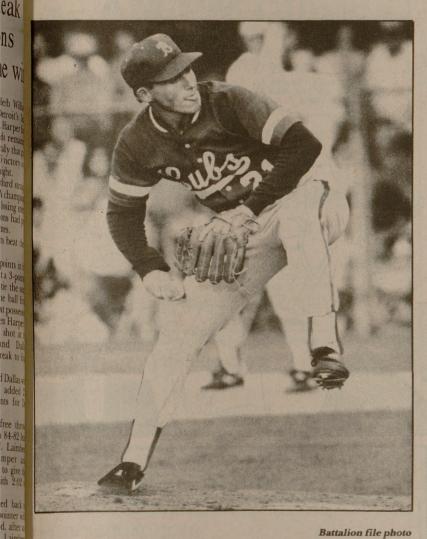
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A&M pitcher Jon Peters, who is sitting out the season after elbow surgery, had his number retired in Brenham Saturday. He set a national record of 53 consecutive wins with the Cubs.

Goodbye, No. 21 ... **Brenham retires** Peters' number, honors old team

By ALAN LEHMANN Of The Battalion Staff

The Battalion

BRENHAM — Texas A&M freshman Jon Peters was honored in his home town Friday night, when his number was retired. In a pre-game ceremony before about 200 fans at Fireman's Park, Peters' number 21 was retired and placed on the left field wall.

His jersey will be placed in the school trophy case along with pic-tures of Peters and his Brenham teammates from the 1986-89 seasons.

Peters, who led the Cubs to a state-record three consecutive 4A championships, set a national record last spring when he recorded his 53rd consecutive high school victory.

Peters' number was the first to be retired by Brenham High, which has produced several major-leaguers, in-cluding former Red Sox/Brewers star Cecil Cooper and several current minor leaguers.

"It's a great honor, and I'm proud of it," Peters said. "But it wasn't all

me — it was my teammates, too. "They helped me out when I wasn't at my best. It was a team effort." The night's festivities were also set

to honor Peters' teammates from the 1986-89 seasons. Several of them were on hand to help Peters accept the honor.

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Brenham won the state championship from 1986-88 and lost in the final last year. Peters said the 1986 squad was probably the best

of the four teams. "I think that was the best team ever to play here," Peters said. "We were pretty dominant then."

The other teams were also great, Peters said. Still, his greatest thrill was breaking the record last spring, he said.

Peters wanted to be a starter on the Aggie staff this season, but has been redshirted this season since undergoing elbow surgery last month, he said.

"It would have been tough to break into the rotation with all the great pitchers we have," Peters said. "Things happen for a reason. Maybe next year. My goal is to be a starter."

The Cubs could have used Peters Friday night. They sqeaked past Wil-lis 8-6 in extra innings on a Matt Bentke two-run home run.





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Virginia joins Brown chose golf over gridiron list of schools

THE WOODLANDS (AP) — The entire Brown family believes Billy Ray chose the right sport.

Brown's father, Charlie, played football for the Oak-land Raiders and his brother, Chuck, also played foot-

ball, for the St. Louis Cardinals. But when it came Billy's turn to make his mark, he picked up his golf clubs and accepted a scholarship to stock continues to rise. Virginia has joined the list of schools wanting to lure him away from Texas, a Dallas the University of Houston.

And no one tried to steer Billy toward football.

"They kind of watched out for me and told me not to get into it," Brown said. "It's such a cut-throat business and golf is, too, but your career lasts a little longer in melf." golf

Brown hopes to make them all proud this week when he tees up in the field for the \$1 million Independent Insurance Agent Open at the Tournament Players Course at The Woodlands Country Club.

Brown made the cut in his hometown event last year for the first time after four tries and would like to play well before the home crowd.

"It's fun to have people pulling for you instead of against you," Brown said. "Out on the road, they are always pulling for the favorites and the underdogs kind of get left out.

"Every coach has to do what is best for himself and his family. Brown has almost pulled himself out of the underdog category this season with four top-five finishes going into the Nestle Invitational at Bay Hill Country Club in Orlando, Fla. 'I love the University of Texas and plan to be here for a long, long

He ranked No. 13 on the money list with \$188,208 at the start of the tournament after finishing 125th as a

rookie in 1988 and 85th last year.

Discarding his gambling tactics has been one improvement, Brown said.

"I don't think I was mature enough to know that's what I was doing," Brown said. "But once I started managing my game, I could see I was making a lot of dumb mistakes."

Brown's new strategy is still aggressive, but smarter. "I've put a lot of emphasis on getting in the fairways and hitting the greens, not so much shooting for the flags," he said. "I try to make birdies when I have the chance, and the other holes, try to get my par and get out of there.

Brown was the NCAA champion as a freshman at Houston and earned All-America honors four straight years.

But near the end of his PGA rookie year in 1988, Brown almost missed the cutoff of the top 126 players that qualified for the 1989 tour.

He went into the final week ranked 122nd and finished 125th.

