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EThurmond pitches shutout

gs, Wildcats split double-header

By SEAN PETTY Battalion Sports Staff

Texas Aggie baseball team the role of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. n its two-game split with the a Wildcats Tuesday after-vinning the first game 2-0 and

the first game, the Aggies d their Mr. Hyde side led by hurmond's eight-hit shutout powerful-hitting Wildcats. nd worked his way out of a of tight spots aided by some

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"Tm really happy with the win against a team like Arizona," Thurmond said. "They are a good hitting team and play in a tough confering the second inning after designated in the second inning after designated."

State, Stanford and UCLA.

'I was especially pleased with my pitching today because I didn't give up any walks. It saved me from giv-

solid Aggie defense and upped his season record to a perfect 4-0. ing up any runs. I was having some trouble with control in Florida but I feel a lot better now.

hitter Gary Bryant knocked in Shel-Thurmond was speaking of the Pac-10 which includes USC, Arizona their second and final run in the fourth inning when, with the bases loaded, Wildcat pitcher, Jeff Morrif walked Randy Woodruff and McMath came in from third.

The two runs were all the Ags needed from then on as Thurmond took control of the Arizona batters giving him his eleventh career shut-

"They were waiting on my breaking stuff all day," Thurmond said. They have a very smart team and of course, they have been a big power for many years. I am just glad to get

The second game of the afternoon showed the Dr. Jekyll side of the Aggies as their bats were suddenly silenced, their defense became shaky and the pitching was not what it had been in the first game.

Randy McDonald, who had a good showing for the Aggies in Florida, was the starting pitcher but soon fell victim to the Wildcat bats, giving up five hits and four runs in two and

two-thirds innings.

But McDonald was not alone in his pitching problems as freshman Steve Davis relieved him in the third inning and finished the game giving up five runs on eight hits.

"Randy and Steve just fell behind the batters too much," Aggie coach Tom Chandler said. "When you get behind in the count you just have to put it across the plate and when you do that against a team like Arizona,

they're going to hit the ball."

One Wildcat in particular did most of the damage to the Aggies in the second game. Freshman Dwight Taylor collected three hits and two stolen bases to lead Arizona past the

Wildcats provided the offense, Arizona pitcher, Craig Lefferts stifled the Aggie bats through six innings and gave up only eight hits the

entire game.

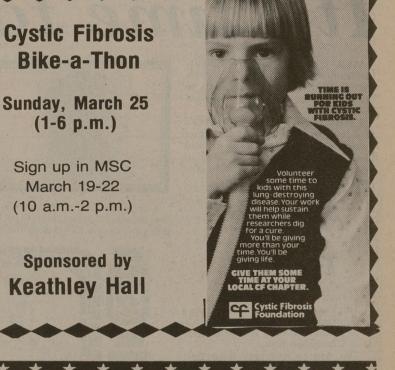
The Wildcats cushioned their lead in the seventh and final inning getting four runs on five hits and one Aggie error.

Down by eight runs in the bottom of the seventh, the Aggies started their mini-rally with Rodney Hodde Hitting a single. Woodruff drove Hodde in with a triple and Bryant followed with a single, knocking in Woodruff. Gary Francis sacrificed Bryant to second, but the Ags fell short as Bryan Little popped out and Simon Glenn hit to the first baseman who flipped the ball to Lefferts, the Wildcat pitcher, for the final out.

"We kind of got our bats started a little late," Chandler said. "We just had too little too late. But Arizona has a fine ball club. They are as tough as anyone we'll play this year.
"I thought Randy (McDonald)

would do well because he did so well in Florida but he got in trouble early. It was really tough for Steve (Davis) to come in as a freshman against a tough team like Arizona. But it's

good experience for him."
Rodney Hodde will be the starting pitcher for the Aggies today against Minnesota at 1 p.m. while Bobby Taylor will start the second game against Arizona. On Thursday, Minnesota and Arizona will play at 12 p.m. with the Aggies playing Min-



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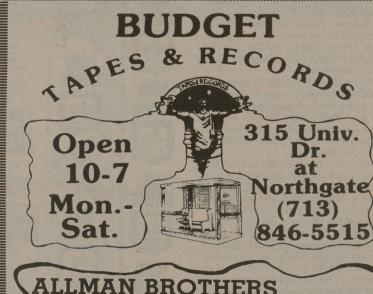
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