UT sets NCAA win mark

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'Two runs and give Texas its 32nd straight win of the year.

Three hours later, Texas had a 5-2 victory to go with it, making the 'Horns 33-9 and breaking the known all-time national collegiate baseball win streak of 32 consecutive victories set by Arizona State in 1975.

Compared with the first game, though, the second game was a rout.

If the ending in the opener made one think it seemed just like yesterday when Jones did the same thing, that's because it was yesterday. Jones had two similar clutch hits in the games and keep the win streak alive Monday.

"I don't know what to say," said Jones, wearing a smile that refused to quit. "The same as yesterday. The one thing I didn't want to do was strike out. I was just guarding the plate and he (U.M. pitcher Brian Deiman) was challenging me.

"I went up there waiting for the Wild Bunch to do their Johnny Carson line — you know, 'Heeeere's Jerry.' After I hit the ball, I saw the shortstop jumping up and turn it out."

Jones was dropped soon after. Or maybe mugged is a better description as the Texas team swarmed around him with the crowd of 2,000 cheering madly. "It was like a gang fight," Jones said.

Minnesota, now 24-0 on the year, came close to blowing the game open on several occasions. A 385-foot, solo home run by Jeff Neutelting that bounced over the left field fence and hit a moving shuttle bus gave the Gophers a 1-0 lead in the second inning.

"When he hit that one out of here, I said, 'Forget the fastball. They'll rip you if you threw fastballs because they swing from the heels,'" said Mickey Reichenbach, the winning pitcher. "Coach came out in the fifth and told me I was throwing terrible but I already knew that."

Coach Cliff Gustafson reminded Reichenbach to go with breaking pitches, something he did twice to get out of bases-loaded, one-out situations without a run in the fifth and seventh.