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FOOTBALL | LOCAL

Lobos look to respond from 'random power outage'

By DENNIS SILVA II
LAREDO MORNING TIMES

For Lobos head coach Mark Stoute, the reason behind last week's disappointing loss to Corpus Christi was stunning.

All season long, the Lobos had struggled to put things together. They overthrew on passes, missed tackles, blew assignments and, generally, looked very much like the expansion team they are.

But not once had Stoute questioned their effort.

That is, not until the Sharks

game. "They just did not play," Stoute said. "No work or effort. It was a random power outage."

Laredo stayed close for a half before completely collapsing in a pivotal third quarter (being outscored 14-3) that essentially won the game for Corpus.

It's a trait that will haunt the 1-10 Lobos once again if they put forth that same type of attitude tonight at Bakersfield (Calif.) against the Blitz, a 4-7 team that defeated Laredo, 58-52, in the first game of the season.

In that game, the Blitz tallied a total of 316 yards (to Laredo's 219) and forced the Lobos into three fumbles.

But that was in early April. Both teams are nothing like they were then.

"We're a young team with no veterans," Stoute said. "We tend to lose focus and confidence. We cannot have that. The guys have to understand to not take games for granted."

Bakersfield has the same effi-

ciency on offense as Laredo. Both are tougher when they're passing well and effectively, but when they're forced to run the ball, it's never a pretty result.

With some recent additions, the Lobos have more firepower and options, but aren't as strong defensively.

Bakersfield is ranked third against the run, and are manageable against the pass, ranking in the middle of the pack.

But the Blitz, as most teams at

this point of the year, is battling injuries and fatigue.

Bakersfield will be forced to find some sort of remedy for an ailing quarterback duo.

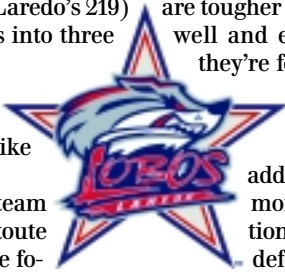
"Their starting quarterback (Chad Elliott) is banged up, and his backup (Dennis Gile) is banged up," Stoute said. "So they're having problems of their own as well."

After winning four of its first six games to start the season, Bakersfield has lost five straight. It has lost three of four home games, and Stoute is hoping the opportu-

nity for his team's first road win is more than enough as inspiration.

"We're going out for revenge for beating us earlier," Stoute said. "They're struggling too. They started well but have fallen apart since, and we need to take advantage of situations like these."

"I told our guys it doesn't matter if we're 1-10 and out of the playoffs. They're playing for their futures. People will notice whether they have the heart and pride to be true football players these next five games."



LITTLE LEAGUE | LOCAL

Dist. 34 Tourney



Photo by Theresa Scarbrough | Laredo Morning Times

Webb-PAL's Karla Martinez, left, reaches to make the grab as Zapata's Karen Villa slides safely towards third in Friday night's District 34 junior division softball action.

Week-long of All-Star team action into the books

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District 34 Little League baseball played Day 5 of their tournament on Friday night in four divisions.

Also, major and junior softball played on Friday.

Action continues tonight, takes on break on Sunday and then resumes on Monday. Play is scheduled through July 5.

The Friday night games:

BASEBALL

Minor (9-10) at Rangel Field.
Rio Grande 11, Northwest 8: Lee Renteria winning pitcher over Polo Morales. Arnie Cepeda had two hits for Rio and one each for Jerry Garcia, Luis Renteria, Eddie Garza, Marcos Rendon, Alex Benavides. With two hits each for NW were Ricky Villarreal, Ivan Flores, Morales, Mark

Moya, Seul Bazadini, Ignacio Tellez, Hector Rendon, Jorge Garza.

Del Mar 11, National 0: Alan Campero pitched a one-hitter for the win. Losing pitcher Gerardo Ramos had the lone hit. Sergio Macias homered for Del Mar. Ruben Solis had two hits and one each for Bernardo Martinez, Mario Garcia and David Garza.

Tonight: American vs. National, 6. Hillside vs. Northwest, 8.

Major (11-12) at Dr. Al King Field.

Del Mar 13, Hillside 2: L. Viduarri pitched the win over Rene Flores. Del Mar had a grand slam from J. Ballesteros and a three-run homer by M. Lucero. Carlos Garcia drove in both Hillside runs.

Northwest 7, Zapata 4: Sergio Pollorena, Rosendo Gonzalez (winner), Arnulfo Maya pitched for NW. They combined for 12

strikeouts. Pollorena, Roger Moreno, Gonzalez, Alvaro Gloria. Guadencio Mata was the losing pitcher.

Tonight: Rio Grande vs. Zapata 6. American vs. Hillside, 8.

Junior (13-14) at United Field.

Rio Grande 19, American 5.
Hillside vs. Optimist: Late Friday. Hillside led 8-1 in the seventh inning.

Del Mar 19, Rio Grande 5. Late Thursday game.

Tonight: Rio Grande vs. Hillside, 6. Northwest vs. Del Mar, 8:30.

Senior (15-16) at the SAC.

Rio Grande 13, Zapata 2: Cesar Mata went the distance for the win. Isaac Patterson, Gerardo Garcia, Ivan Elizondo pitched for Zapata. David Moya hit an inside-the-park homer for Zapata. Marco Castillo had three hits and two each for Felipe Elizondo, Alex Alejandro and Mata to lead Rio.

