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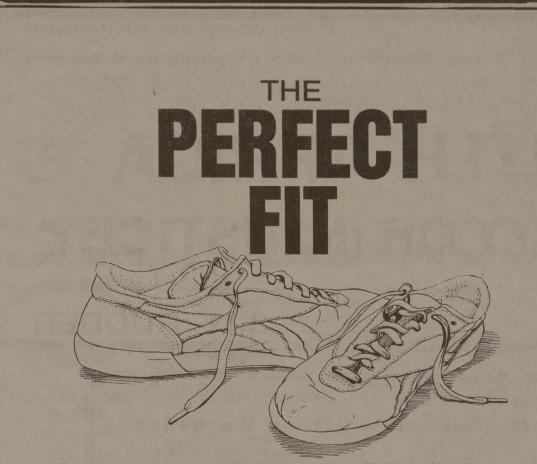
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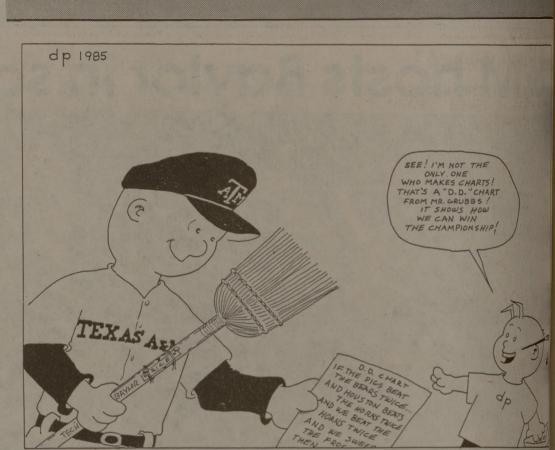


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Teams find motivation in NBA past

Playoff underdogs face early 2-0 series deficits

Associated Press

The Fort Wayne Pistons are only history now - but Cleveland, Phoenix and three other National Basketball Association teams can look back

ball Association teams can look back to them for inspiration as they re-sume their steep uphill climb in the first round of the 1985 playoffs. The Cavaliers and Suns, along with the Chicago Bulls, Washington Bullets and New Jersey Nets, face the seemingly insurmountable task of rebounding from losses in the first two games of their best-of-five series.

series. Seemingly insurmountable, but not entirely.

It's been done — once. In 1956, Fort Wayne (the fran-chise moved to Detroit two years later) lost its first two playoff games to the St. Louis Hawks (who moved to Atlanta 12 years later).

The Pistons then ran off three consecutive victories to win that Western Division final, only to run into the Philadelphia (now Golden State) Warriors, the NBA's best team that season, and lose four out of five in the league final.

Last week the Cavaliers ran into the Boston Celtics, the NBA's best team during this season, and played them virtually even in the first two games, but lost 126-123 and 108-106 in Boston Garden. The series moves

Aggies 12-stroke from gaining first women's golf title

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By CHAREAN WILLIAMS Assistant Sports Editor

Texas A&M could wrap up its first Southwest Conference into 1985 Tuesday when the Aggie women's golf team takes the course the final round of the SWC golf championships. Through two rounds of play at Briarcrest Country Club in Bra-the Ags held a commanding 12-stroke lead. A&M's 608-stroke totals followed by Southern Methodist University, at 620, and thirds Texas, at 625.

"Twelve strokes is not just a whole bunch," said A&M Coach in Holley. "It's comfortable. We have to play consistent and keep our m ponded w

on what we're doing. "That's about what I expected. I am very pleased needless to a always expect them to win. It doesn't always turn out that way, but is expect it

expect it." After shooting a one-under-par 71, Aggie Patricia Gonzalezleast individual race with a 148. A&M's Fiona Connor, Texas' Sheri Ster hauer and SMU's Martha Foyer are all tied at 152. "I played good today," said Gonzalez Monday. "I played smart li-tried to keep the ball in play and didn't get upset when I messed played a different game of golf today. I am confident. I want it sola hope I play good. I am excited. We're all excited. "But, it's easy to play well one day and then play bad the net." don't need to play the other girls. We need to play the course." Holley said anything can happen before 18 holes are completed

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don't need to play the other girls. We need to play the course." Holley said anything can happen before 18 holes are completed "There's no way in the world to predict who will win individual Holley said. "Patricia has a good four-stroke lead. That's a good mar-but golf is a funny game. The lead can change quickly." As for the other Aggie golfers, Susie Faccini shot a 76 for a 154 m Angela Atkins had a 79 for a 156 hole total and Hollie Frizzell had and the first round, but dropped off the pace with a 86 Monday for a list tral ouple of happy with Hough ing Day th

Holley said even with the bad weather the home course advant

has played a part in the Ags' success so far. "The weather hasn't made that big of a factor," Holley said. "Web been concentrating on playing well, so we haven't really paid that mo

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to Cleveland Tuesday night. Also Tuesday night, the Los An-geles Lakers play the Suns at Phoe-nix. Like the Cavs, Phoenix trails its series 2-0. But unlike Cleveland, the Suns haven't come close to beating L.A., getting blown out 142-114 and 147-130 so far.