"That was very tough on me and my wife," Brown said. "That Tour School is tough. I don't ever want to do that again. It's gruelling." Brown moved up to 85th in 1989. A tie for second at

the Kemper Open was his best finish. This year he's been in the top five at the Phoenix Open, the Hawaiian Open, the Honda Classic and the Tournament Players' championships.

Fighter Benavides denied WBA featherweight title

and Xavier coach Pete Gillen, the source told the newspaper. tanford Athletic Director Andy Geiger confirmed that Montgomery met with Virginia twice and also said Virginia would like to talk to Gillen and Penders this week.



Asked if he has an interview scheduled with any school, Penders said, "I have no plans, nor have I ever had plans. If someone really wants to talk to me, I'll talk. It might be nice to see how other schools do things

wanting Penders

DALLAS (AP) - Tom Penders'

newspaper reported. Penders, whose Longhorns fell

88-85 to Arkansas Saturday in the NCAA Midwest regional final, will be asked this week to interview for

the vacant head coaching position at Virginia, the Dallas Times Herald

Penders said Saturday, however, that he hadn't heard from Virginia officials about possibly replacing Terry Holland as Cavaliers' coach.

"My policy is if someone wants to talk to me, I'll listen," Penders said.

time. We're working on (a new con-

tract). Maybe I'll have an announce-

ment before too long." Holland resigned to become the

athletic director at Davidson. Offi-cials have met with Penn State coach

Bruce Parkhill and Stanford coach

Mike Montgomery, but have put off a decision in order to seek Penders

reported Sunday.

Texas Director of Athletics DeLoss Dodds and Penders have said that Florida Athletic Director Bill Arnsparger called seeking an inter-view with Penders about the vacant coaching position at Florida. Atlantic Coast Conference Assis-

tant Commissioner Fred Barakat called three weeks ago to tell Penders he had recommended him for the North Carolina State and Virginia positions.

Penders has taken the Longhorns to back-to-back NCAA tournament. appearances, and is 49-18 in two years at Texas

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) Jesse Benavides won a 10-round decision from WBA junior featherweight champion Jesus Salud Sunday, but he won't be given the title because it was an unsanc-

tioned fight. "I feel like a champion right now," Benavides said. "I feel like a legitimate world champion." But the World Boxing Associa-

tion earlier ordered Salud to face No. 1 contender Luis Mendoza Saturday in Colombia and said it would strip the title from him if he didn't.

Salud chose the Benavides fight, which was televised nationally, and plans to take legal action to prevent the WBA from stripping the title.

The fighters, both 26, weighed

in at 124 pounds. Salud (34-4) battered Bena-vides (29-1) with body shots through the first five rounds, taking control with a hard-charging

style. In the fifth, a right ribs fol-lowed by a combination left Benavides reeling before the bell.

"I had him in the fifth and I let him go," Salud said. In the sixth, Benavides, a for-mer four-time national Golden Gloves amateur champion from Corpus Christi, employed a stickand-move game plan that turned the fight.

Benavides won the sixth and seventh rounds. By late in the eighth, Salud was missing with regularity

Benavides steamed after Salud with a vengeance in the tenth. He landed a left uppercut and drove Salud into the ropes with a fol-low-up right hand. The fight ended with Benavides peppering a dazed Salud.

The loss won't help Salud with the WBA.

"They'll use it against us," said Stanley Hoffman, one of Salud's managers

PHOENIX (AP) — Pat Bradley became the first LPGA player to reach \$3 million in career earnings with a one-stroke victory Sunday in the \$500,000 Turquoise Classic.

in LPGA history

Bradley, with career earnings of \$3,059,768, made a two-foot par putt on the final hole to beat Ayako Okamoto, who made a bold charge on the final nine. Okamoto birdied Nos. 10, 13, 14 and 17 to tie Bradley at 12 under at the 6,514-yard, par-73 Moon Valley Country Club.

But on the 18th green, Okamoto three-putted from 40 feet, just missing a four-foot par putt that would have forced a sudden-death playoff. Okamoto finished with a 71 for a 281 total, 11 under par.

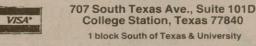
Bradley then tapped in her putt to cap a round of 71 for a \$75,000 check and her second victory in the tournament. She also won in 1987.

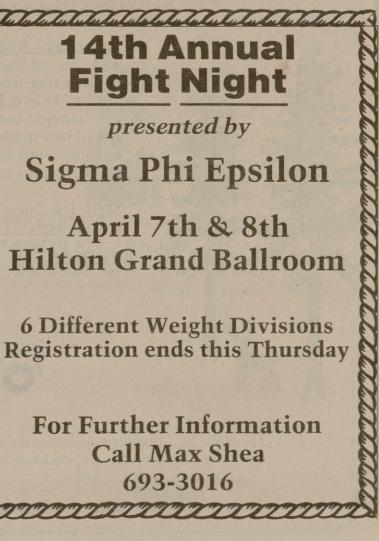
It was the second victory this season and 25th in 17 years on tour for Bradley, who turned 39 Saturday.

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