Del Mar-NW 12, American 3:

Homero Ortiz and Jorge Guarneros homered for Del Mar. Luis Pollorena, Sergio Velasquez and Guarneros pitched for the winners.

Tonight: Rio Grande vs. American, 7.

SOFTBALL

Major (11-12) at Gateway Field Base 1. Bobby Mancha director.
Zapata 21, Webb PAL 3.

Del Mar vs. Gateway: Late Friday. Gateway led 11-2 in the fifth inning.

Tonight: Zapata vs. Del Mar-Gateway loser, 6. American-South vs. Del Mar-Gateway winner, 8.

Junior (13-14) at Gateway Field Base 2. Bobby Mancha director.

Zapata 25, Webb PAL 3.
Gateway 8, American South 5.
Tonight: American South vs. Zapata, 7.

BASEBALL | LOCAL

Broncos ready for home cookin' to start second half

By DENNIS SILVA II
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For most of Laredo, today is just another Saturday; a day spent with family and friends, away from the stresses of the office, and a day of recreation and relaxation.

For the Laredo Broncos, however, today stands as the birth of a fresh new start.

After falling to Amarillo, 15-4, last night, the Broncos start the second half of the season tonight with a five-game series against San Angelo at Veterans Field.

After finishing the first half last in the ULB at 20-29, Laredo is ready to make a furious rally.

The ULB championship round is determined by the winner of the first half of the season and the winner of the second half.

So, despite the lackluster first half, if the Lobos win the second half, they will be in the championship round.

"We can't look back," pitcher Henry Lozado said. "We've got to look forward and win games. That's the bottom line."

Said pitcher Luis Arroyo, "It's big for us. Especially when you've had a first half like we had, it's big for us pitchers. It's good to take a couple of days off and get a fresh start knowing that everybody starts 0-0 again."

The Broncos have made a plethora of roster changes within the past few weeks.

They've addressed all aspects

of the game - pitching, hitting and fielding. General manager Jose Melendez said he has a team that has loads of talent but has trouble putting together complete games.

"We need a team that clicks on all cylinders," Melendez said. "We either pitch and hit, but don't field. Or we hit and field, but don't pitch. We've just had a lot of bad luck. It's not because this team is awful. Look at our lineup and pitching staff. There's no reason we should be in this position. The team is confident, we've made some changes and we'll make some more. We'll get this together."

For many Broncos, Melendez's assessment has been correct. Consistency continues to elude the club.

"Being consistent is the tough part," infielder Edwin Maldonado said. "For every player, it's tough to be consistent. But slowly, we're learning. For me, I've learned how to adjust to slumps, figuring how to react when I go 0-for-10 and such. It's definitely an adjustment period."

Laredo has an opportunity to turn matters around right away.

It plays eight of the next 13 games at Veterans Field.

"Right now we have a bunch of new players," outfielder Juan Lebron said. "Our team's gotten better and we have tons of new talent so it'll be interesting for the second half of the season."

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COLLEGE | LOCAL

Teixeira departs TAMIU athletics

By DENNIS SILVA II
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The changes continue for Texas A&M International University's athletic department.

Monday officially marked the end of Jane Teixeira's tenure as Senior Associate Director of Compliance.

Teixeira, who had also been in place as the head softball coach entering the program's first year, accepted a position within membership services for the NCAA in Indianapolis.

"It's a great position for her," TAMIU athletic director Debbie Snell said on Friday. "It's a big step forward and I couldn't be happier for Jane. It's wonderful for her, but terrible for us. She will be missed."

Teixeira, who was unavailable for comment, is the latest of a string of departures for TAMIU athletics.

Head men's basketball coach Curtis Condie left for an assistant coaching job at Louisiana



TEIXEIRA

Tech, and assistant basketball coach Hector "Hecky" Noyola resigned in early June.

Among others, Snell, who is also a rookie at TAMIU (she started in May), is still in search of a full-time softball coach and three assistant men's basketball coaches.

She is still hiring for all positions as applications have been coming in rapidly on a daily basis.

Snell said she has not set a timetable for when she expects to make the respective hires, and that once she gets the pool of talent she is comfortable with, she'll go from there.

"It's exciting. It's (people leaving) not frustrating at all," she said. "Growth is exciting. It's all about expanding here, and I

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MLB | HOUSTON

'Stros rally past Rockies

By KRISTIE RIEKEN
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HOUSTON — Mark Loretta hit a two-run homer with two outs in the ninth to lift the Houston Astros to a 9-8 win over the Colorado Rockies, the second night in a row the Astros hit a walk-off home run off Rockies closer Brian Fuentes.

It was the fourth blown save in eight days for Fuentes, and the Rockies have lost eight straight.

With two outs, Fuentes (0-4) walked Carlos Lee, who hit a grand slam in the 11th off

Fuentes on Thursday night. Loretta followed, homering to the Crawford Boxes in left for his second home run of the season.

Ryan Spilborghs' pinch-hit single to center field scored Brad Hawpe in the seventh inning and put Colorado up 8-7.

Dave Borkowski (2-3) allowed one hit and walked one in the ninth for the win.

Garrett Atkins hit two home runs in a losing effort for the Rockies.

A single by Matt Holliday in the sixth scored Willy Taveras and tied it at 7. Taveras was hit by a pitch before stealing second and advancing to third on an error.



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Houston Astros right fielder Luke Scott makes a running catch for an out on Colorado Rockies' Josh Fogg in the second inning Friday in Houston.