

Doubles pairing winners

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FORT WORTH — Reigning Wimbledon doubles champions Martina Navratilova and Pam Shriver rolled to a convincing opening round victory over Mary Lou Piatek and Wendy White, 6-3, 6-3, in the \$150,000 World Doubles Championship. Navratilova of Dallas and Shriver of Lutherville, Md., had little trouble advancing to the second round in the eight-team event, breaking White's serve in the eighth game of the first set to lead 5-3, with Shriver holding her own service in the ensuing game to clinch the opening set. The Navratilova-Shriver team will play the winner of Thursday's match between Sue Barker and Ann Kiyomura and Billie Jean King and Ilana Kloss.

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Astros given Cocoa Stadium for training

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COCOA, Fla. — The Cocoa City Council has decided to give Cocoa Stadium to the Houston Astros — lock, stock and bleachers. Cocoa is the spring-time home of the Astros, who travel there every year for spring training.

The Houston club had offered to pay \$300,000 for the 20-year old stadium last fall, and had indicated this spring it would buy it for \$400,000 if some other stipulations were met.

Councilman Leon Collins, who proposed the giveaway, said keeping the Astros in Cocoa

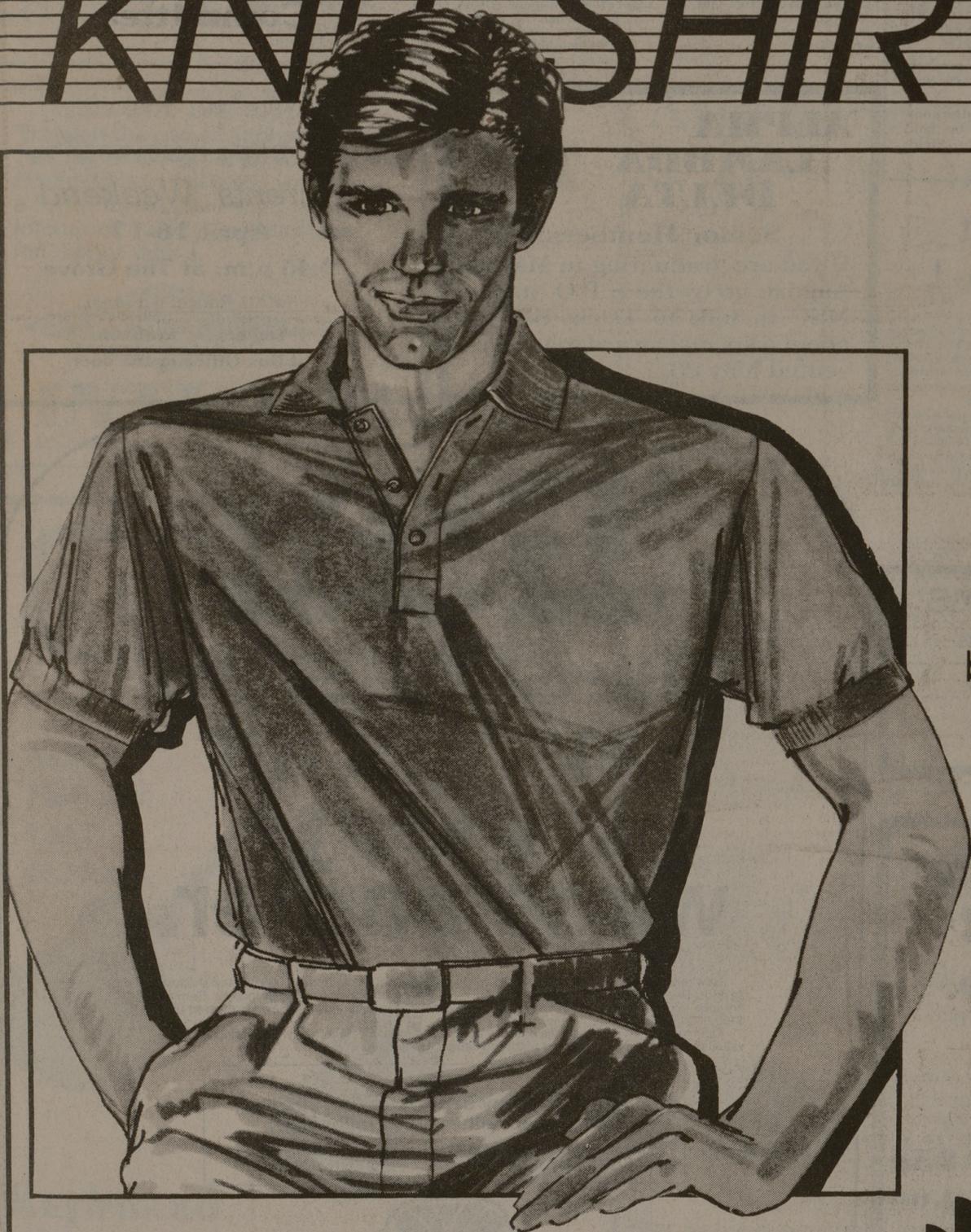
for spring training was important, and the city financial benefits it would run.

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If the Astros sell the stadium within 10 years, they must give a rebate to the city.



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