

COMETS

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Softball splits with Greenville College despite strong second game comeback

Richardson, TX--The Comets nearly won both sides of today's doubleheader, making a comeback in both games to eventually split with visiting Greenville College (Illinois).

UTD went down 3-0 in the first inning of game one when pitcher Chrissie Barnes walked the leadoff batter Rachel Rogers. Panther third baseman Lindy Roth ripped a double into right field scoring Rogers from second for the game's first run. Greenville then capitalized on two deep infield singles to score the other two runs that inning. UTD answered right back, scoring two runs in the bottom half of the inning. GC scored one more in the third, sending the Comets on a three-run scoring drive in the same inning, along with one more insurance run in the fourth. Barnes gave up just six hits and struck out six, but walked six. She helped her cause, going 2-for-4 at the plate and driving in two runs, including a double. Third baseman Michelle Green was 1-for-2 with two walks and scoring three times.

In game two, the Comets did virtually the same thing as game one, except the outcome was different. Greenville scored two runs in the first and UTD answered with a run of its own. UTD hurler Misty Green, recovering from a mouth injury, only pitched two innings of game two, allowing five runs on seven hits, but recording four strikeouts. Barnes came in for relief and kept the Panthers off balance and scoreless for three innings. UTD unloaded in the sixth inning, scoring five runs on five hits and two triples. Outfielder Tiffany Boone led off the inning with a walk and eventually scored on a sacrifice fly by second baseman Annie Mack. Centerfielder Teri Hollowell followed suit, ripping a triple over the GC centerfielder's head, bringing in Misty Green. Sass singled to left, bringing in Hollowell bringing up Candace Felts who hit an identical triple to center, driving in Sass. Michelle Green singled in Felts with a hit to left. UTD scored five runs bringing the score to 7-6. GC took advantage on two UTD errors to score three runs in the top half of the seventh to pull ahead by four, but UTD came back yet again by scoring two runs, but falling short 10-8. The Comets are now 8-13 overall in the inaugural season and play Northwood in Cedar Hill tomorrow at two and four. UTD is back at home for a conference matchup against LeTourneau Saturday at 11 and one. UTD swept the Ladyjackets 9-1 and 8-1 earlier this season for the first and second wins of the program.

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