The other three teams facing elimination get an extra day to con-sider their situations before resuming play at home — the Bulls facing Milwaukee, the Bullets taking on Philadelphia and the Nets playing

Detroit Wednesday night. The three other best-of-five series are tied 1-1, with Dallas at Portland and Denver at San Antonio Tuesday night and Houston at Utah Wednesday night.

'We're the underdogs more than ever now," Cleveland's rookie cen-ter, Mel Turpin, said as he considered the Cavs' third game against the defending champion Celtics. "But I'll tell you what, it's sort of fun being in the role of the giant killer as long as you know you can kill the giant

While the Cavs are thinking in terms of beating the Celtics, the Suns sound more concerned about avoiding another beating as bad as the first two administered by Los Angeles. The way they're going, the Lakers can break records for total points, assists and field-goal percentage in a first-round series.

"I guess we'll be a part of a lot of records this week," Phoenix center Alvan Adams said. "This is really demoralizing. We're only losing by about 25. If we played poorly and got a couple guys in foul trouble, we could easily be 60-point losers."

Phoenix's two top scorers —guard Walter Davis and all-star forward Larry Nance — are out with injuries, as are center-forward Rick Robey center James Edwards and rookie forward Charles Jones.

The Nuggets, having split two games at home, face the difficult task of having to win one of the next two at San Antonio, where they haven't won since 1981, 15 games

You always know your home course better and the gallery ison side. However, it does put added pressure on the players." Play over the par-72 layout continues at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday and winner is expected to be crowned by 1:30 p.m.

Gustafson has ey on Major League

Associated Press

AUSTIN — After winning 900 games in just 18 seasons, Texas base-ball coach Cliff Gustafson said he might now consider a coaching offer from a major league club.

"If I got a lucrative offer and a long-term contract, I would consider it," Gustafson said.

It's more than idle speculation, since he's had what he calls "soft feelers" from several clubs over the years.

In 18 UT seasons, Gustafson has won more baseball games than all but two NCAA Division I coaches — Southern California's Rod Dedeaux and Miami's Ron Fraser.

While no one can approach De-deaux's 11 national titles or 1,304 deaux's 11 national titles of 1,504 wins, Gustasfson's .828 winning per-centage fashioned on a 900-186-1 record puts him in a league by him-through 14 coaches. The lack of security is out

"He's just amazing. He's done it (won 900) faster than anybody else in the game," said Lou Pavlovich Sr., editor of the publication Collegiate Baseball.

Dedeaux got his 900th win in his 35th year. Fraser reached that pla-teau this season, his 23rd. John Sco-linos of Division II Cal Poly-Pomona celebrated his 900th win in his 33rd season.

As much as anything, it is Gustaf-son's refusal to accept losing that propels his teams. That even he best major league teams lose 60 or more games in a sesson bothers him greatly. He has never lost more than 7 in one year on any level.

"He even hates to lose intra-squad games, and somebody's got to lose. I guess that's his secret to winning,'

says Philadelphia scout Doug way

Gustafson accepted the Texas in 1968 for the lowly \$11,000. Even today, after only \$16,300 the year his l won his first national champ his \$48,320 salary ranks withat of football coach Fred \$88,932, or basketball on Weltlich at \$72,306.

That troubles him less

length of his contract, which Aug. 31, 1985. His previous expired on Aug. 31, 1984. While he does not complain his financial situation, the

long-term security bothers son, who after 18 seasons than keepi pus. A&M

ment ity a he says he might be open league offer, even though dorm said he would never leav space and says he considers an offer mote possibility. "I know what can happe you swim

coach if everything goes sol sudden. I've seen it happer ers," he said, not mention name his close friend Abe who was fired by Texas a

1982 basketball season. "I would feel a certain a security with a long-term of don't feel now. Unless I rea up, I think I couold surviv six or seven years," he said. DeLoss Dodds, UT athle

tor, said the department is plans to lengthen the agree all Texas coaches.