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Dustdevils Sweep Aggies

Goodwell, Okla.-Oklahoma Panhandle State University baseball dropped two games to the visiting Texas A&M International Dustdevils Friday afternoon in a Heartland Conference doubleheader.

The Aggies held the Dustdevils scoreless in inning one of the first game and TAMI returned the favor in the OPSU at-bat as Casey Kettler was left stranded when centerfielder Jeff Anderson made a diving catch, rolled, and came up with the ball in his glove. TAMI scored six runs scattered over the first six innings and the Aggies finally got on the board in the seventh and final inning. Alfonso Gonzalez, Ruben Aguirre and Robert Montoya all singled to load the bases and Bo Ybarra's single scored Gonzalez, but the Aggies left three on base and lost 6-1. Freezy Smalls threw six full innings, scattering nine hits and striking out four. Closer Matt Klaczkiewicz walked two and struck out two. Ybarra was 2-2 at the plate and had the lone RBI.

TAMI scored a pair of runs in the second inning to get the scoring started in game two. In the fourth, Jordan Bernal singled followed by a Kettler single that sent Bernal to third. Gonzalez hit a sacrifice fly to get Bernal safely home, but Kettler's would-be tying run was left at third and the Aggies trailed 2-1. The Dustdevils got another run across the plate in the sixth, but Bernal answered with a single and a stolen base, and then scored on an error to take the score to 3-2. TAMI took advantage of three OPSU errors in the seventh to score seven runs (six of them unearned), and the Aggies could not come back from that and lost 11-3. Starting pitcher Nolan Glasscock tossed six and one-third innings, giving up seven hits and six runs. Bernal had three hits for four at-bats, Dominic DeJoseph was 2-3 and Kettler was 2-4 with one RBI.

The third and final game of the series is set for noon on Saturday.

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