

TANK McNAMARA

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Softball team takes Bears; prepares for regional play

The Texas A&M softball team closed out its regular season Saturday with a double-header sweep of Baylor, 10-0, 10-1.

The Aggies, behind the strong pitching performances from Lori Stoll and Shan McDonald, all but humiliated the Bears, holding them to but one run and four base hits for the series.

Stoll struck out nine and gave

up only two hits in the opener which saw the Aggie bats come alive, 10-0.

Nancy Sullivan connected on a two-run homer in the second inning and Mel Pritchard contributed another in the fourth to ignite the Aggies in the first game.

Maria Resendez and Karen Guerrero each drove in two runs for the Aggies. The women

finished the first game with seven hits.

The Aggies continued their hitting in the nightcap, collecting nine hits, including a run-scoring triple by Pritchard in the first inning. Carrie Austgen had a two-run homer in the second.

McDonald collected three strikeouts while giving up only two hits in the nightcap.

"They were both real good ball games. We were concerned about our hitting but we're starting to come around now," head coach Bill Galloway said. "Mel (Pritchard) and Carrie (Austgen) hit good for us today."

We had two or three others perform for us. Nancy had a big home run for us. Baylor had two of the better pitchers in the league and we were able to hit them. I think we are heading in the right direction now," he said.

The Aggies head to Shawnee, Oklahoma for regional competition next weekend where they are seeded number one in the 10-team playoff tournament.

"It's a tough regional. Every game means a lot more for us now," Galloway said.

Golfers finish tourney in ninth

The Texas A&M men's golf team came home from the Southern Invitational Golf Tournament in Athens, Ga. with a ninth-place finish.

The Aggies finished in a tie with the University of Texas and East Tennessee State with a 54-hole tournament score of 898.

North Carolina won the tournament, played at the Athens Country Club, with a three-round score of 871. Florida was second at 874.

Gary Kreuger paced the Aggies, finishing at 220 (67-77-76) after burning the course with a first-round score of 67. Brad Jones was next at 223 (76-73-74), followed by Richard Cromwell (76-74-226), Danny Briggs (78-75-76-229) and Bart Cobb (79-74-79-232).

"Gary had a super first round but didn't get any help from the rest of the team," head coach Bob Ellis said. "The second round was mediocre, we were still in fairly good shape but we let it slip away in the third."

"The last day (third round) was very mediocre. Danny (Briggs) fought hard to keep us in it. He birdied 8 and parred 9 but it was not enough."

Larry Rentz of Florida won the individual title in a playoff with Frank Fuhrer of North Carolina.

The Aggies finished ahead of Centenary by one stroke and by virtue of that will most likely be extended an invitation to the NCAA tournament in Palo Alto, Cal. May 27-30 as the number three team from the 29-team region.

Ellis said that the invitations to the NCAA tournament will be released Wednesday.

Major League Baseball

National League

East				
St. Louis	12	3	.800	—
Montreal	13	6	.684	1
Philadelphia	14	7	.667	1
Pittsburgh	8	8	.500	4½
New York	6	12	.333	7½
Chicago	3	15	.167	10½

West

Los Angeles	16	6	.727	—
Cincinnati	11	10	.524	4½
Atlanta	11	11	.500	5
San Francisco	10	14	.417	7
Houston	9	13	.409	7
San Diego	8	16	.333	9

Sunday's Results

Houston 3, Pittsburgh 1
San Diego 4, New York 1
New York 7, San Diego 4
Philadelphia 7, San Francisco 5
Los Angeles 6, Montreal 1
St. Louis 5, Cincinnati 4
Atlanta 9, Chicago 7

American League

East

Cleveland	10	5	.667	—
New York	13	8	.619	—
Milwaukee	11	8	.579	1
Baltimore	9	9	.500	2½
Detroit	10	12	.455	3½
Boston	7	12	.368	5
Toronto	8	14	.364	5½

West

Oakland	20	5	.800	—
Chicago	12	8	.600	5½
Texas	11	9	.550	6½
California	11	13	.458	8½
Minnesota	9	12	.429	9
Kansas City	5	11	.313	10½
Seattle	6	16	.273	12½

Monday's Games

Houston at Chicago
Los Angeles at Montreal
San Francisco at Philadelphia
Atlanta at St. Louis

Sunday's Results

Texas 9, Kansas City 8
Minnesota 3, Boston 1
Toronto 4, Baltimore 2
Chicago 6, Cleveland 0
New York 3, Oakland 2
New York 2, Oakland 0
Milwaukee 4, California 3
Detroit 8, Seattle 5

Monday's Games

Minnesota at Baltimore
Boston at Kansas City
New York at California
Milwaukee at Seattle

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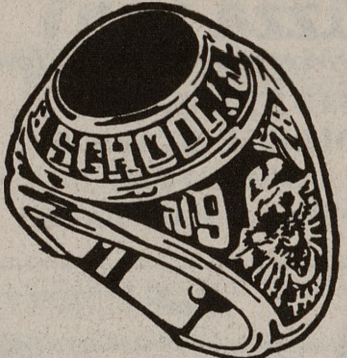
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King admits affair

United Press International

LOS ANGELES — Tennis legend Billie Jean King has admitted having a homosexual affair with a woman several years ago, but she called it a "mistake" and denied ever having promised the woman financial support.

