



WOOD WARS TOURNAMENT

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FOUR SCORE – AGGIES PULL OFF THE UNTHINKABLE

BRECKENRIDGE PARK – Wood Wars made its debut back in the Fall of 2009 in Bryan, TX as a small 4 team tournament. That year, the Texas A&M Aggies were able to defeat Baylor University for the inaugural title of the Gulf Coast's premier Fall event. The following year, the tournament expanded its field to 8 teams and moved to its current location in Richardson, TX at



Breckenridge Park, a site that features two back-to-back fields with a compliment of an excellent concourse area that allows fans to enjoy the view of both games at once if they so choose. The 2010 version at Breckenridge turned out to be another winner for the Texas A&M Aggies. In 2011, the field expanded yet again, this time to 12 teams, and the Aggies found a way to take home the title for an incredible 3rd time in a row. So as 2012 rolled around, the field remained at 12 and teams took the field once again in Richardson, TX. There could be no way that the Texas A&M Aggies could repeat. The odds just don't work that way. Too much turnover, too many other great teams, too many good bounces required to win an event like this...Guess again.

Day 1 got kicked off with teams from Pool C battling it out in a double header. LSC-Kingwood jumped out to a 4-run lead on TCU in the tournament's first game only to see their advantage evaporate in the midst of a furious 5-run rally from the Horned Frogs, with TCU pulling off the comeback for a 5-4 win. On the other diamond, UTSA set the tone for the tournament in a commanding 7-2 win over UNT. In the latter half of the opening double headers, UTSA continued to dominate with a 9-1 win over LSC-Kingwood, while UNT rebounded for a close 3-2 win over TCU. The night cap for Day 1 started with an upset special in Pool A as Rice hung on to defeat Texas 2-1. Day 1 closed with a fantastic battle between defending champion Texas A&M and Victoria College, with the Aggies prevailing 5-3.



Day 2 featured 10 games and 2 extra inning affairs. The action started early with Texas and Texas State picking up early wins to stay alive in the chase to win Pool A. The game of the tournament came in the 11:30AM time slot on Saturday between Texas A&M and Tulane. The Tulane Green Wave gave the champs all they could handle and carried a 2-1 lead into the bottom of the 7th looking to pull off the upset. But the Aggies never flinched. A clutch 2-out RBI double pulled the Aggies all square at 2-2 and on to extra innings we went. Enter former All-Gulf Coast third baseman David Rodriguez. The power hitting righty stepped into the box in the bottom of the 10th with a runner aboard and took a first pitch fastball deep into the left field trees to end a brilliant game from both teams and give the Aggies control of Pool B.

In other Pool B action, Division II team Houston really impressed those in attendance with their 2nd win of the tournament, a 3-2 victory over a talented Victoria College club. Houston's win set up a night cap showdown between Houston and Texas A&M with the winner taking Pool B. In the 2PM timeslot, Texas narrowly edged Texas State in a hotly contested extra inning ballgame that gave Texas the bid to the 4 team playoff on Sunday. The loss left Texas State at the mercy of hoping for the wildcard spot (which is determined based on run differential, runs allowed, then coin flip if necessary). Pool C action concluded on Saturday afternoon with UTSA defeating TCU to win Pool C and UNT defeating LSC-Kingwood.

