













# SPORTS

## Tech baseball swings into season with win



Designated hitter Chaz Eiguren keeps his eye on a high fastball as the Red Raiders won their season opener 14-3 at Dan Law Field. The win gave Tech coach Larry Hayes his 1200th career win.

by Patrick Gonzales  
Sports Editor

If Texas Tech first baseman David O'Keeffe was looking for a way to celebrate his birthday, then his performance Wednesday could be the solution.

O'Keeffe, who turned 23 on Wednesday, had two hits, including a grand slam home run, to help lead the 18th-ranked Red Raiders to a 14-3 victory in their season opener against West Texas A&M at Dan Law Field.

"I wish I had more birthdays like this, if that's what it comes down to," said O'Keeffe, who finished the contest 2-for-4 with four RBIs. "I was just excited to get back out here, after having our first few games canceled."

The contest also marked the 1,200th career victory for Tech coach Larry Hayes, who becomes one of only four active coaches in the NCAA to achieve the mark.

"All it means is that we are 1-0, that's the key on that thing," Hayes said

about the feat. "What happens in the past doesn't mean a thing to this team."

The Red Raiders got off to a slow start, as their first three hitters retiring in order.

But in the second inning the squad exploded for seven runs, highlighted by O'Keeffe's four-bagger.

O'Keeffe said he was just trying to put the ball in play knowing that there were less than two outs and runner in scoring position.

"My job is to get a someone in, and I got lucky enough to get four," he said.

The Red Raiders added three more runs in the third inning and also scored in the fifth, sixth and seventh innings.

The Buffaloes got on the board in the eighth inning, using three hits and three Tech errors to score three runs.

Tech hurler Brandon Roberson started the evening for the Red Raiders, but left the game in the top of the fourth inning after suffering a muscle strain to his right forearm.

Despite the injury, Roberson picked up the win and managed to complete 3-1/3 innings of work, giving up two hits and striking out four.

"I liked everything that happened today except Roberson getting hurt," Hayes said. "We had an ugly eighth, but outside of that, I was happy with the way we performed."

Tech also saw the return of outfielder Miles Durham, who had been sidelined for more than a week with a strained right thumb.

Durham was expected to miss Wednesday's game, but said on Tuesday the thumb felt surprisingly better.

After talking with coaches and the team doctor, Durham said he was ready to go.

"I felt wonderful besides the fact that I haven't seen a fastball for about two weeks," said Durham, who finished the afternoon 2-for-5 with an RBI.

The Red Raiders will be back in action Friday at 1 p.m. against New Mexico State at Dan Law Field.

## Raiders fall short to Cowboys

by Jeff Keller  
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The Texas Tech men's basketball squad (9-9 overall, 0-7 Big 12) came close to picking up its first Big 12 Conference win of the season Wednesday at the United Spirit Arena against Oklahoma State, but clutch free-throw shooting from the Cowboys down the stretch was too much for the Red Raiders to overcome as they fell 63-59.

Oklahoma State's final seven points of the contest came from the charity stripe, and guard Glendon Alexander was responsible for four of those shots.

Tech coach James Dickey said Alexander played a key role in the Cowboys' four-point victory.

"I thought Glendon Alexander's points were huge in the second half," Dickey said. "Especially his free throws."

Tech fell behind early in the game

but was able to keep the Cowboys' lead in single digits.

The Red Raiders fought their way back and eventually tied the game at 27-27 with 2:11 left before halftime.

From that point, both teams went cold from the floor until Tech forward Brodney Kennard propelled Tech to a 29-27 lead at halftime with a thunderous dunk with three seconds left in the opening stanza.

In the second half, Tech built its largest lead of the game at 33-27 courtesy of jump shots from guards Rayford Young and James Ware.

The Cowboys battled back to tie the game at 34, and from that point, neither team was able to build a lead of more than seven points the rest of the contest.

Oklahoma State held a 56-55 lead with 42 seconds left in the contest when Young fouled Oklahoma State

guard Doug Gottlieb.

Gottlieb hit the first free throw to put the Cowboys up 57-55, but he missed the second shot and a scramble ensued for the loose ball.

Oklahoma State guard Desmond Mason was able to tie up the ball for a jump ball and Cowboys regained.

The Cowboys were able to ice the victory at the free-throw line from that point.

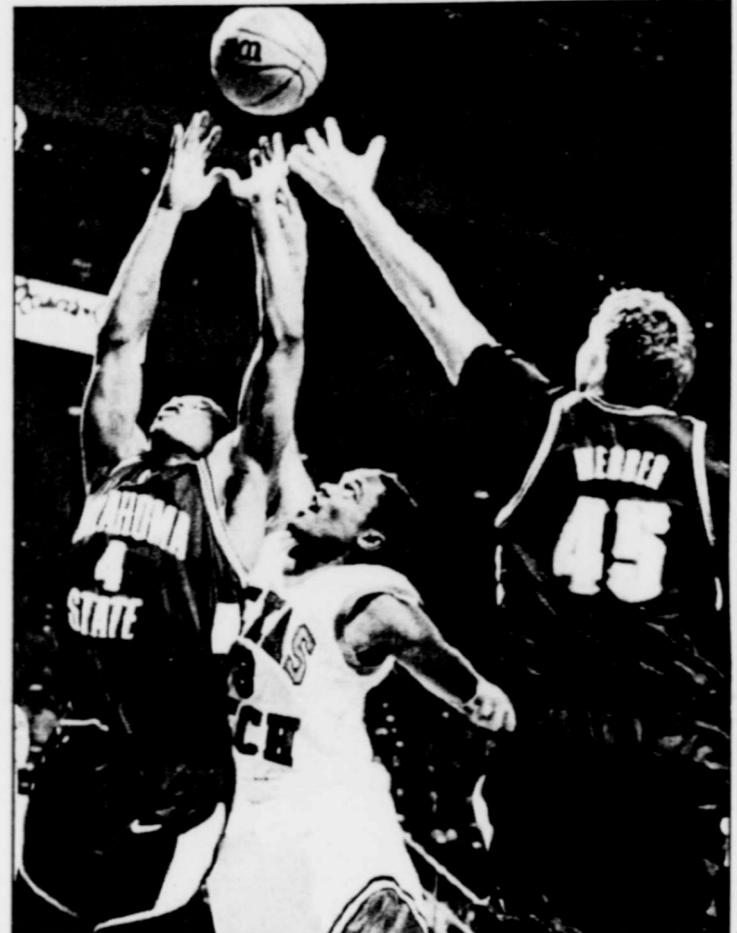
Tech was led offensively in the game by Ware who tallied 20 points, going 4-of-6 from the 3-point range.

Ware said once Mason tied up the ball after the missed Gottlieb charity shot, there was no chance of Tech winning the game.

"That was it," Ware said. "From then on, we were playing catch-up with them. They got back to the free-throw line and went up four after that. We just couldn't overcome that. They just out-hustled us to get that ball. They dove on the floor and tied us up and that was it."

Young said Tech did what it wanted to do by keeping it a low-scoring contest but came up short in the end.

"We played well," Young said. "We



Tech guard Rayford Young battles for a rebound in the Red Raiders' 63-59 loss to Oklahoma State Wednesday night in the United Spirit Arena.

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spread the ball out like we wanted to. We ran the shot-clock down like we wanted to. We tried to make it a low-scoring game, but we just didn't come out on top."

For the first time in conference

play this season, Tech won the rebounding battle, grabbing 37 boards to Oklahoma State's 34.

Ware said if Tech can continue to win the battle under the boards, it will be able to pick up wins.

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