

Aggie Golfers Take Second In SWC Meet

The A&M golf team captured a surprising second place in the second annual SWC Match Play Golf Tournament played in Dallas last Friday and Saturday.

The University of Houston, which played in its first conference event, won the tournament which saw defending National Champion medal play Texas finish a distant third with 26 points.

Houston compiled 40 to the Aggies 30.

Texas and Houston were the favorites as both have been dominating forces in National Collegiate Athletic Golf. Texas has won two straight national championships, with Houston second both years after winning the national team title 12 of the previous 14 years.

Even though A&M was not tabbed a pre-tourney favorite, Aggies golfer Steve Veriato was confident the Aggies would fare well. He said, "We were all playing well the week before the tournament and we feel that we could hold our own with anybody there. I felt that we could have

won the match if we got some breaks."

"This golf team," Veriato continued, "really wants to play golf well. This is the hardest working team since I've been here."

Randy Tickner, Clay Dozier, Tommy Johnson and Veriato carried the Aggie banner over the rain swept Dallas Oak Cliff Country Club course which saw only one sub-par round the whole tournament.

As well as finishing second as a team, the duo of Veriato and Tickner finished second in the four ball competition. Veriato said, "individually we didn't play well but as a team we ended up near the top. That's what we went up there to do."

White Sox's Tanner Honored As 'Manager Of The Year'

NEW YORK (AP)—Chuck Tanner charmed moody Dick Allen into a happy slugger and molded the lowly Chicago White Sox into pennant contenders to be named 1972 Manager of the Year in the American League Monday.

The 43-year-old Tanner out-poled Eddie Kasko of the Boston Red Sox in a vote of sports writers and broadcasters conducted by The Associated Press. Dick Williams of world champion Oakland finished fifth.

"Our percentage, the second best in the American League, was quite an improvement over what was baseball's worst team in 1970," Tanner said at the regular season's close.

Tanner improved Chicago's record to 79-83 in 1971 and the White Sox' attendance rose to 833,891. Then, in 1972, Chicago challenged Oakland most of the season with

an 87-67 record that helped push 1,186,028 through the turnstiles.

When informed of the Manager of the Year honor Monday, Tanner said: "I'm very grateful. It's a big thrill to me. The news really shook me up. I've got to credit the whole White Sox organization, all the way from the scouts to the players who did the job."

Tanner's handling of Allen, the powerhouse hitter with a turbulent history in Philadelphia and Los Angeles, was noted often during the summer of '72.

He assumed the fatherly role with Allen, a kindly figure who allowed the man once known as Richie to have his way as long as the bat was producing.

Allen responded by hitting .308 and leading the American League in homers with 37 and runs batted in with 113 to become a prime candidate for the Most Valuable Player honor.

Adamson Leads Ags Over Exes

The A&M water polo team beat a team of former Aggies swimmers and water polo players 15-5 Saturday.

L. B. Cox, '35, was the oldest player for the ex's. Cox was on the first A&M swimming and water polo team.

Van Adamson, son of long time A&M swim coach and athletic hall of fame member Art Adamson played and scored for the ex's in the losing effort.

Doug Adamson, Van's son, led the scoring for the varsity with four goals. Lester Hamann scored three goals while Steve Prentice and Mike Hicks had two goals each.

The A&M Fish defeated a strong College Station Swim Club team 9-7. Casey Cutler was high scorer for the Fish with four goals while Lee Davis chipped in two.

The next action for the varsity is Thursday night at 8:30 when they face the Bunch Aquatic Club, a group from Houston, in P. L. Downs natatorium on campus.

Saturday the team travels to Conway, Ark., to play in the Hendrix Invitational Tournament.

Oakland A's Savor Victory After Emotional Series Ends

By KEN RAPPOPORT Associated Press Sports Writer CINCINNATI (AP) — The Oakland A's — World Champions.

"It has a nice ring to it," said Dick Williams. "The trophy belongs right here," the Oakland manager added while squeezing the gold bauble symbolic of a World Series winner.

The trophy belonged to the A's because of good relief pitching and clutch hitting — the combination that helped win four of the seven baseball games, including Sunday's 3-2 thriller.

