

American League votes for Seattle

NEW YORK (AP) — American League owners voted Thursday night to give Seattle another baseball franchise "if and when" the league expands in the future, The Associated Press learned.

The unanimous vote was taken at a closed-door meeting on the eve of a joint session of the major league owners here.

The action by the AL owners appeared to be an attempt to stop a threatened \$82-million suit by the city of Seattle against baseball and the American League because of the recent franchise switch to Milwaukee. The owners talked at their se-

cret meeting for more than an hour and decided to make the award on a conditional basis.

The resolution requires that the city come up with a domed stadium, suitable for major league play.

The stadium in which the Seattle Pilots played, Sick's Stadium, seats 28,500 and does not have a dome.

Earlier, the Times reported the alleged out-of-court settlement.

The newspaper said it had talked to an unidentified club owner and learned of the possibility.



AGGIE WELCOME—Gary West (standing on steps) of Odessa Permian, is greeted by eight members of the Southwest Conference Champion track squad Thursday night at Easterwood Field. West won two events in the state meet, winning the 120-yard high hurdles and the 330-yard

intermediates hurdles. Ags meeting West were left to right: Scotty Hendricks, Marvin Mills, Willie Blackmon, Curtis Mills, Rockie Woods, Harold McMahan, John Taylor, and Donnie Rogers. (Photo by Mike Wright)

Rattlers protest ump's

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — St. Mary's University baseball coach Elmer Kosub says he's seen some bad calls in his day and he's

never complained — until he saw the umpiring at Huntsville.

Kosub blasted the umpires in the NAIA Region IV playoff between St. Mary's and Sam Houston State Wednesday.

"I've never seen umpiring as bad as that in Huntsville," he said.

"Bad calls cost us dearly in the second game. It seems like when we were struggling to stay alive everything went against us. Our boys were called out on bad pitches and their boys were walked on good pitches. . . . The officiating was so bad that the Huntsville radio station announcer even complained about it."

Sam Houston won both games 3-1 and 7-6, to move into the second round of the NAIA playoffs later this month in Phoenix, Ariz. St. Mary's won the first game here Monday, 6-3.

200-year-old oak a fairway hazard on British course

CORFE, England (AP) — Golfers at the exclusive Taunton and Pickeridge Club were indignant Thursday even though their scores improved dramatically.

Somebody during the night had sawed down a 200-year-old oak tree, the principal hazard on the 17th fairway.

"If we ever discover the cad who did this, he will be drummed out of the club," said John Bevan, chairman of the greens committee. "That sort of thing just isn't done, you know."

McAfee golf winner

Jim McAfee sports editor of the Abilene Reporter-News shot a 3 over par 73 Friday to win the fourth annual Texas A&M News Media Golf tournament on the A&M course.

82 contestants matched strokes in the 18 hole event that had members of the Aggie football team serving as caddies.

McAfee had an eagle-3 on the first hole and birdied two other holes.

Nine players besides McAfee shot below 80 including Coach Gene Stallings and sports information director Spec Gammon who shot 79's.

Charles Clines of the Ft. Worth Star-Telegram was second with a 74 followed by Bob West, Beaumont Journal 75; Rusty Reynolds, KCWM, Fort Worth 76; Bob Taylor, Dallas Times Herald; Jim Lewis KCEN-TV Waco and Cy Hurst, KLVI, Beaumont all 79.

Bill Pelham of KNUZ radio in Houston had an eagle-3 on the 13th hole and John Durham of the Bryan Daily Eagle had an eagle-3 on the first hole.



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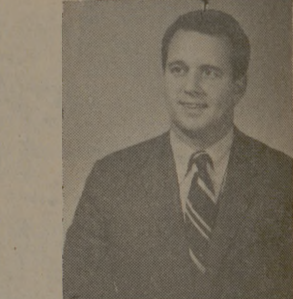


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