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# Lopez breaks record

United Press International  
DALLAS — Sizzling Nancy Lopez broke her own LPGA season money winning record with her eighth victory Sunday, shooting a final round 2-under par 70 to take home more than \$19,000 in a \$150,000 LPGA tournament.

Her overall record in the tournament was a 14-under par 274 total which also equaled the best 72 hole score shot on the tour this year. The previous record was also set by Lopez.

Her \$19,500 check raised her year's earnings to \$193,752, an all-time LPGA record for official winnings. It was her 8th win in only 17 tournaments this year and she now has won 17 tournaments in a 27 month pro career.

Lopez said "I was playing aggressive. I was going for the pins."

Lopez beat Canadian Sandra Post by two shots. Post shot a 67 and was five shots back going into the day.

In third place was rookie sensation Beth Daniel, who collected eight birdies in the round and matched the low score of the tournament at 6-under, 66.

She raised her rookie season money winnings to \$86,000, the second best in LPGA history for a rookie.

"I really got mad at the 11th hole," Lopez said. "I heard a camera snap and it broke my concentration for the first time ever. I felt like my temperature shot up to 150 (degrees) I was so mad."

The picture, snapped by a young-

ster, was taken on her first putt at the 11th hole. She missed the 20-foot putt and another two-footer and made a bogey.

Lopez made a bogey at the next hole, cutting her lead from three shots to one over Post at the time.

She said at the 13th hole, a five-par, she promised herself she could birdie it. Lopez did and also birdied the 14th hole, ensuring the win.

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## Felts being dealt an Aggie belt

Memphis St. running back Danny Felts is on the losing end of this shoving match as A&M defensive tackle Arlis James stops Felts for no gain. In fact, the Aggie defense threw the Tigers

for minus-13 yards rushing and only 102 yards total offense in the Aggies' 17-7 victory.

Battalion photo by Pat O'Malley

# Ags fumble over Memphis

Battalion Staff and wire reports

The Texas Aggies slipped, jumped, fumbled and pounded their way to a 17-7 victory over Memphis State Saturday night.

The slipping came on the natural turf of the Liberty Bowl, the jumping came from A&M's offensive line, the fumbling (six times, losing five) came from the Aggie backs and the A&M defense pounded Memphis St. all night making key plays and holding the Tigers to only seven points.

Aggie tailback Curtis Dickey led the offensive charge along with quarterbacks Mike Mosley and David Beal.

But it was the defense led by James Zachery, Arlis James, Jacob Green, Carl Grulich etc., that really won the game for the Aggies.

Dickey, who carried the ball 31 times for 137 yards, leaped over from one yard out for the final touchdown with three minutes left in the game. Grulich set up the score when he intercepted a pass by reserve Tiger quarterback Darrell Martin and returned it 36 yards to the 1.

Two minutes earlier, A&M kicker David Hardy kicked a 27-yard field goal to break a 7-7 deadlock that existed since earlier in third quarter.

The Aggies, now 2-2 and heading for Lubbock this week, opened the scoring in the second quarter with Mosley running four yards for a touchdown.

Memphis State, 2-2, tied the game when starting quarterback Kevin Betts hit running back Richard Williams with a screen pass and Williams carried the ball 44 yards for the TD.

The Tigers, who were humiliated 58-0 a year ago when they played the Aggies at Kyle Field, stayed in the game thanks to the effort of a defensive unit led by linebacker Rick Ackerman and Todd Ondra. Ondra recovered one fumble and intercepted one pass from backup Aggie quarterback David Beal. Ackerman, a tackle, recovered two fumbles.

The difference in the game, however, resulted from Texas A&M's capitalization on Memphis State turnovers and the Tigers' inability to take advantage of their breaks.

The first A&M touchdown came after linebacker Bobby Stroger recovered a Tiger fumble on the Memphis State 18. Dickey carried the ball to the four and Mosley sprinted outside for the touchdown.

Although it wasn't one of the Aggies' prettier victories, it was a victory nonetheless.

"The bottom line is that it was a victory number two for us and we're thankful for that," said A&M head coach Tom Wilson. "We won the game on defense and on the kicking game, but our offense was terrible." Punter David Appleby had another good game for the Aggies kicking seven times for a 42.1-yard average.

