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Aggies drop SWC double-header to Red Raiders, 8-5 and 10-9

LUBBOCK — The Texas Aggies continued their losing ways Sunday against Texas Tech, losing both games of a double-header, 8-5 and 10-9.

The Red Raiders bombed Aggie pitchers for 26 hits in the two games.

sixth and got the loss for the Aggies.

The Aggies have now lost eight straight SWC games. They are 2-9 in conference play.

Rice 7, TCU 6

Scott Johnson scored on a pinch-hit single by Bobby Eggleston in the 12th inning to give the Rice Owls a 7-6 win over Texas Christian Sunday and a sweep over the Frogs for the third consecutive year.

Johnson gave Rice an early lead with a solo homer in the third off TCU starter Bryan Ballantyne. Dave Edwards hit a two-run homer, his fifth of the year, in the fifth inning to give Rice a 3-0 lead.

The Frogs rallied with two runs in the bottom of the sixth before James Thompson's two-run homer in the eighth gave the Owls a 5-2 lead.

In the ninth, TCU's Barry Davis singled with two outs off Rice starter David Pavlas. Steve Cottage singled and both runners advanced a base on a passed ball. Jeff Shafer's pinch-hit single scored Davis and Ron Horner's single scored Cottage and Shafer.

Arkansas 1-8, Houston 0-12

Arkansas Razorback Charlie Corbell shut out the Houston

Cougars for a 1-0 win in the game of a double-header day, but the Cougars came with 13 hits to take the 12-8.

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ence for us."

The Aggies started reacting to that rest and home cooking Friday, as they allowed no one to reach home plate in three games. They beat Baylor, 2-0, Utah's Weber State, 6-0 and New Mexico, 3-0.

In bracket play Saturday, Texas A&M stopped defending NCAA Division II champion Sam Houston State, 3-1, to advance to Sunday's championship game against Utah state. Cooper had a two-run single to lead the hitting for the Aggies in that matchup. SHSU's single run was the only one scored against the

Aggies during the entire tourney.

Earlier Saturday, the Aggies topped New Mexico, 3-0, for the first win of the day. Texas A&M smacked eight hits, with Iva Jackson, Cindy Foster and Cooper getting two each. Stoll struck out 11 New Mexico batters en route to a two-hit victory.

In the quarterfinals, Texas A&M shellacked McNeese State, 7-0. Cooper, McNutt and Mary Schwind each had two of the Aggies' 11 hits for the game, and McDonald pitched a three-hitter and struck out nine batters.

Utah State also won all three of its games in Friday's pool play, downing Texas Tech, 3-0

in 18 innings, McNeese State, 4-0 and Sam Houston in eight innings, 2-1. In Saturday's action they bombed Baylor, 8-0 and defeated New Mexico, 2-0.

In other action, New Mexico downed Texas Tech, 3-0, while Sam Houston stopped Weber State 4-0. Baylor beat West Texas State, 6-1, McNeese edged Iowa State 1-0, Sam Houston nipped Louisiana Tech, 1-0 and West Texas tripped Texas Tech, 2-0.

Texas A&M's next outing will be a doubleheader Wednesday in Huntsville against Sam Houston. The opener will begin at 3 p.m.

Winless Astros continue streak with 10-8 defeat

United Press International HOUSTON — Normally, if you can score eight runs in the Astrodome, you can win.

If, on the other hand, you're the winless Houston Astros, it may not be enough. Sknday it wasn't. Pittsburgh used Jason Thompson's seventh-inning two-run homer to ease past the Astros, 10-8.

The win, with Montreal's 3-0 loss to Los Angeles Sunday, left the 5-0 Pirates the only undefeated team in baseball. Houston's 0-6 start is the worst in the club's history.

"It's hard to hit home runs in the Dome," Thompson said. "I've been trying to be more patient. I can get good contact to left field when I want to if I'm

not impatient. When I get consistent in my concentration I'll start to be a more complete player."

Houston manager Bob Lillis said going 0-6 at home made the prospects of the club's first road trip, with the first stop in Los Angeles, sobering.

"It's tough to go on the road after going 0-6 at home. We're hitting good. I think we'll do OK in Los Angeles. We just can't get the key run or the big play or the timely hit. We'll have to break up this pattern for sure. It's depressing and no one player is the problem. We all share in the losses," he said.

The Pirates scored four runs in the fourth to cut the lead to 7-6. Thompson doubled with

one out and advanced to third on a grounder by Mike Easler. Thompson scored on a double by Johnny Ray and, after Tony Pena walked, both runners scored on Dale Berra's double down the left field line. Berra then scored on a pinch hit single by Gene Tenace.

Pittsburgh tied the score 7-7 in the fifth when Lee Mazzilli walked, moved to second on an infield hit by Richie Hebner and scored on reliever Mike Madden's wild throw.

The Pirates broke a 7-7 tie with two runs in the seventh. After Mazzilli walked and was forced at second by Hebner, Thompson hit a towering homer to left field off loser Julio Solano, 0-1.

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