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Tolan on mark after layoff

ST. LOUIS (AP)—"I'm even more pleased with my running than with my hitting," said Bobby Tolan, making a comeback after two injury setbacks last year.

The statement of the 26-year-old Cincinnati Reds centerfielder was surprising because his .446 batting mark leads the majors through Tuesday's games. "But," said Tolan after crack-

ing three hits including a home run against the St. Louis Cardinals Tuesday night, "I always felt that I could hit. The question was the pins."

A .316 hitter in 1970, his second season with the Reds, Tolan also led the National League with 57 stolen bases before misfortune struck not once but twice in 1971.

While participating in an off season basketball game, the fleet outfielder suffered a torn Achilles tendon and missed the start of the baseball season.

Then, while he was running in the outfield May 7 at Los Angeles, the tendon snapped again and forced an operation.

"I took extra time this time making sure I was ready," said Tolan, who sat out all of last summer and worked hard in the winter.

"I went to the ball park every day and worked with weights," he said. "Then I'd spend time running in front of my house. It was a matter of regaining the strength and the confidence."

"I didn't want to talk too much about baseball during the winter,

and my wife was a help. I knew it meant so much I even wanted to talk."

Since going hitless in the season opener, Tolan has taken on a 10-game hitting streak, is winging with his fastest in the majors.

His 25 hits include seven doubles, a triple and three home runs, all adding up to a leading 16 RBI.

Furthermore he's scored runs and has stolen eight in nine tries, second only to teammate Joe Morgan's nine.

"I've slowed down a little only on my start," Tolan said.

"I get up in the morning I limp, I actually limp for three minutes," he added, "once I get warmed up and game starts it doesn't hurt me."

Reds manager Sparky Ligon, recalling Tolan's role in Cincinnati's drive to the 1970 pennant, is among those who believe Tolan is all the way back.

"He's just taken up what was left off in '70," Anderson

Aggies' All-America candidate was not always super athlete

The only problem R. J. Englert had at Texas A&M was getting to play. Once that problem was solved, the big problem was faced by opposing pitchers who had to get him out.

Though freshmen were eligible in 1969, Englert found it impossible to crack an outfield which included two All-Americans — Bob Long and Dave Elmendorf. So the Big Spring native spent his freshman year on the junior varsity where he hit .343. It took him nine games to break into the lineup as a sophomore, but once he did Englert hit .400 and led the Southwest Conference in hitting.

Englert hit .367 as a junior and was named to the All-SWC team for the second straight year. But he saved the best for last, and his senior year just completed bordered on the incredible.

The 5-11, 180-pounder, who bats and throws lefthanded, put together a 28-game hitting streak, truly amazing when you consider that 17 games were 7-inning affairs in which the Aggies were the home team and only batted in six innings. Englert finished the season with a .420 average, certain to rank among the best in the nation.

In 102 games at A&M, Englert posted a career batting average

of .394. During his varsity career, A&M won 83 games and lost 31, a .728 percentage.

Despite missing his freshman year, Englert set the A&M career record for hits with 149. He also set the season record for hits with 60.

But Englert's worth to the Aggies extended past his bat work. Against arch-rival Texas, for example, he had 19 putouts in three games in centerfield and threw out the tying run at the plate with two out in the bottom of the ninth inning in the second game which A&M won 7-6. He also threw out a runner in the first game, but the catcher dropped the ball making the tag.

Englert is a top candidate for Player of the Year honors in the Southwest Conference and is a cinch to make the all-conference team for the third consecutive year. As a junior, Englert shared Most Valuable Player honors with All-America Dave Elmendorf.

The Texas Aggies have had many great players over the years, from Wally Moon to Dave Johnson, the all-star second baseman for the Baltimore Orioles. Englert has to rank among the best, and he is a bona fide All-America candidate if there ever was one.

Bruce Crampton man to beat at Houston Open Golf tournament

HOUSTON (AP)—Australian Bruce Crampton, forging one of the best records on the pro tour this year, ranked as the man to beat in a relatively thin field assembled for the \$125,000 Houston Open Golf Tournament.

The new event, a 72-hole test that replaces the old Houston Champions International on the schedule, begins Thursday on the 6,995-yard par 72 Westwood Country Club course.

Most of the game's top stars are taking the week off and only nine of the top 25 money winners of the season are included in the field of 147.

The field further was trimmed Wednesday as J. C. Snead, Dave Hill, Bob Shaw and Gay Brewer withdrew. Brewer, a former Masters champ, has had a recurrence of stomach troubles that forced him out of action for three weeks.

Jack Nicklaus, Lee Trevino, Arnold Palmer, Billy Casper, Tony Jacklin of England and Gary Player of South Africa all are missing for one reason or another.

So is Chi Chi Rodriguez, little Puerto Rican who had a long slump with his victory last week's Byron Nelson Open. In addition to the veteran Crampton, the only member of the top 25 money winners hand are Bobby Mitchell, Jones, Bob Murphy, rookie Tony Wadkins, Miller Barber, Aaron, Homero Blancas and Irwin.

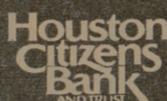
The 36-year-old Crampton is the top contender for the first prize based on his record of finishing seven better in nine tournaments.

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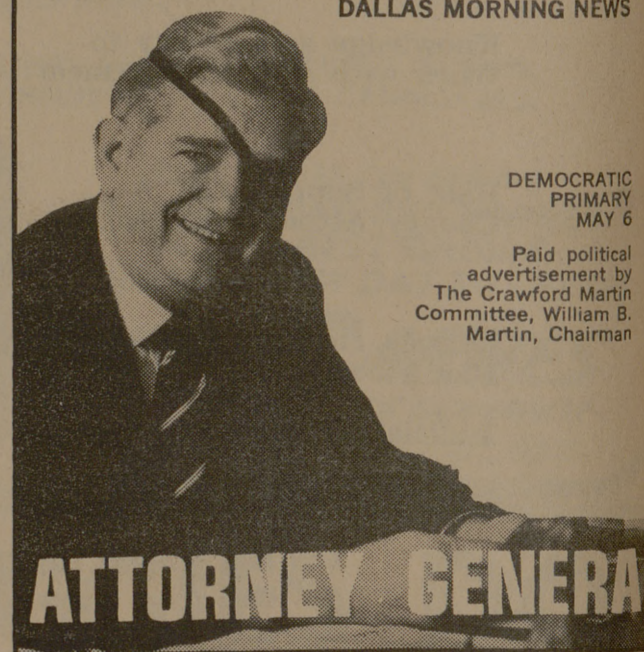
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