The Tigers' offensive statistics

spoke for the Aggie defense. Memphis St. finished the game with minus-13 yards rushing and only 115 passing.

While the Aggies rolled up 328 yards of offense they could only manage 17 points as fumbles stopped long drives once again this season.

"Their (the A&M offense) inconsistency, lack of poise and the turnovers were very discouraging," Wilson said. "We will focus on remedying that this week."

Dickey and Mosley were both injured in the game but both should be back this week. Dickey played three quarters with a dislocated thumb and Mosley bruised an elbow on his touchdown run.

"I hurt it early in the second quar-

ter and the trainers put it back in place and taped it up so I could go on playing," Dickey said. "I had a hard time holding on to the ball."

The Aggies also led in the penalty column with nine for 85 yards.

Dickey continued his drive for the Heisman and moved up a step on the all-time Southwest Conference rushing list. Dickey passed Dickey Morton of Arkansas and is now third on the list. Dickey is only 178 yards behind second-place Ben Cowins of Arkansas.

Another bright spot for the Aggies was the return of Beal. Beal, who was hurt in preseason and hadn't played before the Memphis St. game, completed four of seven passes for 73 yards but had two picked off.



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## Niekro wins 21; Astros finish

United Press International  
LOS ANGELES — Rookie Dan Heep's eighth-inning sacrifice fly scored Jeff Leonard from third base with the winning run Sunday to give the Houston Astros a 3-2 season-ending victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The Astros, down 2-0 after two innings, came back with a run in the sixth on Denny Walling's single and two more in the eighth on Leonard's

RBI single and Heep's sacrifice fly. Houston starter Joe Niekro went the first seven innings to notch his 21st victory against 11 losses. Joe Sambito pitched the final inning to pick up his 22nd save. Rookie Rick Sutcliffe, 17-10, took the loss.

Niekro's victory left him tied with brother Phil — who notched his 21st win earlier Sunday — for the league lead in victories.

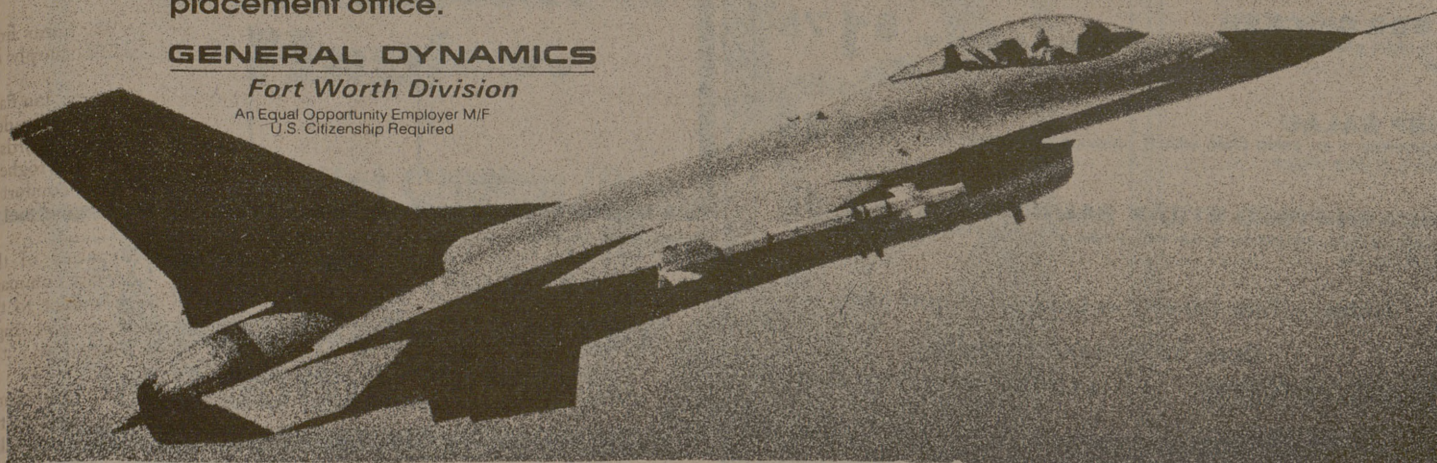
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