Rollie Fingers came through with the pitching again and Gene Tenace delivered another clutch hit as the A's defeated the Reds in the final showdown.

"It's a beautiful thing," said Williams, pointing to the trophy in the champagne-drenched A's clubhouse.

Williams understandably was emotional about his new-found status in the baseball world. He had led the Boston Red Sox to a pennant in 1967, but lost the World Series to the St. Louis Cardinals. Two years later, he was fired.

He was able to take this trophy home to Oakland even though the A's weren't given much of a chance to win it. From the start, they were torn with dissension and labeled a patsey for the powerful National League champion Reds.

Pitcher Vida Blue and first baseman Mike Epstein were the most notable of the players dissatisfied with their roles in the series. Blue verbally blasted his manager and owner Charles O. Finley because he wanted to be a starter, not a relief pitcher. Epstein had a shouting match with Williams after he was taken

out of a game early for defensive purposes.

Williams, accused of overmanaging, moved his men around as if he were playing chess. And, for the most part, he made the right moves.

Some questioned Williams' logic in using Tenace in the lineup in place of Dave Duncan, a catcher who had hit 19 home runs during the season. But Tenace, who only hit five out of the park this year, made his manager look like a genius when he hit two home runs in the first game for all the runs as the A's took a 3-2 decision. Blue, after sounding off the day before, came in to save the game for starter Ken Holtzman.

In the second game at Cincinnati, Fingers gave Jim "Catfish" Hunter ninth-inning help and made an outstanding catch against the wall to preserve a 2-1 Oakland triumph.

The beleaguered Reds were treated with disdain in Oakland. At the A's ballpark, fans showered left fielder Pete Rose with eggs and oranges. At Oakland City Hall, a sign read: "Where's Cincinnati?"

The Oakland partisans found out soon enough. Or at least, they found out who Jack Billingham was. The journeyman pitcher, with only a .500 lifetime record in the majors, allowed but three hits and no runs in eight innings and won his first World Series game 1-0 over the A's. Clay Carroll, the Reds' best relief pitcher, saved the game for him.

After rain postponed the fourth game one day at Oakland, the A's took a 3-1 lead in the series by beating the Reds 3-2 with a dramatic, two-run rally in the ninth inning. Williams could do

no wrong with his replacements and the result was three singles by pinch-hitters, including Angel Mangual's game-winning blow. Tenace hit his third home run of the Series as well.

Rose held in check the first four games, got back at the Oakland pitchers with two runs batted in — a first-pitch homer in the first inning and a game-winning single in the ninth — as the Reds won the fifth game 5-4 and sent the Series back to Cincinnati. Tenace hit his fourth home run in that game to tie a Series record shared by four others, including Babe Ruth.

Cincinnati pounded the ball in the sixth game. The Reds scored five runs in the seventh inning as Bobby Tolan and Cesar Geronimo delivered two-run singles enroute to an 8-1 victory.

Finley, the eccentric Oakland owner, sat sourly near the A's dugout and took abuse from the Cincinnati fans at Riverfront Stadium.

His day came Sunday, however, when Tenace and Sal Bando drilled run-scoring doubles in the sixth inning and Fingers came on in the eighth to get the A's out of trouble in the deciding game.

Finley, one of baseball's controversial owners, also was one of the most emotional after the final-game victory. Bedecked in a rich green jacket and gold pants, the owner elbowed his way through the A's crowded dressing room and spilled champagne on everyone within range.

He also kissed Williams on the cheek. "Neither club is better than the other," said Williams. Praise came easy from a man who had achieved his goal.

Peace Efforts Stalled, Says Tower

HOUSTON (AP)—U.S. Sen. John Tower, R-Tex., said Monday he doesn't see any significant progress in ending the Vietnam War until after the elections Nov. 7.

"I think they (the North Vietnamese) expect Nixon to win and know they can't fight another

four years of attrition," Tower said.

Tower, who is running for reelection, said he believes the North Vietnamese have felt they could undermine support for President Nixon on the war through psychological warfare.

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