

TENNIS

15th-ranked Aggie men
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Photo by DEAN SAITO

Ags stop Broncs with 3-run ninth

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Pat James hit a three-run homer in the bottom of the ninth inning to propel 11th-ranked Texas A&M to a 5-2 victory over Pan American Wednesday.

Pan American's starting pitcher Bill Wilson had a one-hitter going for five innings before the Aggies were able to break the scoreless tie with a solo home run by Mike Scanlin. The solo shot was Scanlin's eighth of the season.

Wilson helped the Bronc effort with a two-run homer in the sixth to give Pan American its only lead of the game. That Bronc lead didn't last for long though, as the Aggies once again tied the score 2-2 with a single run in their half of the inning.

Wilson retired the first two Aggie batters he faced in the ninth, but Buddy Haney and Shawn Choruby each singled to set the stage for James. James took Wilson's first pitch and pounded it over the left-centerfield wall to win the game.

Texas A&M head coach Tom

Chandler was pleased with at the way the Aggies responded under pressure, especially James.

"That homerun really sealed it up for us," Chandler said.

Barry Smith, coming on in relief of A&M freshman starter Jimmy Flowers, struck out five Pan Am batters in a row to record his fourth victory against non-conference this year.

Chandler said he enjoys using non-conference games as an opportunity for some of the reserve players see some playing time, especially in the bullpen.

"In games like we had with Pan American, we try to develop our pitching for the most part," Chandler said.

Players are limited to the number of non-conference games they can participate in, so Chandler had to sit a few of the regulars down tonight.

"Each player gets 26 non-conference games," he said. "We have to be careful when we play certain folks."

The victory boosted Texas A&M's record to 35-9 on the year, while Pan American fell to 29-24.

Pan American catcher Gilbert Beason awaits the throw from the outfield as Texas A&M's Rob Swaim slides into home. Swaim

was safe on the play to tie the score at 2-2. Pat James hit a three-run home run in the bottom of the ninth inning to give the Ag-

gies a 5-2 victory over the Broncs at Olsen Field Wednesday night. The Aggies won the series with Pan American, 2-1.

Dallas looks to continue NBA stampede

United Press International

DALLAS — The Dallas Mavericks and Seattle SuperSonics take part in Game 2 of their best-of-five playoff series Thursday night with both participants still trying to figure out how Game 1 ended like it did.

Dallas will take a 1-0 lead into the second game at Reunion Arena, but it was not the fact that the Mavericks won the opener Tuesday night that mattered so much. It was how they did it that could affect the remainder of the series.

Every sign along the road pointed to a Sonics win in what was the first playoff game in Dallas history: —The Mavericks were obviously a bundle of nerves at the

start of the game, missing their first seven shots.

—Seattle shot 76 percent in the first quarter with Gus Williams setting an NBA playoff record by scoring 23 points in the opening period en route to a 37-point performance.

—Dallas' Mark Aguirre and Rolando Blackman, who combined to average 51 points a game against Seattle during the regular season, managed just 39 Tuesday night and, with the game on the line, Aguirre fouled out with 2:20 to play.

—Seattle is awash in playoff experience and Dallas has virtually none.

But the final score somehow managed to be Dallas 88, Seattle 86. The Mavericks erased a 16-point deficit to take an early fourth-quarter lead and then

held the Sonics scoreless during the last 2:30 to rally from three points behind and win on Rolando Blackman's follow shot with 11 seconds to go.

"It shows us that if we get behind we can still come back and that is important," said Blackman. "And Seattle knows that just because they get in front they haven't won it. We don't want to get behind, but now we know we can win even if we do."

Dallas forward Jay Vincent, who suffered through an injury-plagued and generally non-productive season, contributed 18 points and five offensive rebounds in the Tuesday game and he agreed with Blackman.

"If they (the Sonics) have this in the back of their minds Thursday night, which I hope

they will, it will help us," said Vincent. "But I think we should get off to a better start."

Williams was a virtual one-man show for Seattle in the first game. Center Jack Sikma was bothered by early foul problems and scored just 14. Al Wood was the only other Seattle player to score in double figures with 12.

"This isn't the Gus Williams show or the Jack Sikma show," said Williams. "This is the Seattle show. It's not one man."

"We're a better team than Dallas and I think we'll prove it Thursday night. We have to make some adjustments and I am sure they will too."

Thon progressing slowly from injury

United Press International

HOUSTON — Houston Astros shortstop Dickie Thon, sidelined by a pitch 10 days ago, said Wednesday he thought he would never play again after being struck above the left eye with the Mike Torrez fastball.

"When it first happened I couldn't see out of my left eye at all," Thon said in a news conference before the Astros game with Los Angeles.

"I hurt bad and I thought I might never play at all again. I was hit in the head once before in Triple A but not this badly. The doctors have assured me that although the healing process will be gradual, that a complete recovery is expected." Thon said he still had some

"dark spots" in his left eye but could see some improvement in the blurred vision he has experienced since the April 8 injury.

Astros physician Dr. William Bryan was with Thon at the news conference and said concern right after the injury was whether he suffered any brain damage.

"Thank God he didn't. The blurred vision is the result of swelling, nothing more. There is no damage to the eye or the optic nerve. Our opinion is that the batting helmet absorbed the brunt of the blow. It really could have been much worse," Bryan said.

The Astros expect Thon to begin workouts in a week to 10 days and perhaps to be back in the lineup in a month.

These people will NOT be at A&M Presbyterian Church 301 Church Street

- (1) Ricky Ricardo and his band
- (2) Ward and June Cleaver and the boys
- (3) Juan Valdez
- (4) Charles, Diane, and William (They're Episcopalian)

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