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# Rodriguez: Antics overshadow play

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for Rodman. Lately, 25 rebounds in a game is considered an off night for him. He got 27 rebounds Sunday and seems to be a lock for the rebounding title once again. His 17.3 rebounds per game average is tops in the league and the next closest rebounder, Denver's Dikembe Mutumbo, averages 4.2 fewer rebounds.

Rodman's off-court antics are just as controversial as his antics on the court. However, athletes are considered boring these days if they don't have a police record to match their athletic record.

Rodman does the dirty work for the Spurs, grabbing rebounds and diving into the stands for the loose ball. Not surprisingly, he owns an excavating company in the Dallas suburb of Frisco. Whether you love him, or love to

Whether you love him, or love to hate him, one has to admit he is an impact player, just like Shaq and Hakeem. But don't count him out just because he doesn't score points or is pleasing to the eye. Look at what he does for his team instead of just scoring and rebounding.

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### Willis: Freestyle times improve

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the 1650-yard freestyle. Willis has the second-best time on the team in 1000-yard freestyle and the third best time in the 200yard butterfly. In the Southwest Conference Relays, Willis was on the A&M team that took second place in the 1500-yard freestyle relay team.

"Basically the main thing for me is to get faster," Willis said. "I want to make progress to the national scene as far as going to the senior nationals."

A third-generation Aggie, Willis said he basically knew he was going to A&M.

"I've grown up here and I kind of knew I was going to go here," Willis said. "There were other schools that I had offers from, but A&M is so unique. My family going there played a big role in my decision and made me want to come here," he said. Willis was a Junior Olympics Qualifier in high school and was a three-time MVP for his team. He also received first-team all-state honors for three consecutive years.

secutive years. Willis has been swimming since he was seven-years-old and lists his most memorable athletic moment as winning the 500- and 1600-freestyle events at the YMCA Nationals.

"I enjoy doing relays, but I swim distance and there's not really too many distance relays out there," Willis said. "I prefer to do distance events."

Even though he has placed his name in the A&M swimming record books, Willis said he hopes to add his name onto other swimming records.

er swimming records. "I would like to go to the NCAA's and place in the top eight there," Willis said. "I think it would be nice to break the school records in the distance events and help build a strong team here. That can make your career in swimming, or in any sport, just as fun if you have a strong team."

## Rangers take Twins, 12-

## Replacement teams still struggling to bring in crowds.

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — For three innings Monday, the Minnesota Twins almost resembled a real baseball team. For the rest of the game, they looked like the replacements that they are.

The Twins wasted a 5-0 lead and the onehit pitching of Mike Warren with three errors and careless baserunning in a 12-5 split squad loss to the Texas Rangers.

Texas was even more bumbling in the field with four errors. But the Rangers made the most of their chances in front of the 1,040 fans who passed through the turnstiles at Hammond Stadium. The Twins said 2,500 tickets were sold for the game.

Including Monday's split squad victory over Boston, Minnesota is 5-2 during the exhibition season. Texas is 2-2.

"All the guys here know they are under a microscope and they are playing their hearts out," said Minnesota replacement first baseman Brian Brady, who hit a tworun homer. "I want to make the most of this opportunity."

While his teammates stumbled, Brady

made the most of his chance.

Tuesday . March 7.

The big day at the plate reminded his extremely brief stay in the major had two at-bats for the California Ang 1989, including a double in his first in the plate.

"The home run brought back memory my first big league at-bat," Brady said this whole thing has been an emoty roller coaster.

"You try to make the team, but you if the strike is settled you're going to of a job. I know where I stand if the ends. I'm gone." With a 2-0 count in the first im

With a 2-0 count in the first im Brady drove a Jackie Davidson fas over the right-field wall to give Minus 2-0 lead.

"With a 2-0 count, you've got to be gressive at the plate," Brady said "In my second chance and I want to make most of it."

Minnesota upped its lead to 5-0 in third with three hits, including Brad ly's two-run double.

Meanwhile, Warren, the last m league rookie to throw a no-hitter, pi three scoreless innings, giving up on and striking out two.

