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Baseball

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**STATESBORO, Ga.** – UT-Arlington scored two runs on a bases loaded full-count single up the middle by Sam Crowell in the eighth inning to give the Mavericks a 5-3 victory on Thursday night in Statesboro.

The Eagles fall to 29-22 on the season and 12-10 in conference play, while UTA improves to 25-27 and 13-9 in conference play. [Jay Thompson](#) was pegged with his first loss of the season, falling to 6-1 after working two innings and allowing two runs on two hits.

In the top of the first, the Mavericks would score a pair of runs off [Tyler Owens](#) to take a 2-0 lead. In the bottom of the third, [Mason McWhorter](#) collected his 15<sup>th</sup> home run of the season, a two-run shot to left field to tie the ballgame.

The Eagles added a solo shot by [Austin Thompson](#) in the bottom of the fourth to regain the lead 3-2. In the fifth, UTA would add a solo home run to center field to tie the ballgame, before scoring a pair in the eighth to take the lead for good. Zack Norris picked up the win in relief, improving to 4-3 on the season.

## SCORING MOMENTS

**TOP 1<sup>st</sup> | GS 0 – UTA 2** | Mavericks score a pair to take the lead in the first.

**BOTTOM 3<sup>rd</sup> | GS 2 – UTA 2** | [Mason McWhorter](#) hits a two-run home run to left field.

**BOTTOM 4<sup>th</sup> | GS 3 – UTA 2** | [Austin Thompson](#) hits a solo home run to left field.

**TOP 5<sup>th</sup> | GS 3 – UTA 3** | UTA hits a solo home run to center field.

**TOP 8<sup>th</sup> | GS 3 – UTA 5** | UTA scores a pair to take the lead.

## GAME NOTES

- [Mason McWhorter](#) hits his 15<sup>th</sup> home run of the season, a two-run shot to tie the game in the third.
- [Austin Thompson](#) hit his fifth home run of the season, a solo shot to take the lead in the bottom of the fourth.
- [Tyler Owens](#) made his final start at J.I. Clements Stadium, working two and 1/3 innings, allowing two runs on four hits.
- [Jay Thompson](#) fell for the first time this season working the final two innings and allowing two-earned runs.

## UP NEXT

Georgia Southern and UTA will continue the three-game set on Friday evening from J.I. Clements Stadium. First pitch is scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

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