

# Women golfers head for state

By Elaine Engstrom  
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The nationally-ranked Texas A&M women's golf team will open competition Sunday in the

three-day Texas Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women state golf tournament. Eight teams will play in the tourney, to be held at Wildwood

Golf Course north of Beaumont. The five-woman squad will play 18 holes each day and the team score is taken from the lowest four scores.

The Aggies are third in both the national AIAW and NCAA rankings. The University of Tulsa is first and Texas Christian University is second with Southern Methodist University following the Aggies with a fourth-place ranking.

The team, ranked fourth in the fall, moved up to third place following a second-place finish in the final fall tournament.

The five Texas A&M golfers playing in the tournament are co-captains Shirley Furlong and Monica Welsh, Patricia Gonzalez, Jackie Bertram and Susan Yantis.

Coach Kitty Holley thinks the team has played consistently this year and should do well at the state tournament.

"The team played two weeks

ago on the same course at the Lamar Invitational and finished fourth, but we were only three shots out of second place," she said. "We haven't practiced very much because of the rain this week, but the girls are very excited and we expect to win."

Familiarity with the course should help the team do well in the tournament, Furlong said. "We all know the course," she said. "We have four veterans returning from last year's tournament and everyone was shooting around par last week."

"The course is in Big Thicket country and has lots of trees. The key will be to keep the ball in play out of the trees and to concentrate on playing the course instead of the other teams," Furlong said.

The men's golf team's recent victory at the Southwest Conference tournament has made the women more determined to win state and to do well in the two national tournaments coming up.

"The men's team has helped to inspire us," Furlong said. "We asked the guys what their secret weapon was and they us told to practice our short game (chipping and putting on the green) and to keep a positive attitude and we have."

Yantis said: "We've had a rough semester, but everyone's getting it together now. We're really fired up because of the men's win."

The women's team will finish out the year in the NCAA tournament May 26-29 at Stanford University and in the AIAW tournament at Ohio State University June 16-19.



# A&M hosts USVBA regional championship tournament

Texas A&M University will be the site of the 1982 United States Volleyball Association's AA Regional Championships, to be held Saturday starting at 8 a.m. in the East Kyle Recreation Building and G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Nine men's teams and nine women's teams from all over South Texas will compete for the right to represent the USVBA's Lone Star Region at the 1982 national championships in Hilo, Hawaii on May 11-

15. This weekend's tournament is being hosted by the Texas A&M volleyball club.

In the men's division, the Aggies are the defending champs. Texas A&M has won the championship the past two years and will be pressed this season by the Houston Volleyball Club, Port Neches Canoe Club and the Tri-Cities Volleyball Club from the San Antonio area.

Members of the Texas A&M team include captain Fariborz Estakhri; middle blockers Mark Piwonka, Shawn Boatman, George Mehaffey and Mike Kvello; outside attackers Tim Friedlander and Mike Shannon and setters Fred Battenfield and John Kelly. The team's co-coaches are Estakhri and Noel Orr.

In the women's division, the 1981 AIAW national champions from the University of Texas will enter two. Other top contenders are Houston Volleyball Club, the University of Texas at Austin, and the Benning University of Texas at Dallas.

Every team in the tournament will play a round-robin during the day, with men's and women's being divided into two. The top two from each advance to the semifinals, which are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. The finals will be held at 7:30 p.m. on the floor of the coliseum. The door to the finals will be closed.

# New tournament to be 'NIT' of college tennis

MONROE, La. — A new tournament modeled after basketball's NIT will rank as the second most prestigious event in college tennis, Northeast Louisiana University officials say.

To be called the National Independent Tennis Tournament, the meet would include the top men's teams in the nation that do not participate in the NCAA championship — which involves only 16 teams.

"This tournament will fill a vacuum in college tennis," NLU coach Wilson Campbell said Thursday. "Probably fewer teams get to participate in the NCAA tennis tournament than in any other NCAA championship, so there are many other strong teams which deserve a chance to compete in a national tournament."

Campbell said he had already obtained commitments from several nationally ranked teams for the tournament, which will be held May 15-18 at the Heard Tennis Complex at NLU.

Teams already committed to attend include California-Irvine, which has beaten three Top 20 teams; Auburn, currently ranked in the Top 20; San Jose State and Minnesota.

# McEnroe wins opener after five hour match

DALLAS — John McEnroe did what everyone expected in his first match of the \$300,000 World Championship Finals, but it took a record 4 hours and 40 minutes to play. McEnroe, the tournament's top seed, weathered a serve-and-volley attack from eighth-seeded Bill Scanlon of Thursday night, 5-7, 6-4, 2-6, 7-6, 6-4, to advance to the semifinals.

"I expected a tough match," said McEnroe, who has not won a match since straining a ligament in his left ankle in March. "I knew it wouldn't be easy. Bill's given me tough matches in the past."

The 25-year-old Scanlon, ranked 41st in the world, was on by a hometown crowd and captured the opening set with powerful service and net attack.

McEnroe took the second set, unveiling his net attack and 10 winners. Scanlon duplicated the figure in the third set. McEnroe committed five unforced errors.

Scanlon failed to cash in on four match points in the fourth which McEnroe rallied to win in a 10-8 tie-breaker. At that point, the defending WCT champion assumed control in the fifth set, 6-4.

"I felt the longer the match went, the better it would be for Scanlon," said McEnroe. "He (McEnroe) has an injury and he hasn't played competitive tennis for a while. But he showed that he had taken to win."

The marathon match established a WCT Finals record, previous longest WCT Finals match was 4 hours, 5 minutes, 1975 by Bjorn Borg and Rod Laver.

McEnroe complained of some soreness in his ankle and hoped it would improve before meeting Eddie Dibbs of Saturday's semifinals. Dibbs, the No. 4 seed, defeated Tomas of Czechoslovakia earlier in the week.

In tonight's closing quarterfinals match, third-seeded Pat Clerc of Argentina meets No. 6 seed Vijay Amritraj of India.

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