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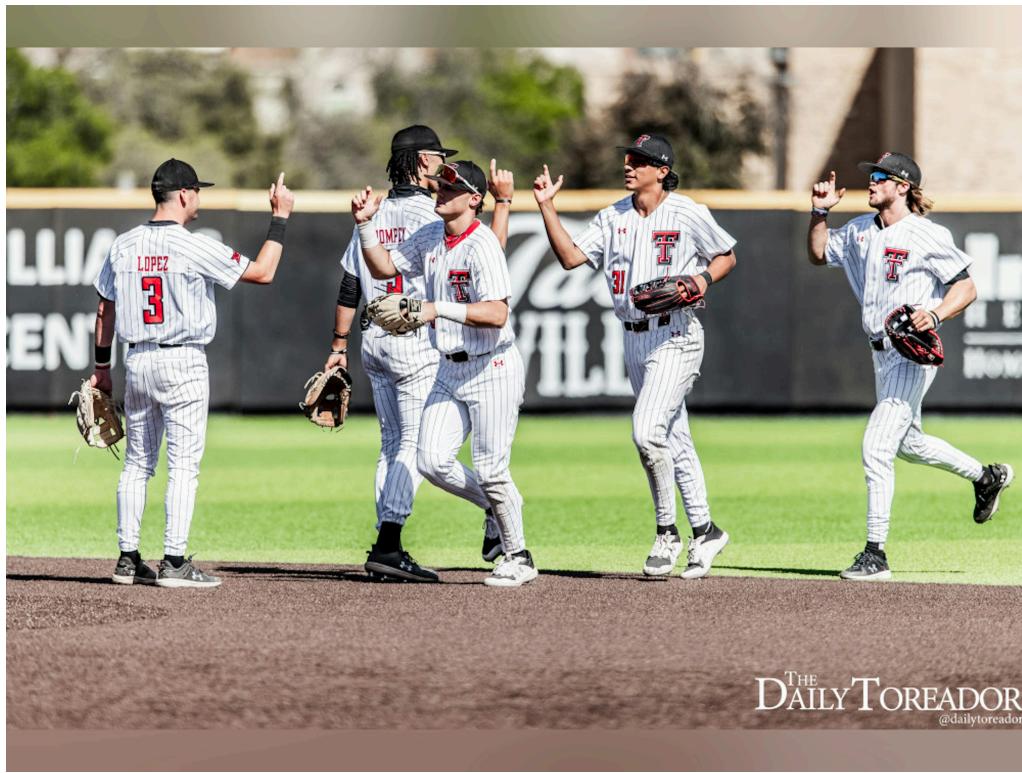
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Red Raiders earn first conference sweep of season over Houston



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Texas Tech baseball players gives Guns Up to each other after winning against Houston 12-8 at Dan Law Field at Rip Griffin Park April 7, 2024.

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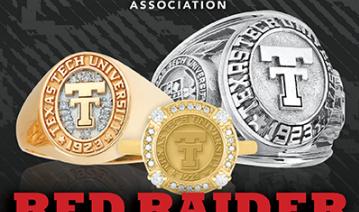
  



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A seven-run third inning boosted Texas Tech (24-9) to a 12-8 victory over the University of Houston (16-15) to earn its first conference series sweep of the season on Sunday at Dan Law Field at Rip Griffin Park.

With the victory, the Red Raiders have won six straight and are above .500 in the Big 12 for the first time this season with an 8-7 conference record, according to Tech Athletics.

Tech head baseball coach Tim Tadlock said his team is still finding its footing heading into the second half of the season and this is when teams begin to take shape.

“Really each day’s an opportunity for us to work on things we need to work on, and obviously we’re by no means a finished product,” Tadlock said. “... It’s the time of year to me that things are kind of coming together and guys are getting some confidence, and I’m excited about watching them compete.”

After already scoring three runs, Tech capped off its third inning with a grand slam from junior Gavin Kash to give his squad the lead; the Red Raiders maintained the lead the rest of the afternoon. The slam marked his eighth homer of the season which leads the Red Raiders, according to Tech Athletics.

“I mean it was a big swing,” Tadlock said. “... He got a pitch in the middle of the plate and put a good swing on it. Anytime you got bases full, you’re trying to get a pitch that’s elevated and trying to get inside the ball. He (Kash) did those two things.”

The Cougars started the contest off hot with a two-run homer in the first from senior Harold Coll followed by a solo home run from senior Jacob Schoenvogel.

Freshman Mac Heuer started on the mound for Tech and surrendered two homers before retiring at the top of the fifth. The rookie ended the day yielding three runs off four hits and seven strikeouts in his 23 batters faced.

“He’s (Heuer) very diligent about what he does,” Tadlock said. “I think it’s just a part of his growth process, and he’s got really good stuff. I’m really proud of him competing today and hanging in there just competing pitch to pitch.”

Offensively, the Cougars were led by senior Jonathan French who posted a team-high of two runs, three hits and two RBIs. French also recorded a two-run homer to mark his eighth on the season, according to Houston Athletics.

Up next, the Red Raiders will embark on a six-game road trip starting with a single game against Abilene Christian University at 6:05 p.m. on Tuesday in Abilene.

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