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### Reach For The Sky

Texas A&M's No. 1 singles player Grant Connell hits an overhead smash during his match against Arkansas over the weekend. Connell and the rest of the No. 9 A&M men's tennis team (35-19) travel to Fort Worth Friday to play TCU.

## Sports of spring can't compare to golf Legends

By DENNE H. FREEMAN  
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DALLAS — Let's see, down here in the Texas spring sports world we've got three teams in the National Basketball Association playoffs and the American League and National League baseball seasons have started.

Norm DeBryn's Houston Cougars are the surprise leaders of the Southwest Conference baseball chase and spring football is just about over.

The professional tennis people have been on the scene at Dallas and Houston and the McDonald's High School All-Star basketball showcase game is history.

The Pro Bowlers have come calling and the Major Indoor Soccer League is finally in the books.

We've had the Women's Final Four and NCAA Swimming Championships in Austin and the Midwest Regional in Dallas and are currently "enjoying" United States Football League games.

Roy Martin ran wild at the Texas Relays in the 100 meters and there's more to come in May at the University Interscholastic Meet in Austin.

The storied old Texas League is underway and don't forget professional boxing that keeps drawing the national television cameras to our state.

There's a dizzying schedule of WCT, NBA, NL, AL, MISL, TL, SWC, UIL, PGA, PBA, USFL, etc.... But now we're finally getting down to the Texas event I've been waiting for all spring.

No, it's not Earl Strom refereeing a Dallas Mavericks game with glue in his whistle.

No, it's not abolition of the USFL. What it is, is Mickey Wright and Kathy Whitworth trying to beat the good old boys down at the Liberty Mutual Legends of Golf next week at Onion Creek Club.

Now folks this is intriguing. It's not just one game in a 162 contest major league schedule.

Or just another NBA playoff game.

Or just another, yawn, USFL effort.

It's the two best women golfers in history (forgive me Babe Zaharias fans), breaking through the old stuffy traditions of men's golf to compete on an equal footing.

Get the lockerooms tidied up and the cigar-butts in the trashcan, boys, the ladies are going to play for some of that \$500,000 in cold cash.

Wright and Whitworth, both members of the World Golf Hall of Fame as well as the LPGA Hall of Fame, will bring these credentials:

Wright won 82 tournaments, including 13 in 1963. She once shot a 62 in Midland, Texas.

Whitworth was the first member of the LPGA to win \$1 million, was player of the year seven times and won 85 tournaments, an all-time record.

No, Wright and Whitworth won't win the better ball tournament. (Each player plays a hole and takes the best score).

Not with such teams as Don January-Gene Littler, Arnold Palmer-Dow Finsterwald, Sam Sneed-Lee Elder, Miller Barber-Bob Goalby, Peter Thomson-Kel Nagle, Art Wall-Doug Sanders and Billy Casper-Gay Brewer in the tournament field of distinguished players 50 years of age and over.

But the course is not a long one. It demands straight tee shots and accurate seconds to the green and a deft putting touch. Professional women golfers have always had everything but the length off the tee.

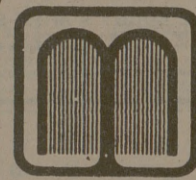
Can they put a scare into the best men's senior golfers in the world?

It will be curious to see how well Whitworth and Wright hold up around what is expected to be a big gallery of curiosity seekers.

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## Major Leagues

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a sacrifice fly and Walt Terrell, with help from Aurelio Lopez, won his first American League game Tuesday night as the Detroit Tigers beat the Milwaukee Brewers 2-1 to remain the only undefeated team in the major leagues.

Portland (5) — The homecourt struggled at the end of the fourth of their last game, expected to be a walk-off victory for Pacific. In this season, finished behind in second place and appeared to be in the doghouse of the season. Terrell, 1-0, who was obtained in the off-season trade that sent Howard Johnson to the New York Mets, worked the first 6 2/3 innings, scattering three hits and allowing just one unearned run.

### Royals 2, Red Sox 0

KANSAS CITY — Danny Jackson fired a three-hitter and Steve Balboni slammed a two-run homer Tuesday night as the Kansas City

Royals ended a four-game losing streak with a 2-0 triumph over the Boston Red Sox.

Jackson, 1-0, held Boston hitless for 5 2/3 innings before Dwight Evans singled to center. The other Boston hits were singles by Bill Buckner in the seventh and Mike Easler in the ninth.

### National League

Reds 2, Braves 1

ATLANTA — Mario Soto pitched a seven-hitter and Eric Davis homered to break a sixth-inning tie Tuesday night to give the Cincinnati Reds a 2-1 victory over the Atlanta Braves.

Soto, 2-1, surrendered Dale Murphy's fifth home run, the major

league high, in the second inning and six singles. He struck out eight and walked two.

Davis broke a 1-1 tie when, as the first batter to face reliever Rick Camp, 0-2, he led off the sixth with a blast over the left-field fence. It was Davis' first home run of the season.

Murphy had two hits in four at-bats to make him 13-for-27 for the season, along with 14 RBI.

Mets 2, Pirates 1

PITTSBURGH — Ron Darling and Jesse Orosco teamed on a one-hitter and Keith Hernandez hit a ninth-inning sacrifice fly Tuesday night to give the New York Mets a 2-1 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Darling gave up Johnny Ray's leadoff single and later went on to

retire 21 of 23 Pittsburgh batters during one stretch. But Darling left the game in the eighth after walking Sixto Lezcano and pinch hitter Joe Orsulak to start the inning.

### Cubs 1, Phillies 0

CHICAGO — Bob Dernier singled home Larry Bowa in the 10th inning Tuesday and Dennis Eckersley pitched his first shutout in three years as the Chicago Cubs won their sixth game in seven starts with a 1-0 win over the Philadelphia Phillies Tuesday.

Bowa, making his first start of the season, singled for his third hit of the game to open the tenth. Chris Speier, batting for Eckersley, sacrificed Bowa to second before Dernier delivered his game-winning hit down the left field line.

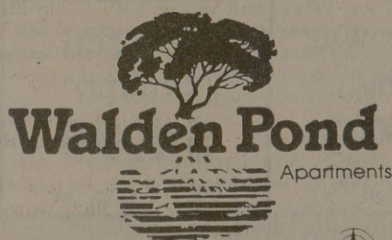
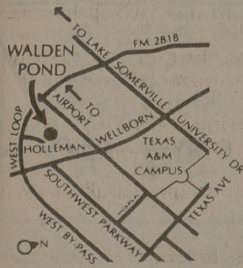
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