

will lead SWC

Aggies sweep Tech

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Texas A&M proved this weekend that nothing frustrates a powerful hitting team more than good pitching, clutch defense and pressure hitting. The 11th-ranked Aggies posted all of the above as they beat Texas Tech 13-3, 11-6 in 604.

Tom Arrington went the distance for the Ags in Friday's victory, while Kelly Keahey pitched eight straight innings in the second win.

It marked the third time this season the Aggies have swept a Southwest Conference opponent. Texas A&M hasn't lost a game at Olsen Field.

Texas A&M coach Tom Chandler said the Aggies must continue their domination of the teams in the friendly confines of Olsen Field.

"We've got to win at home," Chandler said. "It's critical."

Texas A&M and Texas tied for first place in the SWC with records of 10-2.

Chandler's Weekend helped the Aggies their biggest out of the year for Satur-

day's single game with the Red Raiders.

A crowd of 3,647 watched Tech jump out to a 4-0 lead in the first inning with Texas A&M's Sherman Corbett on the mound.

Corbett settled down after the first with the help of the Aggie defense, holding Tech scoreless for the next five innings.

The Aggies responded to Corbett's effort by scoring two runs in the fourth and one in the fifth, making it 4-3.

In the sixth, Texas A&M took an 8-4 lead and appeared to be pulling away. Chandler said the Aggies were trying to get Tech to use up their pitchers.

"We were trying to get into their bullpen the entire time," Chandler said.

But the Red Raiders stormed back with four runs in the eighth off reliever Beje Mahoe to tie the game 8-8. Rock King came in for Mahoe to get the third out for the Ags.

Rob Swain, the SWC batting leader, led off for the Aggies in the eighth with hard hit ball to third base. Tech's Jim Sullivan

bobbled the ball momentarily, then made a wild throw to first allowing Swain to get to second.

Buddy Haney advanced Swain to third by pulling a ground ball into leftfield out of reach of Sullivan. Chandler credited the hit to Haney's ability and assistant coach Mark Johnson's drilling.

"Mark Johnson drills them on pulling the ball every week," Chandler said. "Buddy just executed it perfectly."

Tech intentionally walked Tony Metoyer, who went 8 for 10 during the series, and brought up Don Robison. Robison scored Swain with a base hit to right.

King came on to retire the side in the ninth to pick up his second win of the year.

Coach Chandler was more than pleased with his team's performance this weekend.

"It's hard as the devil to beat a team three times in a row," he said. "We made some plays in the field that were just outstanding."

Texas A&M, now 33-8 overall, will take on Pan American Tuesday in a two-night doubleheader beginning at 5:30 p.m.



Photo by DEAN SAITO

Texas Tech catcher John Grimes is pushed out of the way of home by Texas A&M's Don Robison

while awaiting a throw from the outfield. Robison was safe on the play.

Astros defeat Reds, 6-5

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HOUSTON — Phil Garner hit a bases-loaded single with two out in the ninth inning Sunday to score Jose Cruz and give Houston Astros a come-from-behind 6-5 victory over Cincinnati Reds.

Cruz drew a one-out walk off Tom Hume, 0-1, and stole second. Jerry Mumphy was intentionally walked and Enos Slaughter singled sharply to left

field to load the bases. Garner then lined a hit between Nick Esasky and Dave Concepcion for the game-winner.

The victory was the Astros third in a row and made a winner out of relief pitcher Frank DiPino, 1-0.

The Reds scored in the first on a leadoff single by Eddie Milner and a walk to Concepcion. A passed ball moved the runners to second and third and Milner scored on Dave Par-

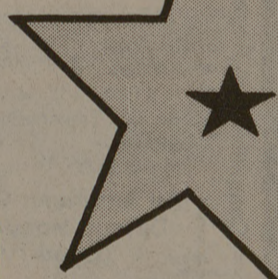
ker's sacrifice fly. Concepcion scored on Esasky's single to right, giving the Reds a 2-0 lead.

Houston trimmed the lead to 2-1 in the second. Cabell led off with a double, advanced to third on Craig Reynolds' single and scored on Tom Wiegand's sacrifice fly to center.

Cincinnati added three runs in the eighth.

The Astros tied the score at 5 in the eighth.

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