



Aggies lose twinbill to Texas

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hitting like that it's going to be hard for anyone to catch up with them." In the first game of the double-header, Texas broke open a scoreless tie with three singles, as second baseman Robert DeLeon and leftfielder Stephen Larkin both picked up RBI's. Texas added two runs in the sixth, and then put the game out of reach with four runs in the eighth, two of which were unearned.

Texas put the Aggies away early in the final game, exploding for five runs in the third inning and never looking back on their way to a 13-run performance. A&M starter Kelly Wunsch walked in two runs in the third, and UT designated hitter Dean Haskins and shortstop Tim Harkrider both picked up RBI singles during the rally.

A two-run seventh inning by the Aggies posed no threat to the Longhorns lead after a three-run

fourth inning by Texas. UT catcher Chris Abbe capped off the win in the bottom of the eighth with a two-run homer to left, moving the score to its final of 13-2.

The Aggies opened the series on Friday with an extra-inning victory over the Longhorns, as both teams combined for 20 runs in what supposed to be a pitching duel.

A&M lefthander Jeff Granger, who entered the series leading the conference with 44 strikeouts, was rocked for eight runs and two homeruns by Texas in seven innings of work. Granger's counterpart, righthander Jay Vaught, gave up seven runs to the Aggies before being relieved by junior Brian Selenky.

A solo homer by Eric Gonzalez and a three run shot by Jay Estes paced a five run fifth inning for the Aggies which opened up the lead to 5-2. The Longhorns came back with three runs in both the fifth and sixth innings to claim an 8-7 lead.

Aggie shortstop Jason Marshall led off the seventh with a double to right field, and first baseman Conrad Colby singled up the middle to tie the game at 8.

A&M opened up the floodgates in the tenth inning, as Billy Harlan singled to right to start a two out rally. Travis Williams walked, and Eric Gonzalez singled to load the bases. Second baseman Robert Harris then picked up his first hit of the night, singling up the middle to bring in Harlan and Williams with the game winning runs. Gonzalez also scored on the play after Texas centerfielder Calvin Murray misplayed the hit.

Texas could manage to come up with only one run in the bottom of the tenth, and the Aggies held on to an 11-9 victory.

A&M will return home tomorrow to host Sam Houston State in a 7 p.m. contest, and will then resume conference play this weekend as they travel to Fort Worth to take on Texas Christian University.

Mavericks blow 26-point lead, fall to Sonics

DALLAS (AP) — Eddie Johnson scored 31 points and the Seattle SuperSonics came back from a 26-point deficit to hand the Dallas Mavericks their 13th consecutive defeat, 113-105 Sunday night.

Rolando Blackman scored 30 points for the Mavericks, who tied a club-record with 46 first-quarter points, but couldn't hold a 53-27 lead with 9:43 left in the second quarter. It was the biggest lead Dallas has ever blown, surpassing a 23-point advantage the Mavericks allowed Denver to overcome in 1985.

Dallas hasn't won since Feb. 28 in running up its longest losing streak of the season. The team record, set in 1981, is 15 consecutive losses.

The SuperSonics still trailed 90-78 after three quarters, then outscored the Mavericks 35-15 in the fourth period to win going away.

Seattle, with Rickey Pierce scoring nine of his 24 points, tied the game at 98-98 on Johnson's two free throws with 4:38 remaining.

The Sonics took a 104-101 lead on Nate McMillan's 3-pointer with 2:41 remaining and boosted their advantage to 106-101 with 2:11 left

on Derrick McKey's layup. McKey then put the game out of reach on a tip-in with 1:30 to go.

Doug Smith made seven of eight shots and scored 15 of his 25 points in the first quarter. Mike Iuzzolino hit three 3-pointers and Blackman two in the opening quarter as Dallas tied a club record for 3-pointers in a period.



The Mavericks shot 76 percent in the first quarter and 63 percent in the first half and led 71-55 at halftime.

Seattle used an 8-0 run, including a 3-pointer by Pierce, to slash Dallas' lead to 87-76 with 2:48 left in the third period.

Dallas' eight second-half field goals set a franchise record for the fewest in a half.

The Mavericks, who shot three for 16 in the fourth-quarter collapse, are last in the league in scoring and field goal percentage and

have the NBA's second-poorest record.

"In the first quarter, I was totally lost," Seattle coach George Karl said. "It was scary, very scary. Our defense was poor, our transition was poor, we weren't trying to penetrate or get the ball to the low block. I didn't know what the hell was going on."

Pierce had only five points at halftime before getting into the offensive flow.

"Ricky's a scorer," Karl said. "I can't take credit for what he did. He bailed me and the team out tonight."

Pierce said the team may have still been feeling the effects of Saturday night's 101-96 loss at San Antonio.

"We were very disappointed about the San Antonio game," Pierce said. "We let that game slip away. In no way could we afford to let Dallas beat us."

For the Mavericks, the losing is getting old.

"We went out and thought we had one and it slips away from you," Iuzzolino said. "We gave it away tonight. This is a big disappointment. When you get so close to winning, it's a little harder to take."

C. S. Relays

Other A&M finishers from Saturday's College Station Relays:

MEN

- Triple jump - Tony Cummings, fourth; Jimmy Simmonds, fifth; Jeff Moore, sixth
- Shot put - Sam Adams, third; Scott Paulsen, fifth (tie)
- Javelin - Ty Sevin, second
- 1,500-meter run - Scott Garvin, second
- 110-meter hurdles - Nic Pollard, fifth; Richard Murphy, sixth
- 400-meter dash - Stacy Zamzow, sixth
- 200-meter dash - Tracy Bryant, fourth
- 800-meter run - Kiley Anglin, fifth
- 5,000-meter run - Donnie Bodron, third
- 4 x 100-meter relay - A&M, second
- 4 x 400-meter relay - A&M (A), third

WOMEN

- Triple jump - Sheryl Pavleka, second; Renee Williams, third; Kina McMillian, fifth
- High jump - Jackie Newberry, sixth
- Discus - Shelly Redelsperger, third
- Long jump - Renee Williams, sixth
- 1,500-meter run - Ginger Hoot, fourth
- 100-meter hurdles - Kalleen Madden, second
- 400-meter dash - Cassandra McDaniel, second
- 200-meter dash - Roz Hunt, second
- 100-meter dash - Roz Hunt, second

Grand slam propels Reds over Astros

PLANT CITY, Fla. (AP) — Joe Oliver hit his second grand slam run of the spring to help the Cincinnati Reds defeat the Houston Astros 7-3 Sunday.

Oliver hit a 1-2 pitch from rookie Chris Gardner over the left-field fence in a five-run sixth, rallying Cincinnati from a 4-2 deficit.

Oliver also had a third-inning single. His 2-for-3 day pushed his batting average to .375. He is tied with Reggie Sanders for the Reds' team lead in home runs, with three. He also leads the team with 13 RBIs.

Cincinnati took a 1-0 lead in the first on a lead-off walk to Bip Roberts, who stole second, went to third on a groundout and scored on Barry Larkin's sacrifice fly.

The Astros took the lead in the fifth off starter Jose Rijo. Eddie Taubensee doubled, went to third on a grounder and scored on Benny Distefano's sacrifice fly. Steve Finley doubled and Craig Biggio singled him in with the second run.

Juan Guerrero's home run off loser Steve Foster, leading off the sixth, made it 4-2.

But the Reds came back with five runs in the sixth. Paul O'Neill beat out an infield single and went to third on Chris Sabo's single. After Hal Morris walked, Glenn Braggs singled to short, scoring O'Neill. Oliver followed with his slam.

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