

# Nationals next stop

By DEBBY KRENEK  
It's on to nationals for Brenda Goldsmith.  
Texas A&M's No. 1 female golfer walked away with first place in the Texas Association Intercollegiate Athletic Women's state meet five strokes ahead of her Houston Baptist College nemesis.

Goldsmith, who won second in state last year, shot a 154 in the 36-hole tournament hosted by East Texas State University. Mary Beth Morgan of Houston Baptist came in second with a 159.  
The A&M golf team placed fourth in the tournament behind Houston Baptist, the University of Texas and

Southern Methodist University.  
Susan Cmerick, who went into the competition with a mild case of the flu, placed fifth with a 164.  
Goldsmith and Morgan were tied after the first round of play, but a shot into the trees by Morgan on the eighth hole of the second round gave Goldsmith an edge which she never let go.

"We teed off in 47 degree weather the second day and the wind made a few of the holes play long," Goldsmith said. "The course was tight with narrow fairways and hilly with a good many trees. It made for good competition."

Goldsmith said she was disappointed with her overall score, but blamed the makeup of the course for part of it.

"Many of the holes that were par four had to be played at par five because the holes couldn't be reached in two strokes," Goldsmith said.

"I really felt the pressure during this tournament because I wanted to win. I've been winning first in most of the tournaments and when you know you're doing well that just makes you more nervous," Goldsmith said.

Nationals will be held in Lansing, Mich., the third week in June. A&M will not take a team to the competition, however both Goldsmith and Cmerick will be competing.

# WCT finals in full swing

## Solomon shocks Ashe

Associated Press  
DALLAS — Scrapy Harold Solomon, the last player to qualify but playing the best tennis of his life, shocked defending champion Arthur Ashe 7-5, 3-6, 6-1, 6-3 in the quarter finals of the World Championship of Tennis Tuesday night in a match featuring long-range baseline duels.

The 23-year old Solomon, a bulldog at the baseline, rattled his heavily-favored opponent with sharply angled two-fisted backhands and error-free play at the baseline.

The eighth-seeded Solomon, who had beaten Ashe only one time in eight meetings, unreeled nine straight points against the 32-year-old Ashe in the fourth set of the joust between the two qualifiers from the United States.

In the critical fourth set, the 5-foot-6, 139-pound Solomon broke Ashe's service in the first and third games and brought the crowd of 8,000 in Moody Coliseum off their chairs with his hustling returns.

The bantam-sized Solomon so frustrated Ashe that he had the Wimbledon champion trying all sorts of junk shots instead of hitting out with his usual power.

Ashe, who defeated Sweden's Bjorn Borg in the finals last year, was routed 6-1, in the third set and was guilty of error after error. His first serve failed him and everytime he tried to match Solomon's dink shots at the net, he was burned.

Ashe, after starting out in a baseline rally against the diminutive Solomon, came to the net through the rest of the match, but Solomon continually caught him with brilliantly placed passing shots and lobs.

It was the biggest victory of Solomon's career.  
Solomon had to sweat out the final week of the WCT tour to make the final eight players in the Dallas tournament for the \$50,000 first prize.

He had only won one tournament on the tour and \$50,000 compared to Ashe's five WCT victories and \$218,000.

In the deciding fifth set the pesky Solomon broke Ashe in the first and third game, then held on as the champion weakened from the previous pace set by little battler. On the match point, Solomon forced Ashe to go deep for a backhand and the return was some six inches beyond the baseline. Solomon leaped into the air in a joyous celebration while Ashe stood and looked at the ball in a daze.

The battling Solomon was all over the court in the first set and continually passed Ashe at the net. Solomon broke Ashe's service in the third and 11th games and was helped along by four double-faults during the set.

Ashe rallied in the second set, dominating the play with a bullet first serve and head-long rushes to the net where he easily volleyed Solomon's weak returns.

Ashe broke Solomon's serve in the second and eighth games in the relatively uncontested set to even matters at that point.

Borg meets Eddie Dibbs of the United States in the second quarter-finals match Wednesday night.

# Celtics place three on All-Defensive team

Associated Press  
NEW YORK — Center Dave Cowens and forwards Paul Silas and John Havlicek, all of Boston, have been named to the 1975-76 National Basketball Association All-Defensive team, making the Celtics the first club in six years to have three players on the first unit.

The rugged, 6-foot-7 Silas, voted the top vote-getter for the second time, was the top vote-getter this season. In following by the league's head coaches — and announced by Commissioner Larry O'Brien — Silas received 21 points, with two points awarded for a first-team selection and one point for second team.

Cowens was next with 20 points. White House member of the All-

Defensive unit — either first or second team — for the eighth straight year, received 15 points. The last team to place three members on the first team was New York, when Willis Reed, Dave DeBusschere and Walt Frazier were chosen to the squad in 1970.

Rounding out this year's team were guards Norm Van Lier of the Chicago Bulls, with 16 points, and Slick Watts of the Seattle SuperSonics, with 15.

Named to the second team were forwards Jim Brewer of Cleveland and Jamaal Wilkes of Golden State, center Kareem Abdul-Jabbar of Los Angeles, and guards Jim Clemons of Cleveland and Phil Smith of Golden State.

# Aeros prepare for finals

Associated Press  
HOUSTON — The improved, hard-luck New England Whalers and defending World Hockey Association WHA champion Houston Aeros meet Wednesday night in the first game of their best of seven game WHA semifinal championship series.

"It's a credit to this team that it has come this far," said Whaler Coach Larry Neale, the team's third coach this season.

"Before I came, they went long stretches without key personnel. It's tough to make headway under those circumstances."

A key injury during the playoffs for the Whalers was goalie Bruce London, who beat Cleveland three times in the first round playoffs but hasn't played since being injured in the first game against Indianapolis.

Cap. Raeder took over and led the Whalers past Indianapolis to the semifinals.

"He's cocky, but he's a hard worker in practice," Neal said of Raeder. "The other guys respect him. There isn't a player on the team who doesn't believe in him. You have to, the way he came through."

The Aeros defeated San Diego 4-2 in their best of seven games second round series with Aeros backup goalie Wayne Rutledge, who rallied the defending champions to victory after the Mariners had won two in a row.

Dineen likely will return to all-star goalie Ron Grahame however for Wednesday night's game.

"He played all the games against New England this year and did pretty well," Dineen said of Grahame.

Grahame had a 4-2 record, including a 5-0 shutout against New England during regular season play.

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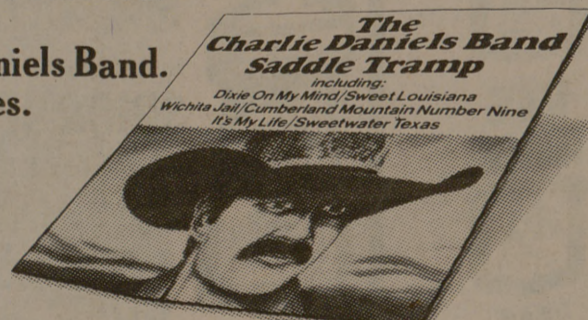
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