

Greensboro Open prelude to Master's

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GREENSBORO, N.C. — Most of golf's top money winners have skipped the Greater Greensboro Open to prepare for next week's Masters and that's just fine with Craig Stadler.

Stadler opens play in today's first round with a hot hand and the absence of players like Tom Watson, Jerry Pate and Tom Kite leaves him as a favorite in this tournament he won in 1980.

"I'm hitting the ball pretty good now and I've been playing good week in and week out," said Stadler, the tour's third leading money winner and the top money winner in the GGO field.

Aside from Stadler, only two of the top 10 money winners are playing the Greensboro stop. Scott Simpson, who finished second in Hawaii and tied for second in the Tournament Players Championship, is in the field along with Wayne Levi, who won at Hawaii.

Ray Floyd, a native of nearby Fayetteville is in the field, along with Lee Trevino, and Gary Play-

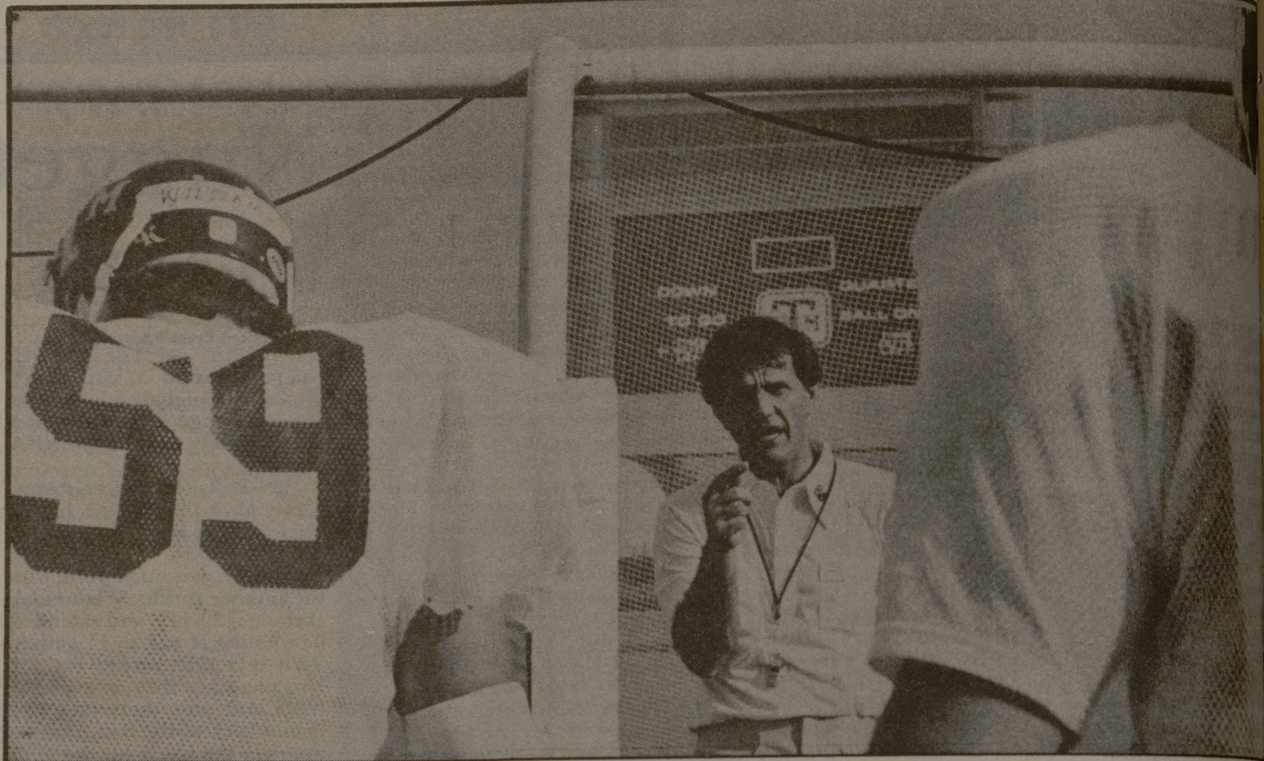
er, making his 25th straight GGO appearance.

The 6,984-yard Forest Oaks layout, in contrast to the short layout with its tiny greens at Hilton Head where last week's tournament was played, is an open course with large undulating greens that favors the long hitter.

"I feel like it's going to be nice to change greens," said defending champion Larry Nelson, who won the tournament in one of the year's most incredible finishes on the tour.

Last year, Nelson's victory was overshadowed by the way he did it, sinking a 20-foot sand shot for a birdie on the final hole of regulation that tied him with his good friend Mark Hayes and set up a playoff Nelson won on the second hole of sudden death.

"I'm kinda anxious to get back to the 18th hole to see just how deep that bunker is," said Nelson. "It gets deeper and deeper when you tell the story."



Here's how it's done

Aggie football coach Jackie Sherrill discusses strategy with offensive tackle Chuck Williams (59) and Tim Ward during Wednesday's session of spring practice

in Kyle Field. Sherrill has said during the first drill that the offensive line is his main source of concern. Today's drill is the third in a series of 20 this spring.

LPGA tourney begins

Lopez-Melton eager

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RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. — Nancy Lopez-Melton has lost nearly 30 pounds in the last six months but has gained a ton of confidence.

She took her renewed confidence into today's opening round of the \$300,000 LPGA tournament, sponsored by Dinah Shore and Nabisco, at the Mission Hills Country Club that offers \$45,000 to the winner.

