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What-a-Laf licks fan skepticism

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What-a-laugh.
Yes, I admit it. I have slandered the name of the World League of American Football more than once, and in all truth, I still chuckle whenever I see the league's name abbreviated.

I'm sure many would say I'm completely justified in making fun of a bunch of football teams owned by the NFL, composed of NFL has-beens and rejects. If they were any good, they'd be playing stateside, right?

That's what I thought, too, until I did a strange thing - I watched a game.

What I found was a whole new gridiron opening up before me.

After years of watching the same old teams of the NFL run and throw, there is suddenly new blood before me. Players with names like Tony Rice and Tony Jones, playing with a fire missing from the NFL for years. The absence of billion dollar contracts. No giant egos. Just good, hard-nosed football.

Not only are the players fresh and exciting, so are the teams. They don't have tired old names like Giants and Bears, but instead are called Dragons and Monarchs. Wow.

Even the uniforms are exciting, modernized and updated for the 90's.

How many linebackers do you know that play in lime

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Aggie sluggers KO TCU for third series sweep

By John R. Martin *The Battalion*

The Texas Aggie Baseball team continued its drive for the Southwest Conference Championship with a three game sweep of Texas Christian University, clinching a berth in the SWC post-season tournament.

The sweep pushed the Aggie winning streak to nine straight SWC wins and allowed the Ags to remain tied with the University of Texas in first place.

With the Aggies down 3-2 in the opening game of the Saturday double-header, senior right-hander Jason Bullard relieved junior starter Ronnie Allen, with baserunners on second and third and only one out in the bottom of the fifth. Bullard escaped the Horned Frog rally with a volley of hard sliders, causing major league scouts to unpack their radar guns.

"Jason Bullard did a great job," A&M Coach Mark Johnson said. "He came in and shut them (TCU batters) down."

The Aggie batters responded to Bullard's performance by tying the game in the sixth inning, and winning 4-3 in the top of the seventh.

Senior second baseman Sittichoke Huckuntod knocked in senior right fielder Dan Robinson on a bloop double to tie the game. Junior first baseman Conrad Colby used a dribbler to bring in sophomore center fielder Brian Thomas for the winning run.

Bullard (6-3) earned the victory while Reliever Travis Barr (7-5) of TCU, took the loss.

"I felt the team came off (bottom of the fifth) and got really pumped up," Bullard said. "I knew that they would come through - like they have been all season."

Freshman Kelly Wunsch (3-3)



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Aggie runner Mike Hickey runs over TCU catcher Kyle Cagle, who was blocking home plate during the fourth inning of game two on Saturday. The Aggies won the game 5-2, and swept TCU on the road for the first time since 1977.

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held off the Horned-Frogs for 6 2/3 innings in the second game of the double-header to pick up a 5-2 victory. Junior pitcher Brian Harrison shut out the Frogs for two plus innings to earn the

save. Wunsch, roughed up in his last start, entered the game with a team-high earned run average of 21.0 in conference action. However, Wunsch allowed only two runs off of six hits, while

striking out six batters.

"I felt pretty good out there," he said. "I was very confident, and everything just fell into place."

"I gave up no walks," he said.

"I just threw strikes to get ahead of the batters, and that was the key to my success."

The Aggie bats were successful against Frog pitching, collecting

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