

Aggies split doubleheader with UTA



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Texas A&M sophomore **Matt Blank** fires a pitch during his no-hitter Friday afternoon at Olsen Field. Blank and the Aggies split their doubleheader Tuesday afternoon with the University of Texas-Arlington.

□ The Mavericks took an 11-inning, 4-3 decision in the second

Staff and Wire Reports

The Texas A&M Baseball Team split a doubleheader with the University of Texas-Arlington Tuesday, losing the second game, 4-3 in 11 innings.

The Aggies, ranked No. 18 in the nation, won the first game 9-2, and finished the day with a 7-3 record for the season.

UT-Arlington moved to 5-4 on the year with the split.

The second win was not easy for the Mavericks, as A&M scored three runs in the bottom of the ninth inning to force extra innings.

The first game was a scoreless duel for five innings, before UTA put up a pair of runs in the top of the inning.

But the Aggies responded with four runs in the bottom of the inning, and added five more in the bottom of the sixth to put the game away.

The Aggies return home to play Nicholls State on Friday.

Lady Ags sweep UTSA No. 9 Red Raiders thrash SMU, clinch SWC tie

□ Senior Erin Field pitched her second straight complete game.

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Seeking revenge against the team that eliminated it from the Texas-Arlington tournament last weekend, the A&M Softball Team swept a pair of games from the University of Texas-San Antonio 7-1 and 2-0.

In the first game, the Aggies (7-2) rode the strong pitching arm of starter Lori Gioco to a convincing victory. The sophomore hurler gave up just one run in going the distance for A&M.

Aggie shortstop Kendall Richards was a one-man wrecking crew for A&M, going 3-for-3 at the plate while driving in a run and scoring two. Catcher Amy Schmaltz contributed to the A&M cause, scoring a run and driving in

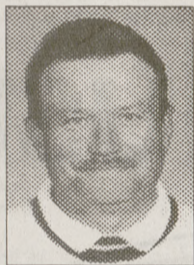
another on her way to a 2-for-3 evening.

In what had been a close game through five innings, the Aggies broke open a 1-1 tie with a five-run sixth inning before adding another run in the final frame.

In the second game, A&M relied on another strong pitching performance, this time from Erin Field. The senior went the full seven innings, shutting out UTSA (11-4) on six hits.

A solo home run off the bat of designated hitter Trina Solesbee and a Roadrunner throwing error allowing Richards to score accounted for A&M's two runs.

A&M will host The Lady Aggie Mini-Tournament Friday.



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□ Texas Tech extended its record to 23-1 including 12-0 in conference play.

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Texas Tech's debut as a Top 10 team started a little shaky.

The No. 9 Red Raiders had to come from behind early to beat Southern Methodist 75-54 Tuesday in clinching a share of the Southwest Conference title.

"I didn't think we were as good as we could be," said Tech coach James Dickey. "I really think the last month other teams have had their best games against us — that is not to make excuses, but it makes it hard to win."

Jason Sasser scored 24 points

for Tech (23-1, 12-0 SWC).

The Mustangs (6-17, 2-9) stayed within 44-40 but couldn't score while Tech made eight straight points to comfortably seal the victory with 11:44 to go.

"We played hard tonight," said SMU coach Mike Dement. "We fought, but we ran out of gas."

"SMU came out and played a heck of a ballgame," said Tech's Darvin Ham, who made a game-high 11 rebounds. "We got stagnant there in some cases, but we were able to execute when we had to."



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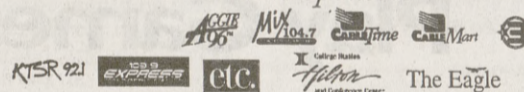
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