"I'm getting confident

again," Lopez-Melton said Wednesday after playing in a pro-am.

"At first I was coming into the ball too fast because I was quicker since losing all the weight," she said.

"I had a chance to win but couldn't make any putts the last day. The greens were so long, slow and grainy, I made only one birdie and three-putted twice. But the greens at Mission

Hills are perfect."

Last year she fired a tournament record 8-under-par 64 in the final round at Mission Hills to win by two strokes over Carolyn Hill and earn \$37,500.

"I really want to win again," said Lopez-Melton. She is currently second on the 1982 money list with \$66,993. The field features 87 players, including winners of all the 1982 tournaments.

Weaver's needling inspires Baltimore infielder Dauer

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CLEARWATER, Fla. — Earl Weaver really gave Rich Dauer a fair amount of criticism earlier in the spring.

That excitable little gray-haired man with the sandpaper voice was giving this poor frightened young fellow an awful time in the Baltimore Orioles' camp.

"Hey, Dauer," he hollered at him, "you still haven't had a hit yet this spring and (Vic) Rodriguez already has."

That was Earl Weaver, the needler.

Rodriguez is a 20-year-old rookie. He plays second base, the same position as Dauer, and can handle third base too. He hit .306 with Charlotte in the Southern League last year and has a fine future ahead of him, but the Orioles cut him last week for reassignment. And here was Weaver making it sound like Rodriguez was creeping up on Dauer's back.

Dauer wasn't taking it, though.

He threw his glove down angrily.

"All you have to do is trade me," he hollered right back at Weaver. "I'll go."

The Orioles' manager couldn't help laughing.

Rich Dauer is the last fellow in the world he'd ever think of sending anywhere else. Weaver thinks too much of him.

"He loves playing ball so much, he doesn't care if he makes a nickel doing it," Weaver said after his second baseman was out of earshot. "He has played on one leg for me more than once. He wants to be up there with the winning run on second and two out. He loves that. He's one of the best hit-and-run men I ever had on this team. The worst thing I can say about him is he played in college. But he played for a real good man there, Rod Dedeaux at USC. I told him if he hits .300, he can call me 'coach.'"

Dauer hasn't hit .300 yet in over five seasons he has been with the Orioles, but he has done so many other things for them, that hardly anyone notices.

Last year, he led all regular

American League second basemen in fielding, topped the Orioles in doubles with 27, was the third toughest hitter in the league for pitchers to strike out and finished with a .263 average after being up to .284 as late as Aug. 28.

With veteran shortstop Mark Belanger gone to the Dodgers, Dauer will be the man in charge of the infield. He'll have to learn to call the plays, and how to direct traffic the way Belanger did on the cutoffs and relays.

"When I was a rookie, I thought I knew enough to take charge, but I really didn't," Dauer admitted. "I've learned that a lot of people are smarter than me. I think I know enough now, so I can take charge."

Dauer isn't fast at all. He's slow afoot. Yet he has excellent reflexes and he's quick.

Compared to other second basemen in the league, the Orioles' 29-year-old San Bernardino, Calif., native doesn't move as swiftly as any of them, but somehow you can always

count on him being in front of the ball and grabbing it.

Dauer has great hands and extraordinary concentration on ground balls.

When he first came up with Baltimore during the latter part of the 1976 season after hitting .336 at Rochester and leading the International League that year, he was considered a better offensive than defensive player.

"They thought I was all right and not much glove when I joined the Orioles, and I learned pretty much the same impression," he said.

"But I found out it wasn't the way at all after I went somewhere like 1-for-40 when I broke and learned right quick that I couldn't and wouldn't swing a job just with my bat alone."

Dauer plays the hitters perfectly.

"Ninety-five percent of the time I play 90 percent of the time behind second base — the pitchers' glove, if you know what I mean — and 90 percent of the time the hitters hit the right to me," said Dauer.

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Softball team late to game, but tops Arizona State 4-1

by Gaye Denley
Battalion Staff

A late Aggie arrival was the only deviation in the Texas A&M softball team's 4-1 victory over Arizona State University Tuesday.

Though one game of the

scheduled doubleheader in Tempe, Ariz., was canceled due to the late plane, the remaining game followed the same pattern as the Aggies' other 19 victories.

Shan McDonald pitched a six-hitter that would have been a shutout except for one unearned Arizona State run.

Her teammates backed her up with a four-run second inning, and eight hits in the game.

With one out in the top of the second, Patti Holthaus reached first base on a Sun Devil error, and catcher Gay McNutt followed with a double to put runners on second and third.

Shannon Murray, the first baseman, loaded the bases with a bunt. The next batter, Melody Pritchard, picked up an RBI when her single up the middle scored Holthaus.

The bases still loaded, outfielder Eya Resendez reached base on a fielder's choice, but McNutt was thrown out trying to reach home.

With two outs and a 1-0 lead, outfielder Iva Jackson hit a shot to second base, and a Sun Devil error on the play scored Murray and Pritchard. Jackson reached first base.

Resendez accounted for the Aggies' final run, scoring on an RBI single from shortstop Carrie Austgen.

The Aggies, now 20-1, continue their road trip today opening as the third seed against the United States International team in the Pony Invitational at Fullerton, Calif.

Utah State, the 1981 national champion, is the tournament favorite. Host Cal-State Fullerton is the second seed.

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