

Golfers

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national Tournament in Fort Worth in May.  
Other Aggies in the top 20 were freshman Sandy Pierce, fourth overall with a 54-hole score of 135, and sophomore Kel Devlin, son of touring

pro Bruce Devlin, ninth with a 218; Gary Krueger, 14th with a 222, and Paul Oglesby, 16th with a 223.  
Consistent play by team members en route to winning the championship probably reinforced Briggs' feelings on the

overall quality of the team.  
"Man for man I think we're as good as anybody in the nation," he said last week.  
"You have to build up over a period of time. This year we've started at the right rate and we're going to peak at the right

time."  
The Aggies have only two tournaments remaining this season — the Southern Intercollegiate, which will be hosted by the University of Georgia May 6-8, and the NCAA Tournament at Pinehurst, N.C., May 26-29.

Texas A&M finished No. 10 in the nation, based on its performance in last year's national tournament, and could better that this season.  
"If we play well we can win it," Briggs said of the NCAA championship tournament last week.

Aggie bats cut loose

A&M sweeps St. Mary's

by Gaye Denley

**Battalion Staff**  
Lori Stoll pitched still another no-hitter and Pati Holthaus had a perfect game from the batter's box as the Texas Aggie softball team swept a doubleheader from St. Mary's University 5-0, 10-3 Saturday in San Antonio.  
Aggie batters had their hottest day of the season, connecting on 29 of 67 at bats for a team average of .433, as Stoll and Holthaus continued to dominate on the mound.

"We hit the ball real well — we had several home runs," Coach Bob Brock said. "They continue to really be on a rampage."  
In the first game, the Aggies spread out their five runs over four innings as four players batted .500 or better: Iya Resendez was two-for-two, Mary Lou Youngblood went two-for-three and Josie Carter and Karen Guerrero both connected on two of four at bats.  
One of Youngblood's singles scored Resendez in the third inning for the Aggies' first run, and a solo home run from Gay McNutt in the fourth made the score 2-0. Carter and Holthaus collected an RBI in sixth and seventh innings as Texas A&M posted three more runs for the 5-0 victory.

The second game was a case for the record books. Rose Ruffino led off the game with a single, and her teammates followed with six more before St. Mary's finally got a batter out. By the end of the inning, Texas A&M had gone through its entire lineup for three runs.  
Holthaus took over from there, hitting the first of her four RBI on four at bats in the third inning. A fourth-inning home run from Youngblood, an unearned run by Carrie Austgen and more RBI from Holthaus highlighted Aggie scoring for the remainder of the game.

Braves edge Astros 6-5  
to guard record streak

**United Press International**  
HOUSTON — Biff Poceroba hit a fastball, but Dave Smith, who threw it, said it was a change-up.  
"At least I hope I can throw harder than that," the Houston pitcher said of the ball that Poceroba drove to the center-field wall to score the two runs that gave the Atlanta Braves a 6-5 victory over the Astros.

No matter what Poceroba hit, he produced the Braves 11th straight victory since opening day, breaking the National League record held by the 1955 Brooklyn Dodgers and 1962 Pittsburgh Pirates. It also tied the major league record for starting victories established by the Oakland A's last year.  
The Astros and Braves were deadlocked 4-4 with two on and two out when Poceroba was summoned in the 8th inning to hit for Al Hrabosky, the ultimate winning pitcher.  
With the count 1-1, Smith tried a change-up outside, he said. Poceroba connected solidly and the red-hot Braves kept their string alive.  
"I should have pitched him inside," Smith said later. "I'd thrown the first two pitches away from him."

But the Braves have everyone they play second-guessing themselves. Everything the Atlantics do seems to come out right, Houston manager Bill Virdon, however, pointed out that things don't go that way for 162 games.  
Not that he is downplaying the Braves. "I felt before this season began that they could be very tough if they got the pitching," he said. "We still have to see how their pitching holds up over a long distance."

One thing Virdon wondered was how the Braves will react when inevitable difficulties arise. "It seems to me there is a lot of euphoria on the team to have just played 11 games." But Joe Torre, the Atlanta manager, contended after Sunday's win, "We still have our feet on the ground." It seemed to be a direct answer, even if unintentional, to Virdon's assessment that the Braves may be taking this high ride too much to heart.

Lendl wins tennis tournament by default

**United Press International**  
HOUSTON — Neither rain nor snow nor gloom of night kept Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia from dominating the World Championship Tennis circuit this year.  
Lendl, the powerful East European pushing John McEnroe for the top spot in men's tennis, traded strokes with Argentina's Jose-Luis Clerc Sunday in a rainy tournament final and when night came he was still leading. Clerc, however, took a \$86,000 walk back to his hotel.  
The match for the River Oaks International tennis title was declared a default and Lendl was awarded a \$100,000, first-prize check in most unusual circumstances. Clerc took home a check for \$32,000.  
When Clerc quit, apparently because he didn't want the match switched to a lighted court when 45 minutes of daylight remained, he was en route to trying the match at two sets each.  
WCT official Zeno Phau de-

clared the default.  
"I think a professional ought to finish his match," he said. "Clerc said he felt the light was sufficient and he did not want to move."  
The four-hour and 21-minute contest ended with Clerc leading 4-1 in the fourth set after he had won one of the previous three sets.  
Play had been suspended twice for a total of 85 minutes and the last two sets had been played in a steady drizzle.  
Clerc left the unlighted Stadium Court at River Oaks Country Club, speaking only to Phau.  
"When he left Stadium Court, he said he was not going to play anymore. I gave him three minutes to reach Court No. 5. When I got there and everybody was there but Clerc, I defaulted it," Phau said.  
Lendl said he had asked tournament officials to move the match to the lighted court because he had been unable to see to serve.

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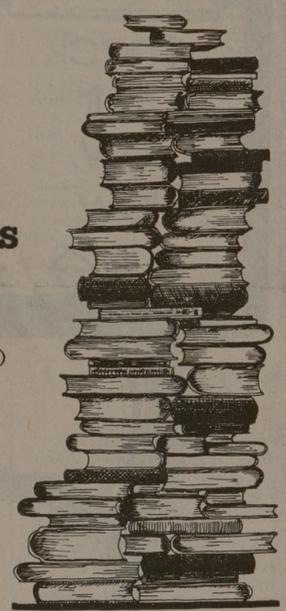
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