, he will stay out of the front office," Patterson said Tuesday in announcing Nissalke will replace Johnny Egan. Egan, whose three year contract ended this season, led the Rockets into the NBA playoffs for the first time ever last season, but a lack of defense kept them from returning this season with a 40-42 record.

Patterson, who can be seen at any Rockets game squirming in his seat, shouting at officials and Rockets team members, says he'll take a different posture next season.

"Tom Nissalke never has been called for a technical foul and he's never been one to ride the officials," Patterson said.

"If he can do it, I can too or I won't come to the games."

Patterson disagreed with some of Egan's coaching tactics and has admitted he resisted the urge to try to make on-the-court decisions.

"Tom Nissalke is my man and he can't do it, we go down together," Patterson said.

The Rockets are recognized as one of the top shooting teams in the NBA and also one of the worst defensive teams. Nissalke says his first major job will be to improve on defense.

"We played the Rockets once in an exhibition game and we felt the Rockets were a soft team, not hard nosed on defense," said Nissalke, who has coached three American Basketball Association teams and one in the NBA. "We want to change that."

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