

2004 UTSA Baseball Fall World Series

“Series ends in 2-2 tie”

The final game of the 2004 UTSA Baseball Fall World Series was cancelled due to heavy rain in the San Antonio area. Following five weeks of unseasonable heat, the skies opened up during the Fall World Series and interrupted a passionate battle between the Mariachis “Blue Team” and Shockers “Orange Team.”

Game 1 proved to be a pitching duel between Mariachis starting pitcher Steven Vasquez (SO, RHP, Beeville, TX.) and Shockers starter, Aaron Rodriguez (SR, LHP, Richmond, TX.). Vasquez was the game’s Rising Star winner, throwing a complete game seven-inning shutout, giving up two hits and striking out five. Rodriguez matched Vasquez pitch for pitch, striking out 10 Mariachi hitters over seven innings. The game ended with a Mariachis victory, 1-0.

Game 1: Series 1-0, Mariachis

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
MARIACHIS	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	5	1
SHOCKERS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1

WP – Vasquez; LP – Rodriguez; E- Thibodeaux, Saltzgaber; LOB – Mariachis – 6, Shockers – 4

Game 2 started out to be a run-scoring affair. After the Shockers came out strong with two runs in the top of the first, the Mariachis answered with four runs of their own. The game settled down into a pitching duel for the remainder of the contest. The Shockers rebounded for a 5-4 win. Game 2 was highlighted by the hitting performance of Shockers slugger Lee Todesco (JR, 1B, Buda, TX). Todesco belted 2 home runs and accounted for two runs scored and three RBI. Todesco and pitcher Noah Tritz (JR, RHP, Klein, TX) helped put the Shockers back on the winning track. Tritz earned the win with four strikeouts in four scoreless innings of relief work.

Game 2: Series tied 1-1

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
SHOCKERS	2	0	0	0	2	0	1	5	7	0
MARIACHIS	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	6	4

M. Ruffin, Tritz (4) and Johns; Vecchio, J. Ruffin (5) and Johnson; WP – Tritz, LP – J. Ruffin. E – Allen, Koger, Vecchio, J. Ruffin. 2B – Holdren, Moreno (2), Etheredge; HR – Todesco (2). LOB – Shockers (9), Mariachis (2)

Game 3 featured four great innings of baseball, which saw both teams tied at 3-3. In the fifth inning the flood gates opened for the Mariachis, as they plated 13 runs over the final two innings of play. Highlighted by numerous great offensive performances for the Mariachis, Brandon Koger (SO, 3B, Houston, TX) and Chris Lewis (SR, OF, Round Rock, TX.) shared 4-for-5 performances. Koger had three runs scored, a triple and 3 RBI. Lewis added two runs scored, a double and two RBI. Also noted on the Mariachis was Tyler Johnson’s (FR, C, Crowley, TX.) 2-for-4, three runs, one homer, one RBI. David Vasquez (FR, OF, Round Rock, TX.) going 3-for-4, two runs, two RBI and Matt Guzman (FR, SS, Corpus Christi, TX.) finishing with a 3-for-4 day, two runs and two RBI. Caleb Barton (JR, LHP, Navarro, TX.) pitched five strong innings for the win.

Game 3: Series 2-1, Mariachis

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
MARIACHIS	0	0	3	0	5	8	X	16	19	0
SHOCKERS	0	0	0	3	0	0	X	3	8	1

Barton, Davila (6) and Johnson; Brannon, Tritz (4), M. Ruffin and Johns. WP – Barton, LP – Tritz. E – Saltzgaber. 2B – Lewis, Doucet, Holdren; 3B – Koger, Vasquez; HR – Etheredge, Johnson. LOB – Mariachis – 9, Shockers – 5

Game 4 was the reverse of Game 3. With their backs against the wall, the Shockers responded with 13 runs over the final three innings to dust off the Mariachis attempt to end the series. Although the bats were rolling for the Shockers, it was the pitching that sealed the deal on this day. Jacob Sansom (JR, LHP, Converse, TX.) threw a complete game four-hitter to cool the Mariachi’s bats. Sansom gave up two runs, struck out two and walked only one batter to keep the Shockers in the Series. On the offensive side for the Shockers, Michael McKennon (SO, OF, Pearland, TX.), Stephen Holdren (SR, OF, Overland Park, KS.), Eric Moreno (SR, 3B, Portland, TX.) and Robby Johns (JR, C, Arlington, TX.) each had multiple hit days. McKennon, Holdren & Moreno each had home runs and multiple-RBI games to help tie the series at 2-2.

Game 4: Series tied 2-2

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
SHOCKERS	0	0	0	0	4	7	2	13	12	2
MARIACHIS	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	4	2

Sansom and Johnson. Ruffin J., Davila (6), Thibodeaux (6) and Johns. WP – Sansom. LP – Ruffin, J. E – Koger, Johnson, Voyles (2). 2B – Voyles and Todesco. 3B – Allen. HR – Holdren, McKennon, Moreno.

Game 5: RAINED OUT, Series end in tie 2-2.

“Rising Star” Player of the Games:

- Game 1: Steven Vasquez, Mariachis
- Game 2: Lee Todesco & Noah Tritz, Shockers
- Game 3: Brandon Koger & Chris Lewis, Mariachis
- Game 4: Jacob Sansom, Shockers

Awards will be announced at later date for Fall World Series MVP, Web Gem play of the Series, Pitcher of the Series and Bonehead Play of the Series.

Mariachis “BLUE”	Shockers “ORANGE”
Coach – Hector Rodriguez	Coach – Sam Mitchell
C – Tyler Johnson, FR	C – Robby Johns, JR
1B – Joel Doucet, FR	1B – Lee Todesco, JR
2B – Matt Guzman, FR	2B – Eric Moreno, SR
SS – Marshal Davis, FR	SS – Ryan Saltzgaber, SO
3B – Brandon Koger, SO	3B – J.R. Voyles, JR
OF – Phillip Allen, FR	OF – Michael McKennon, SO
OF – David Vasquez, FR	OF – Stephen Holdren, SR
OF – Chris Lewis, SR	OF – Drew Rogers, FR
OF – Zach Etheredge, SO	OF – Austin Rust, FR

P – Steven Davila, FR	P – Mark Ruffin, FR
P – Dustin Thibodeaux, JR	P – Noah Tritz, JR
P – Jason Vecchio, JR	P – Blake Brannon, SO
P – Caleb Barton, JR	P – Brian Pope, FR
P – Steven Vasquez, SO	P – Aaron Rodriguez, SR
DL – Sean Danileson, SR, OF; Michael Susaneck, FR, P; Jesse Bradley, JR, P	