

Mitchell

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(four to seven a week), one might expect that Mitchell's personal stats would be modest at best. Instead, Mitchell has excelled.

Mitchell is 21-14 on the year. She has pitched 11 shutouts, six in a row at the beginning of the season, and has a 1.59 earned run average. She has pitched one no-hitter and three one-hitters.

Although she has walked more batters (75) than she has struck out (68), she has not walked more than three batters in a game in 32 of 35 games. She has gotten at least one strikeout in all but four games. She has allowed only one home run in 256 innings.

What makes Mitchell's stats more impressive is the fact that she did not fare too well in the fall season. Mitchell was 3-4 in seven games with a 2.41 ERA this fall.

Mitchell said that while personal goals are nice, the team's goals come first.

"It would be nice not to lose any more games, but the team is the important thing," she said. "We feel April is our month and we want to make it to Regionals and then the World Series."

One of Mitchell's personal goals is to do well this weekend in the Oklahoma State Cowgirl Hall of Fame Classic.

"Since I'm from Oklahoma, I want to go up there and win," she said. "My folks don't get to see many of our games so this will be a chance for them to see me pitch."

Mitchell said Brock has helped her improve her game significantly. "Coach Brock has worked with me and helped me improve my mechanics," she said.

The one area Mitchell says she has to work on is her batting.

"I love to bat because it lets me affect the game offensively instead of just by pitching," she said. "At first Coach didn't let me bat because he didn't want to risk an injury."

"Now that Carrie (Heightly) is hurt, I get to bat. However, I haven't been doing too well."

The general studies major said her decision to come to A&M was influenced by A&M's reputation in softball and academics.

A&M has won two NCAA championships in softball in the 1980s.

"I sent Coach Brock a tape of me when I was in high school and he wrote back and offered me a scholarship," she said. "A&M is one of the top academic schools in the country and coming to A&M was beyond my wildest expectations."

Mitchell said one thing that makes the season easier is the fact that she knows she won't be the only one pitching next year.

"Coach Brock has already signed two more pitchers for next year and Michel will also be here," she said.

It looks like the one pitcher tradition will finally die next year.



Dana Mitchell has a 1.59 earned run average this year.

Photo by Jay Janner

Faldo joins select group by winning Masters title

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — There was the green jacket of a Masters champion in the luggage Nick Faldo loaded into his car at the hotel Monday morning.

It had been around his shoulders until the early morning hours as Faldo basked in the aftermath of his playoff victory over Scott Hoch.

And it served as a prop when he was asked if the meaning of his triumph had really dawned on him.

"Oh, yes," he said, paused and fingered the lapel of the jacket. He smiled, continued to caress the jacket and repeated: "Oh, yes."

Before starting the two-hour drive through a steady rain to Hilton Head, S.C., and this week's Heritage Classic, Faldo considered some of the implications, both for himself and for European golf in general.

"It proves we're still on a roll," the man from Surrey, England said, a reference to the growing dominance of foreign players in world golf.

His Masters victory marked the fifth time in the decade of the 1980s that a European player had won a green jacket. An American has not won the British Open in five years. The Europeans won the Ryder Cup competition against America's best the last two times the matches have been held, in 1985 and '87.

"We're slowly proving what we're made of," said Faldo, who won the 1987 British Open, lost the 1988 U.S. Open in a playoff and now is the 1989 Masters winner.

"The world of international golf is very strong now," said Faldo, who holds membership in both the European and American tours.

"Our tour (the European tour) has advanced tremendously. The standards definitely have been raised."

"I honestly believe there are a half dozen men at the top of the game. I believe I am one of them."

He ticked off the others: Seve Ballesteros of Spain, Greg Norman of Australia, Sandy Lyle of Scotland, Ian Woosnam of Wales and Curtis Strange, the only American on the list.

On a more personal basis, it raised Faldo to a new, higher status, the level of those who have won multiple major championships.

"That's two," he said, then corrected himself. "Two and a half, with the U.S. Open."

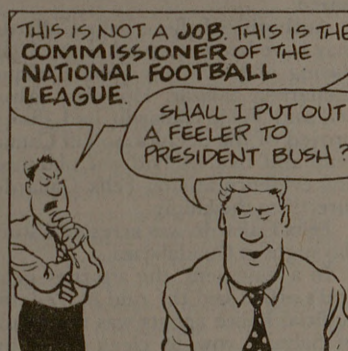
"I caught up with Sandy again," Faldo said of his lifelong friend and golfing foe.

Until now, Lyle has been the leader. He won the British Open (1985) before Faldo did. He won the Masters (1988) before Faldo did.

"Now I've got to get ahead of him," Faldo said. "The U.S. Open," he said. "That's it." And he nodded to himself.

From a financial standpoint, Faldo won \$200,000. But that's a small portion of the benefits he can expect accrue, his London-based manager from the International Management Group said. The estimate was between \$3.5 million to more than \$5 million in the next two or three years.

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A&M softball team tackles Ladyjacks

By Stan Golaboff

SPORTS WRITER

Riding a four game winning streak, the Texas A&M softball team

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will try to improve its standing in the NCAA Central Division today when they travel to Nacogdoches to play a double-header against Stephen F. Austin.

A&M is ranked seventh in the Division while Stephen F. Austin is ranked fourth.

This is the second time this year that A&M will face the Ladyjacks. A&M won the first game 5-4 in 11 innings.

The Ladyjacks are 25-10 and have won 13 of their last 14 games. A&M

is 21-15 and riding a four game win streak after sweeping doubleheaders against the University of Texas at Arlington and Southwest Texas State.

"We are hoping that April is our month," A&M Head Coach Bob Brock said. "We are playing well right now and having played a tough schedule early should help us down the stretch."

A&M is 4-0 in the month of April. A&M will also be hoping that Carrie Heightly will be able to return to the lineup.

Heightly injured her ankle in California and has missed nine games.

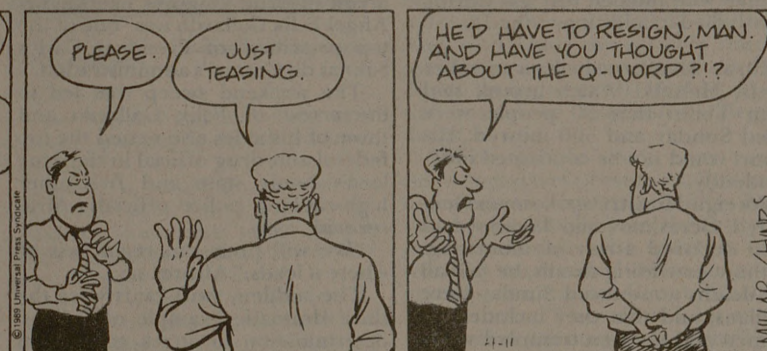
"We are hoping to have Carrie back in the lineup sometime this week," Brock said. "The team has really come through and picked up the slack while she has been out."

Heightly was leading the team in RBI with 13 when she went down.

A&M's next home game will be April 19 when they play Sam Houston State in their final home game of the year.

A&M will be playing in the Oklahoma State Cowgirls Hall of Fame Classic this weekend.

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