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## Ag golfers go south of border

By ANGELA ATKINS  
Reporter

With the temperature hovering around 32 degrees this past Monday, the Texas A&M men's golf team qualified for the Pan American Intercollegiate Tournament to be held today through Saturday in Monterrey, Mexico.

The tourney, held at the Club Campestre, begins the 1985 season for the Aggie linksters under Coach Bob Ellis. Ellis said consistency will be the key to his team's success in Mexico.

The tournament field features Southwest Conference foes Arkansas and Texas, along with Lamar and Houston Baptist — teams all ranked in the nation's Top 20. The Traditional SWC power Houston, ranked No. 1 in the country, will not compete in the tourney. Ellis' Aggies are ranked No. 18 in the polls.

"Our conference is so strong that we can go out and finish fourth in a tournament and still have played decent," said Aggie golfer Randy Wylie.

Leading the team in to its first major tournament of the year is junior Jorge Coghlan. Coghlan, a native of Mexico, was a member of the 1984 All-America Honorable Mention team and was named to the All-Southwest Conference team last season. Ellis said Coghlan is the team's most consistent player.

Freshman Flint Nelson, from Houston, was close to winning a few tournaments this past fall and should continue to show improvement this spring, Ellis said.

## Texas A&M Sportscope

### Aggie Basketball

Saturday — Aggie women vs. Miami (Fla.)  
G. Rollie White Coliseum — 7:30 p.m.

### Aggie Tennis

Inclinate weather has forced cancellation of the last two women's dual matches, but the men will be in action this weekend at home.

Friday — Aggie men vs. Lamar

Saturday — Aggie men vs. Southwestern Louisiana  
All matches scheduled for 1:30 p.m. at the Omar Smith Tennis Center

Coach David Kent's men's team is coming off a good showing in the U.S. TATCA Team Championships at Louisville, Ky. The Ags defeated Utah and Oklahoma State to capture the consolation title. A&M's only loss came to No. 2 Stanford in the opening round of the tourney.

### Aggie Indoor Track

For the second time this season, the A&M men's and women's indoor track teams will travel back across the Red River to Oklahoma for a meet. The Oklahoma City Invitational, held this Saturday, will be the final warm-up before the Southwest Conference Indoor Championships in Fort Worth next weekend.

### Aggie Swimming

Coach Mel Nash's A&M men's and women's swim teams will head to Houston Friday to face Rice in dual meet competition. Both teams had to cancel last weekend's scheduled dual meet with Texas due to inclimate weather.

Other players composing the five-man traveling squad to Mexico are junior Paul Mayo, junior Scott Lee and sophomore John Saffle.

The Aggies have not been able to practice as hard as they usually do because of the recent inclimate weather, but most of the other teams have had the same problem. Despite that, the Aggies think they are ready to play.

The Aggies may be a young team, with only two seniors, but 13 players

on the roster gives them a lot of depth.

The seniors on the team are John Pierce of Cocoa Beach, Fla. and Sandy Pierce of Houston. Other team members are: David Jones, junior from Missouri City, Wis.; Steve Cigelnik, sophomore transfer from Ohio State; Mike Hatch, freshman from Fort Benning, Ga.; Mackenzie, freshman from Ohio; and Neil Hickerson.

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## U.S. women's ski team claims first gold medal

Associated Press

SANTA CATERINA, Italy — Diann Roffe, a 17-year-old from Williamson, N.Y., became the first U.S. woman ever to win a gold medal in World Championship Alpine skiing Wednesday, capturing the giant slalom in 2 minutes, 18.53 seconds.

The first-place finish by Roffe and a third place for teammate Eva Twardokens gave the U.S. team its best performance ever in a single World Championship event and broke the Swiss hold on the races so far.

Roffe also became one of the youngest women ever to win a gold medal in World Championship Alpine skiing.

Elisabeth Kirchner of Austria was second in 2:19.13, as her nation's once-mighty team has been held to only four silver medals. Debbie Armstrong, the Olympic giant slalom gold medalist in Sarajevo, came in fourth in 2:19.26, adding to the American euphoria. Twardokens' time was 2:19.21.

"It's just a matter of getting in there and nailing it," Roffe said after a flawless second run down the 343-

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meter Cevedale course that catapulted her from fifth place in the first heat to the overall lead and the gold medal.

"I just can't believe it's happened," said Roffe, one of the youngest competitors on the World Cup ski circuit.

Her surprising victory came after the Swiss swept the first four gold medals in the championships being held here and in the nearby northern Italian resort of Bormio.

Roffe clocked 1:09.18 in the first run on a hard, icy track, and barreled down the track as the first skier in the second run three hours later, clocking 1:09.35.

The pixie-faced teen-ager was mobbed by well-wishers sensing a major upset, after Twardokens

dropped from the No. 1 spot in the first run to third overall. Roffe's previous World Cup best was an eighth place last year in a World Cup giant slalom in Lake Placid, N.Y.

"In this run I was a little more passive," the 19-year-old Twardokens of Squaw Valley, Calif., said after turning in runs of 1:08.91 and 1:10.30.

"I think we have a very competitive giant slalom team."

Also among the well-wishers of the finish line was Tamara McKinney of Lexington, Ky., the former World Cup champion, who took a dramatic spill on the first run through three gates from the finish line. Her left thumb was visibly swollen, but she said she would still compete Saturday's slalom.

"Oh yes, I'll be there," McKinney said. "It takes more than that to hurt me back."

McKinney's third place in the women's combined was the best American showing before Wednesday during the championships.

## Hawaiian Open Renner's nemesis

Associated Press

HONOLULU — Jack Renner takes a placid, almost fatalistic view of his role as a central figure in the dramatic conclusions of the last two Hawaiian Open golf tournaments.

"Things seem to happen to me in this tournament," Renner said before a practice round for the \$500,000 event that begins Thursday on the 6,861-yard, par 72 Waialae Country Club course.

It was something of an understatement.

Two years ago, Renner was checking his card in the scoring tent, as apparent winner of this title, when he became the victim of one of the more dramatic shots of the season. Isao Aoki holed a full wedge shot from the rough on the 18th for an eagle-3 that deprived Renner of the victory.

Then, last year, it was Renner's turn. Wearing his trademark white

cap, he birdied four of the last seven holes to tie Wayne Levi at the end of the regulation 72 holes, and went on to take a sudden-death playoff victory.

"Obviously, in 1983, it simply was not meant to be," Renner said.

"And last year it was meant to be."

"You can't control the actions of someone else. You have no control over his game."

"All you can do is play your own game, play as well as you can for as long as you can, and then, when you finish, see where it puts you."

Last season it put him on the road to the most successful money-winning season of his eight-year pro career, \$260,153. He has played only twice this young season, with his best performance an eighth place finish in the Bob Hope Classic.

As defending champion, he faces a 144-man field that is headed by Aoki, Levi and 55-year-old Arnold Palmer, who said he plans to devote most of his playing time to the Seniors Tour this year.

Among the other leading contenders for the \$90,000 first prize are Mark O'Meara, winner of last weekend's Bing Crosby Pro-Am; Tom Watson, Craig Stadler, Larry Nelson, Andy Bean and a couple of former U.S. Open champions, Hal Irwin and Hubert Green, each a previous Hawaiian winner.

Also on hand are Masters champion Ben Crenshaw, Hal Sutton, John Mahaffey and West German star Bernhard Langer.

Portions of the final two rounds Saturday and Sunday will be televised nationally by NBC.

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