The surprising announcement came Friday in an emotional news conference called by King to answer allegations made in a lawsuit last week by Marilyn Barnett.

Barnett, 33, claimed she and the tennis player became romantically involved in 1972 and lived together in Malibu, Calif., and New York.

The Superior Court suit claims King promised to give Barnett the Malibu home and financial support in return for her services as secretary, cook, cleaning lady, confidante and companion.

At the news conference, King was joined by her husband of 19 years, Larry, and her attorney, Dennis Wasser. She refused to disclose details of her homosexual relationship with Barnett.

King, occasionally resting her head on her husband's shoulder and appearing on the verge of tears,

spoke of the situation.

"Against the advice of my attorney, I have called this news conference," she said. "I felt very strong about this. I've always been above board with the press and I will talk now as I have always talked, from my heart."

"I did have an affair with Marilyn, but it was over quite some time ago. I'm very disturbed and shocked Marilyn would do this in such a selfish way."

She and Wasser both emphatically denied charges she had ever offered Barnett a home or financial support.

The attorney said said he and the Kings were in the process of getting an eviction notice to remove Ms. Barnett from the premises.

King's husband, also named in the suit, opened the news conference, calling it "a difficult time in Billie Jean, her family and friends."

"I have loved her deeply for 19 years," he added, "and nothing will change that."

Billie Jean said, "I've known for quite a while Marilyn was unstable. I made a mistake and I assume all responsibility for it from the fans."

Putnam's homer lifts Rangers over Royals, 9-8

United Press International

ARLINGTON — The Texas Rangers' Pat Putnam has faced Kansas City pitcher Juan Berenguer on two occasions and both times he liked what he saw.

Putnam banged a 330-foot home run off Berenguer to lead off the 10th inning Sunday night, giving the Rangers a 9-8 victory over Kansas City.

The smash capped a frantic Texas rally that saw the Rangers score six runs in the final four innings.

"I wasn't trying for the home run. I was just trying to get a hit," said Putnam, who drilled a 3-2 pitch that struck the right field foul pole and bounced fair.

Putnam said he faced Berenguer, now 2-2, one other time, hitting a home run during spring training.

"That time it was an off speed pitch. No pitcher likes trying the same thing twice," Putnam said.

Texas scored twice in the first when John Grubb, who has 15 RBI in his last 11 games, singled in two runs, and made it 3-0 in the second on Bump Wills' sacrifice fly.

Starter Ferguson Jenkins held the Royals to four hits through five scoreless innings, but was shelved for five straight hits and four runs before an out was made in the sixth.

Sparkling the Royals to a 7-3 lead, Hal McRae and Willie Aikens had RBI singles and Amos

Otis a two-run double. Frank White squeezed in a run as Cesar Geronimo hit a two-run homer to make it 7-3.

"I went with him (Jenkins) and it was 5-3, but I didn't know the next guy up would hit a two-run homer," said Texas manager Dave Zimmer. Jenkins was relieved by Dave Schmidt and John Herr Johnson, who combined to limit the Royals to one run and six hits in four and two-thirds innings. Johnson, 1-1, got the victory.

Texas' Al Oliver cut the deficit to 8-5 with a two-run single in the seventh and Bump Wills tied it in the eighth when he singled home Putnam, capping a three-run outburst.

Astros beat Pirates, 3-1

United Press International

PITTSBURGH — Pirates hurler Jim Bibby Sunday confirmed an old baseball adage: walk a pitcher, it means a run. However, Bibby added a new chapter: walk a pitcher twice, it means the game.

Don Sutton, the Houston

Astros right-hander who was issued a base on balls three times in all, figured in his team's first two runs in the 3-1 win Sunday over Pittsburgh.

Bibby, 1-1, handed Sutton a free pass and an RBI in the second inning. The bases happened to be

loaded at the time, making the score 1-0 Houston.

Then in the fourth, a Bibby walk to Sutton sent to second baseman Alan Ashby, who had reached base on a fielder's choice. Ashby scored when Terry Puhl singled to right and the Astros went ahead 2-1.

"I have never had three walks in a game," said Sutton, 2-3, "a matter of fact I have never walked another pitcher two times in one game."

"Obviously Bibby wasn't pitching the way he wanted to. It got to the point where there is no logical explanation left for it."

Harvey Haddix, the Pirates' pitching coach, said Bibby tossed only six pitches in the first inning but threw 38 times in the second.

"Obviously, it was not an easy day for Bibby," said Haddix. "He struggled all day and we're happy he didn't give up more runs."

Pirate shortstop Tim Lincecum blamed it on a virus which recently kept Bibby out of the Pirates' rotation for awhile.

"He pitched well, but we could tell he is not all the way back from his sickness," said Puhl. "That layoff certainly has to affect his rhythm."

Ironically, Tony Pena scored the Bucs' lone run in the third on an Omar Moreno double after Sutton had walked the rookie catcher and Bibby sacrificed him to second.

The former Dodger walked four — only one less than Bibby — struck out five and gave up four hits in seven innings. Three relievers helped out, including Dave Smith, who pitched the last inning and picked up his second save.

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