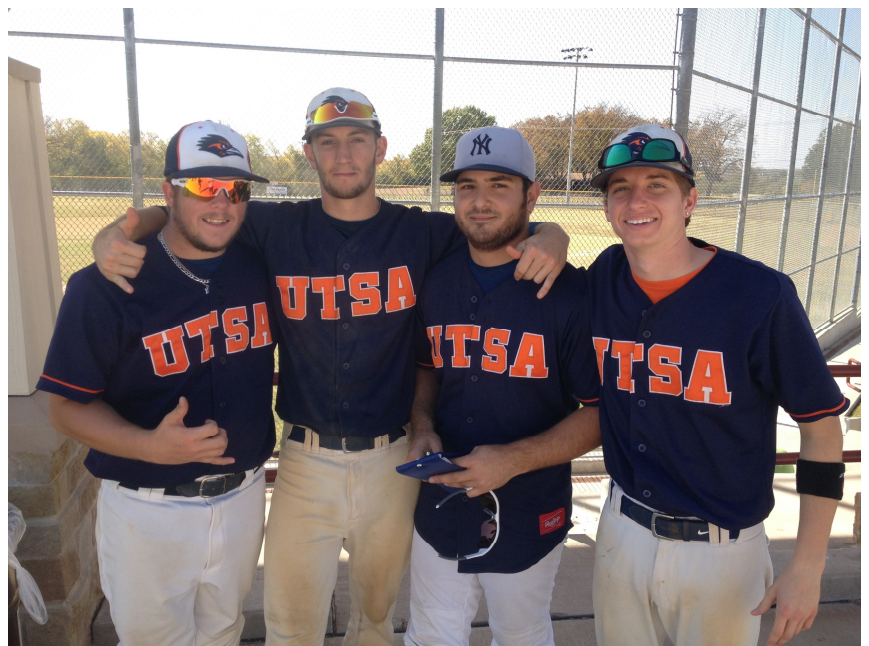


Heading into the final game Saturday night between Houston and Texas A&M, the Pool B winner and the Wild Card winner had yet to be determined. With a win, either team would advance as the Pool B winner and the loser would have to stack up against Texas State who had the best run differential of any team to not win a pool yet. The game was tight early with both teams

battling hard to secure a spot; however, a pair of 375 foot+ blasts from the Texas A&M put the Aggies ahead for good and sent them on their way to the 4-team playoff. The 9-0 loss left the Houston Cougars with the tough reality of being left out of the playoff and gave the Wild Card honors to Texas State.

So after 2 intense days of baseball, the dust settled and revealed one startling fact: the Gulf Coast South conference is for real. All 4 teams left from the 12 team field, were members of the Gulf Coast South conference: (1) UTSA, (2) Texas A&M, (3) Texas, and (4) Texas State.

So the field was set for Sunday, and action got kicked off early at 10AM with a pair of semifinal games. The top-seeded UTSA inched out a win over a scrappy and hearty Texas State team by a final of 3-2. In the other semifinal, Texas A&M rode the arm of Cameron Schneider to a 3-0 win. The left hander tossed a complete game shutout and left arch rival Texas with the

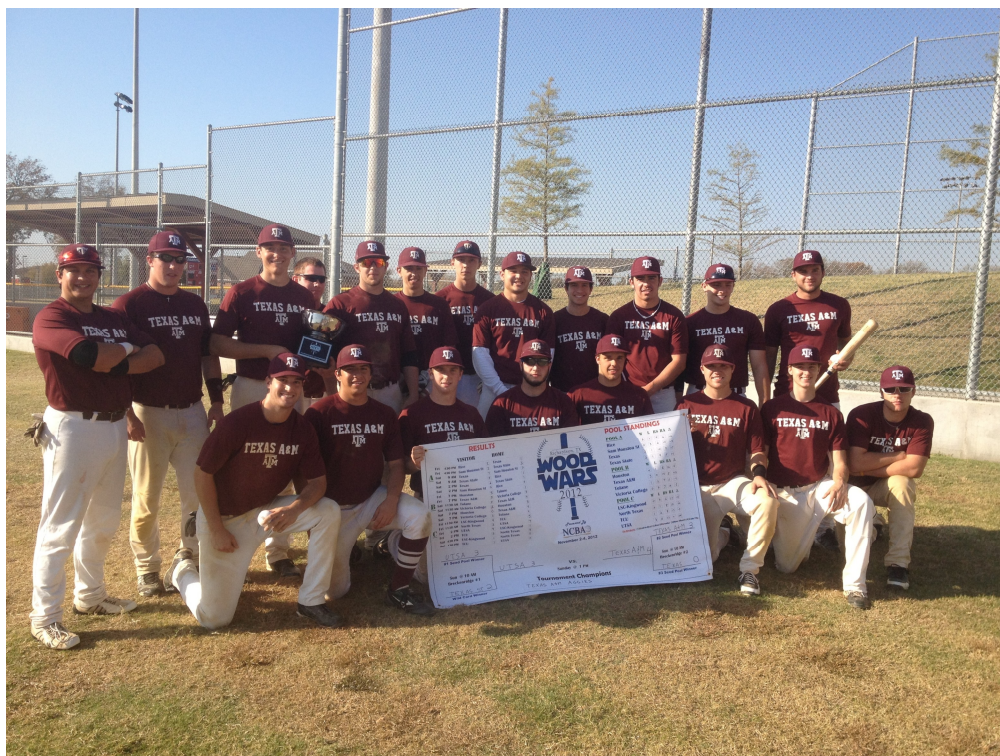


bases loaded in the 7th inning to cap the win. Cameron's performance in the semis eventually earned him MVP honors for the tournament.



