

sports GLANCE

Rodriguez, Rangers rock Oakland, 12-1

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Ken Hill pitched a four-hitter and Ivan Rodriguez's two-run double highlighted a five-run second inning as the Texas Rangers defeated the Oakland Athletics 12-1.

Hill (3-1) walked three and struck out nine in his first career start against the A's. In pitching the Rangers first complete game this season, the right-hander, signed as a free agent in the offseason, helped Texas improve to 8-1 at home, their best start in franchise history.

Dean Palmer hit a two-run homer, and Ivan Rodriguez had three hits and three RBIs for the Rangers.

SCORES ROUNDUP

NL

Houston 7, New York 5
Chicago 8, Cincinnati 6, 10 innings
San Diego 11, Colorado 6
Los Angeles 11, San Francisco 2
Atlanta 4, Florida 2
Philadelphia 9, Montreal 3
St. Louis 6, Pittsburgh 1

NBA

New Jersey 107, Toronto 95
Philadelphia 90, Miami 86
Boston 121, Washington 106
Detroit 102, Indiana 93
Golden State 109, Minnesota 103
Seattle 96, Portland 90
Phoenix at Sacramento (n)

NHL PLAYOFFS

Washington 6, Pittsburgh 4
Florida 6, Boston 3
Detroit 4, Winnipeg 1
Chicago 4, Calgary 1

AL

Milwaukee 8, New York 4
Minnesota 9, Cleveland 8
Chicago 3, Kansas City 1
Texas 12, Oakland 1
Baltimore 6, Boston 5
Toronto at California, (n)
Detroit at Seattle, (n)

Lady Aggies sweep past lowly Tech

A three-run rally gave A&M a 4-3 win in the second game

Staff and Wire Reports

The Texas A&M Softball Team continued their Texas Tech counterparts' slide toward one of the worst seasons in history Wednesday, defeating the Red Raiders twice in a doubleheader at the Lady Aggie Softball Complex.

In the second game of the doubleheader, played in front of a crowd of 333, the Lady Red Raiders gave A&M a run for its money before bowing out, 4-3.

Red Raiders pitcher Jenny Cannon continued one of the worst seasons in collegiate softball history. She gave up just seven hits and allowed four unearned runs to the Lady Aggies, who benefited from three Texas Tech errors to pull out the victory.

In the bottom of the first, the bad luck began for Cannon, as A&M shortstop Gina Perez reached on a throwing error by Texas Tech shortstop Jessica Wimpy.

Two outs later, a single by Kendall Richards plated Perez and

gave A&M the early lead.

The score remained the same until the top of the seventh, when the Lady Red Raiders surprisingly scored three runs off of Lori Gioco.

After Gioco could only get one out in the top of the inning, senior pitcher Erin Field came in to pitch and got the final two outs of the inning, but Tech took a 3-1 lead to the bottom of the seventh.

But the Lady Aggies were far from finished.

Two outs surrounded a single by second baseman Jessi Cady, bringing the Lady Aggies to within one out of a shocking loss at home to the worst team in the Big 12.

But a combination of clutch hitting by the Lady Aggies and shoddy fielding by the Lady Red Raiders turned the game around.

After Perez flied out to center field for the second out of the inning, leftfielder Heather Hayden reached on an error by second baseman Christine Evans, moving Cady to third base. Mya Truelove followed with a walk to load the bases.

Richards, already 2-for-3 on the day, singled, driving in two runs, and advanced to second on the throw home.

With runners on second and third, Field saved the game again, driving a single up the middle, scoring Truelove with the winning run. In the first game, the 18th-ranked Lady Aggies sent top gun and senior pitcher Field to the hill and watched her work her magic. Field went five innings, giving up just six hits and no runs or walks while moving to 16-8 on the year.

Trina Solesbee came in and pitched the final two innings, giving up just two hits while striking out three.

Tech's Danielle Brady



Dave House, THE BATTALION

Texas A&M's Jessi Cady blasts Texas Tech's second baseman, knocking the ball free and ensuring herself of safety at second during Wednesday's doubleheader.

was the hardluck loser for Tech, getting absolutely no run support while going the distance, giving up four runs on 10 hits.

The first game was a scoreless deadlock until the bottom of the fourth inning. With one out, Richards singled to right and Field blasted her sixth homer of the year to center, giving the Lady Aggies a 2-0 lead.

The next batter, rightfielder Machelle Weldon followed suit, blasting a home run to left field to give A&M a 3-0 bulge.

The score remained the same until Machelle Weldon scored on a wild pitch in the bottom of the sixth inning, propelling the Lady Aggies to their 29th win of the season against 12 losses. A&M also moved within a game of .500 at 5-6 in Big 12 play.

Leading the attack for the Lady Aggies at the plate was Field, with two runs batted in and a run scored.

A&M 4, Texas Tech 0 A&M 4, Texas Tech 3

TEXAS TECH					TEXAS A&M				
Wimpy ss	Slator cf	Tillett 1b	Reeves lf	Karenke c	Rakkey 3b	Brady p	Light pr	Evans 2b	DeLshmtt rf
4	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Totals	30	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
Texas Tech	000	000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Texas A&M	000	301	x	4					

E-Hayden, Richards, Field, DP-Texas A&M.
LOB-Texas Tech 11, Texas A&M 6. 2B-Truelove (7).
HR-Field (6), Weldon (3).

TEXAS TECH	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Brady L, 1-13	6	10	4	0	2	2

T-145. A-333.

TEXAS TECH					TEXAS A&M				
Wimpy ss	Slator cf	Tillett 1b	Cannon p	Karenke c	Evans 2b	Rakkey 3b	DeLshmtt rf	McGuire c	Gilley cf
3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Totals	26	3	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
Texas Tech	000	000	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Texas A&M	100	000	3	4					

E-Wimpy 2, Evans, Weldon, Cady, LOB-Texas Tech 3, Texas A&M 8. 2B-Richards.

TEXAS TECH	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cannon L, 0-12	6.2	7	4	0	2	2

T-200. A-333.



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Kendall Richards gets a handle on the ball during the doubleheader Wednesday.

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