Ags defeat Cowboys 13-3 raise season record to 5-1

Turner broke out of an early season batting slump as the Aggies romped to a 13-3 win over the McNeese State Cowboys Tuesday afternoon at Travis Park in Bryan.

Turner came into the game 0-for-9 for the young 1978 baseball season, but went 3-for-4 yesterday with a pair of homeruns, one of them a grandslam. The Texarkana junior also had a double and finished the day with six RBI's.

As a team, A&M collected 11 hits 2-1.

Rollie White Coliseum at 7:30 p.m.

By DERRICK GRUBBS off McNeese pitching for their second straight 10-plus hitting game.

In the second game of Monday's doubleheader with the Cowboys. the Ags pounded out 17 hits in trouncing the visitors 16-2.

Center fielder Mike Hurdle also had a good day at the plate, going 3-for-5 with a double and a home-

McNeese took the early lead with two runs in the second inning, but Turner's first homer, a solo shot in the third, narrowed the margin to

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The Aggies took the lead in the fifth when they pushed across five runs, the big blow being Turner's grandslam. Upon rounding second base, Turner realized that he hadn't touched first and had to retrace his steps. After two trips around the bases, he finally crossed the plate and the Ags were up by an 8-2

They added three more runs in the seventh and a pair in the eighth, the final two markers coming on Hurdle's two-run homer

Mark Thurmond got the pitching

win for the Aggies. The junior left-hander went the first five innings, yielding three hits and striking out eight. Freshman Randy McDonald pitched the final four frames for the Ags, giving up three hits, striking out four and recording the save. The losing pitcher for McNeese

was Ray Fontenot.

A doubleheader was originally

scheduled for Tuesday, but cold weather prompted the decision to play one nine-inning game instead.

The Aggies have a week off now before taking their 5-1 record in against St. Mary's next Tuesday. That 1 p.m. doubleheader is slated to be the first game played at A&M's

Another hit

Robert Verde (No. 16) gets one of A&M's 11 13-3, raising their record to 5-1. The Ags net hits against the McNeese State Cowboys. The Aggies defeated the men from Louisiana

game is next Tuesday at home against & Mary's.

It's last time for Rice seniors

By DAVID BOGGAN

ketball game was of little signifi-cance to the conference standings, it of the Owls' team.

Dave Louwerse played their last game at Autrey Court as the Owls were defeated by the Texas Aggies Rice locker room. "Losing tonight is

"I'm very disappointed for our we would be seniors," Rice coach Mike Schuler week long. said. "I'm sorry that we couldn't go out and get a victory for them. But that we really shouldn't have made. they can walk out of here with their heads held very high because their zone until right at the last. And even work has helped our basketball pro- then we missed some shots that we gram tremendously. It has been a should have hit privilege for me to have coached

Battalion Sports Staff

A meager crowd of 1,000 people
While last night's A&M-Rice baswitnessed Jackson lead his fellow seniors in points scored with 14. Jackson, whose wife, Robin, gave was very important to four members birth to an eight-pound-14-ounce f the Owls' team.

Rice seniors Frank Jackson, Owls' loss but pleased with the birth of his daughter, Jennifer Marie.

frustrating, though. I really thought we would beat them. I thought it all

"We made some critical mistakes Jackson hit five of 10 shots from

tempted free throws. But it was a for us or we would have really junior, Elbert Darden, who kept the Owls in the ball game. Darden made 12 of 20 from the floor and As for Rice's future based. never missed in seven attempts from the charity stripe, totalling 31

"What!" Darden exclaimed. "I hit 31 points? I knew I made some shots, but I didn't realize I made that many. In the second half, I spotted something in their zone and I was able to get inside it and get open. I took my shots and they just seemed to go in tonight.
"We came out ready to win to-

night and I think we tried too hard. Also, the Aggies were tougher here than they were at their place, for

Earlier in the season, the Aggies defeated the Owls 74-70 in College

'We had a chance to win tonight," coach Schuler said. "(Rynn) Wright hit a three-point play that

took us right out of the game.
"At first A&M played us man-to-man and we did very good offensively. Once they got ahead, though, they switched to a zone de-

the field and made four of six at- fense. Darden had to come

As for Rice's future baskets teams, Schuler expects so

Rice has several streaks to we'd rather not have," the coach said. "Rice has gone for a five years without beating That streak is going to end so

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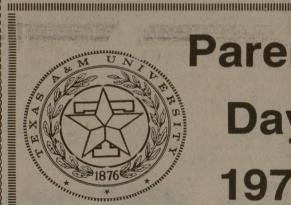


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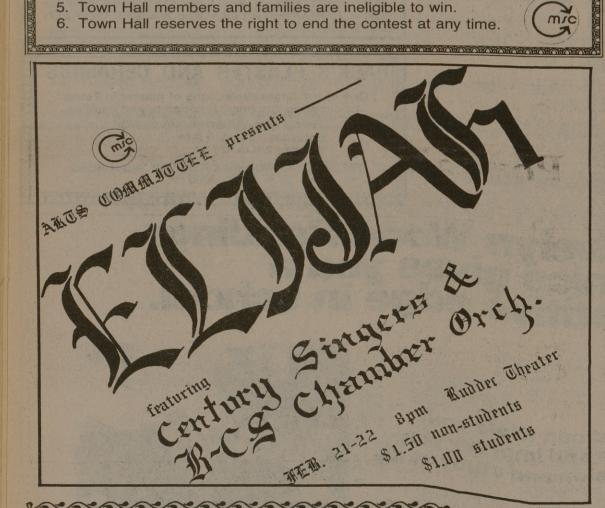
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