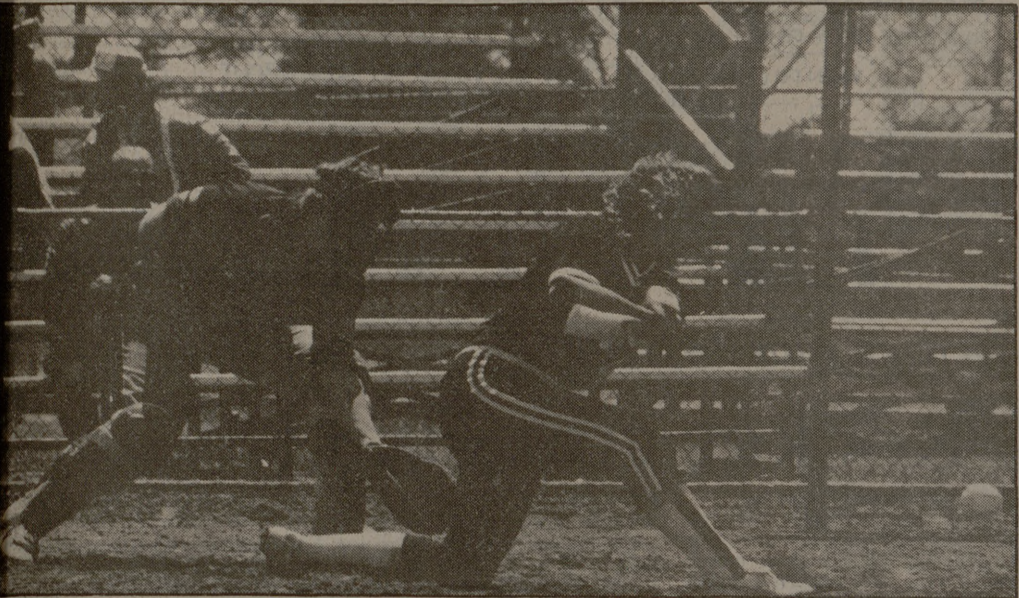


Softball team splits double-header with Bearkats



staff photo by David Fisher

Aggie second baseman makes contact during a game with Minnesota at Travis Park in Bryan Sunday. Texas

A&M won this game, but split with Sam Houston Wednesday in Huntsville. The Aggies are now 30-4 this spring.

by Gaye Denley

Battalion Staff
Pitcher Shan McDonald remained undefeated in 14 starts this spring as the Texas Aggie softball team split a double-header with Sam Houston State University in Huntsville Wednesday. Texas A&M won the first game 2-1, but dropped the finale 5-4.
McDonald allowed only one hit in the first game and struck out three, as her teammates put together a pair of one-run in-

nings late in the game for the victory.

The Aggies scored their first run in the top of the fifth inning on an RBI single from Karen Guerrero—one of her four hits on the day. Rose Ruffino, pinch running for Gay McNutt, had reached base on a fielder's choice and, after a sacrifice bunt, scored on Guerrero's single.

Mary Lou Youngblood led off the sixth inning with a single to left field, and two outs later,

Carrie Austgen singled up the middle to score Youngblood from second base and give the Aggies the winning run.

Sam Houston had scored an unearned run in the second in-

ning.

In the second game, the Aggies fell one run short despite their 12 hits, dropping their fourth game of the season 5-4.

Trevino says golf's "fifth major" more important tourney

United Press International

RANCHO LA COSTA, Calif. — The 30th annual Tournament of Champions tees off today as an elite field of 31 golfers chases \$350,000 in prize money and the most "major" of the non-major titles.

Lee Trevino, who grinned his way through nine years of frustration, including five second-place finishes before winning the tournament last year, says the tournament should be considered one of the majors.

"Jack Nicklaus, Tom Watson and other top players have called the Tournament of Champions the fifth major," Trevino said. "I put it ahead of the Masters and consider it the fourth major."

"La Costa is a great course, especially groomed for us, with a lot of rough to make it a great test of golf. If you hit a bad shot, you're penalized, which is how it should be. At Augusta, there's no rough at all. You have to swing from the heels, and there's no placement at all."

"Finally, winning the Tournament of Champions has meant a lot to me. Look at the list of winners: Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, Sam Snead, Gary Player, Gene Littler, Tom Watson and Johnny Miller and others. It really means something when you're the champion of champions."

A bunkerfull of pros broke La Costa's par 72 in the pro-am Wednesday, led by Tom Kite's 5-under par 67, two shots better than the next lowest professional score, a 69 from Peter Oosterhuis.

Craig Stadler, who won last week's Masters in sudden death, completed the field of 31 in the exclusive tournament, for which only winners of major PGA tournaments in the last 12 months and the winner of the British Open are eligible.

SWC makes early plays in basketball recruiting

United Press International

Arkansas might sign the best talent some years and Houston might do it on other occasions, but there always seems to be one constant when it comes to recruiting high school basketball players in the Southwest Conference.

Texas Tech is going to land somebody from Hobbs, N.M., and that somebody is going to be good.

Red Raiders coach Gerald Myers did it again Wednesday on the first day that high school basketball players could sign scholarship agreements.

Tech signed Tony Benford from Hobbs, marking the fifth straight year the Raiders have landed the player of the year from New Mexico.

Benford, a 6-3 guard, averaged 27.5 points and 16.3 rebounds for the Hobbs Eagles last season.

Other highlights on the opening day of basketball recruiting were the signing of San Antonio Churchill star Gary Heyland by Baylor and Arkansas' expected signing of guard Willie Cutts of Bryant, Ark.

Only Houston and SMU among Southwest Conference schools did not announce any signings Wednesday. The Mustangs feel they are in the running for Carl Wright, a 6-5 standout from Dallas Roosevelt who was among the leading prospects not to sign at the earliest opportunity.

Baylor coach Jim Haller, in need of a key player to try to replace the loss of superstar Terry Teagle, made a big catch in Heyland. The Bears also signed 6-10 John Graves of Glendale Junior College in Phoenix, Ariz.

"These two signings thrill me to death," said Haller. "Both will have a chance to play for us immediately."

Arkansas coach Eddie Sutton was at the Bryant high school early Wednesday to sign Cutts, a 6-3 guard who averaged 26 points a game during his senior year.

Elsewhere around the Southwest Conference, Rice grabbed 6-1 guard Ivan Pettit of Bay City. TCU signed 6-10 center Tony Papa of Angleton, who averaged 16 points and nine rebounds a game last year, and

new Texas coach Bob Weltlich picked up 6-8 David Seitz of Birmingham, Ala., and 6-3 Karl Willock of Albuquerque.

Houston coach Guy Lewis plans to sign at least three recruits and the Cougars are talking seriously with a player from Los Angeles. Lewis' recruiting plans could also center around a decision which is pending from guard Rob Williams.

Williams is considering turning professional despite having another year of eligibility and Lewis has been quoted as saying he does expect Williams to make himself available for the NBA draft.

Texas is also sweating out a similar decision by center LaSalle Thompson, who has said during the past week he has yet to make up his mind about an early pro career.

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