Ags gear up for 'Horns with rout



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Texas A&M catcher William Shiflett vents a little anger on the University of Texas-San Antonio's second baseman during the Aggies' 15-4 blowout win

By Philip Leone THE BATTALION

If only the weekends were as easy as Tuesday evenings for the Texas A&M Baseball Team, the Aggies might still be in contention for the final Southwest Conference crown.

After being swept by Rice over the weekend to fall to fourth place in the SWC, the Aggies returned to Olsen Field last night and collected their fifth consecutive Tuesday night victory over a Southland Conference opponent with a 15-4 rout of the University of Texas San Antonio.

Solid hitting and steady pitching combined with hor-rendous UT-San Antonio fielding produced the easy win for the Aggies. The Roadrunners put on a clinic for infield ugliness, committing a grand total of eight errors, not to mention two passed balls and two wild

Roadrunner defensive blunders aiding their cause or not,

Aggie bats were responsible for most of the damage. Already leading 5-2 going into the bottom of seventh inning, A&M sent 11 batters to the plate, pounded out six hits and exploded for seven runs.

The Aggies scored three runs on RBI singles by William Shiflett and Brian Benefield before Jason Stephens launched his eighth home run of the season, a two-run shot over the left field wall to bring the score to 10-2.

Stephens' blast was followed by a single off the bat of Jeff Bailey, who came around to score on Johnny Hunter's triple to the left-centerfield gap. Hunter scored a batter later when UT-San Antonio third baseman Steve Minus overthrew first base on Ryan Huffman's ground ball.

A&M added three more runs in the bottom of the eighth off an RBI single from Jason Tyner and a two-run double by Sean Alvarez

A&M Head Coach Mark Johnson could not complain about his club's 19-hit, 15 run performance

"All in all it was a good outing for us," Johnson said. "Of course, they helped us out a bunch, but nevertheless we knocked around the ball around well. A lot of guys got to play, and we got some pitchers in that we wanted to see work. Sophomore right-hander

John Sneed picked up his team-leading seventh win of the season after coming in to pitch in the top of the fourth inning for starter Jamie Smith.

Sneed struck out five and held the Roadrunners scoreless on just two hits over three innings. Robert Keens and Tim Clarkson came on to close out the last three innings for A&M.

Despite seeing his starting pitcher give up solo home runs in each of the first two innings, Johnson said he was pleased with the overall performance of the Aggie pitching staff.

"I thought Jamie had more rhythm than he's had lately,'

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Minus 3b	3	0	1	0	Benefield 2b	4	1
Perez cf	4	1	1	1	Stephens 3t	5	1
Gee 1b	4	0	1	0	Finkel ph/3b	1	1
Burton dh	3	0	0	0	Bailey 1b	5	2
Herrera ph	1	0	0	0	Scheshuk 1	00	0
Pitts c	2	1	1	1	Hunter rf	5	1
Arevalos c	0	1	0	0	Alvarez d	1	0
Juarez If	4	1	1	0	Huffman cf/r	6	2
Shults ss	4	0	0	0	Leonard dh	5	0
Wallis rf	4	0	2	2	Petru ss	4	1
Burgess p	0	0	0	0	Strata 2b	1	0
Putnicki p	0	0	0	0	Shiflett c	4	0
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wanted to see "I was also pleased with in John Sneed pitched, as well Clarkson and Keens." The hottest of the hot Age

hitters on the night was fielder Jason Tyner, who we 4-5 and reached base on all trips to the plate. The freshman speedster

swiped three bases to tiet A&M season record of 36 set Chuck Knoblauch and Kin Thompson in 1989.

The win closed out the gies non-conference sched and improved A&M's over record to 32-17.

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