In the championship game, both teams kept the score low early before trading 3 run innings in the 6th, setting up a 7th inning show down. The Aggies with their 4th consecutive title on the line, found some more Wood Wars magic and used an RBI single to take a 4-3 lead. UTSA had rallied from 3 down in the bottom of the 6th but didn't have any more miracles in hand and went quietly in the 7th to hand Texas A&M their 4th straight Wood Wars title. The Aggies used every bit of magic possible. They rallied to beat Tulane with an extra innings walkoff homer. They got a shutout from MVP Cameron Schneider and got a last inning clutch RBI to seal the deal in the championship. So next Fall the challenge is on....Can Texas A&M do the unthinkable and win a 5th consecutive? We'll see!

In attendance this weekend as the Associate Tournament Director, was the CEO of CollClubSports and President of the NCBA Sandy Sanderson. When asked about the tournament, Sandy had this to say, "What a great tournament and incredible atmosphere. The teams, the parents, and the fans were fantastic all weekend. The parody in the Gulf Coast region right now is extremely impressive and I think we have a handful of teams that can challenge for the Div I and Div II National Championships come springtime."



RESULTS



		VISITOR	HOME	
	Fri 4:30 PM	Rice	Texas	1
	Fri 4:30 PM	Sam Houston St	Texas State	3
A	Sat 9 AM	Texas	Sam Houston St	0
	Sat 9 AM	Texas State	Rice	1
	Sat 2 PM	Texas	Texas State	1
	Sat 2 PM	Sam Houston St	Rice	5
	Fri 7 PM	Houston	Tulane	1
	Fri 7 PM	Texas A&M	Victoria College	3
B	Sat 11:30 AM	Tulane	Texas A&M	4
	Sat 11:30 AM	Victoria College	Houston	3
	Sat 7 PM	Houston	Texas A&M	9
	Sat 7 PM	Victoria College	Tulane	4
	Fri 11:30 AM	LSC-Kingwood	TCU	5
	Fri 11:30 AM	North Texas	UTSA	7
C	Fri 2 PM	UTSA	LSC-Kingwood	1
	Fri 2 PM	TCU	North Texas	3
	Sat 4:30 PM	LSC-Kingwood	North Texas	3
	Sat 4:30 PM	TCU	UTSA	6

POOL STANDINGS

POOL A	W	L	RS	RA	Δ
Rice	2	1	8	6	2
Sam Houston St	0	3	2	15	11
Texas	2	1	10	3	7
Texas State	2	1	9	5	4
POOL B	W	L	RS	RA	Δ
Houston	2	1	8	12	-4
Texas A&M	3	0	18	5	13
Tulane	1	2	7	11	-4
Victoria College	0	3	7	12	-5
POOL C	W	L	RS	RA	Δ
LSC-Kingwood	0	3	6	17	11
North Texas	2	1	8	10	-2
TCU	1	2	8	13	-5
UTSA	3	0	22	4	18

Tie-Breakers: (1) Head-to-Head (2) Run Differential (3) Runs Allowed (4) Coin Flip

UT-San Antonio 3

#1 Seed Pool Winner

Sun @ 10 AM
Breckenridge #1

Texas State 2
Wild Card Winner

UT-San Antonio 3

VS.

Texas A&M 4

Sunday @ 1 PM

Tournament Champions
Texas A&M Aggies

Texas A&M 3

#2 Seed Pool Winner

Sun @ 10 AM
Breckenridge #2

Texas 0
#3 Seed Pool Winner

For information about registering for next Fall's event contact Ryan Norris at Ryan.Norris@CollClubSports.com.