

Aggie golfer Gortana named All-American

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Texas A&M junior Marco Gortana has been named to Golf World magazine's All-American second-team squad. "I am very pleased to see Marco make All-American," A&M coach Bob Ellis said in a press release. "It is a well-deserved honor."

Gortana won the Crown Colony Intercollegiate and the Louisiana Classics this past spring.

He also placed second at the Augusta College Cleveland Classics and the Border Olympics.

"After the Southwest Conference tournament, he was ranked as the seventh-best collegiate player in the country," Ellis said. "It's a shame we didn't make the NCAA Tournament as a team because if we had, he had a good chance to make first-team All-American. But he had a tremendous season and with all he's accomplished, he deserves the honor."

Gortana had seven top-ten finishes in 11 tournaments; he never finished out of the top 25.

He ended the season with a 72.5 stroke average. That is the best average held by an Aggie since current PGA star Jeff Maggard had a 72.4 in the 1985-86 season.

Gortana is competing in Europe this month. He will be defending the Italian Amateur title he won in 1992. He will also be competing in the German and French Amateur tournaments.

Late this summer he will compete in the Porter Cup, the Southern Amateur and the Western Amateur.

Only three golfers from the Southwest Conference were named to the first, second or third team lists.

Texas' Justin Leonard was selected to the first team and teammate Taylor Tipton made the third team list.

Wichita's Dreifort wins Smith Award

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HOUSTON — Wichita State's pitching ace and slugging star Darren Dreifort, who led the Shockers to the College World Series final, won the 1993 R.E. "Bob" Smith Award on Monday, recognizing him as college baseball's player of the year.

Dreifort, the second overall choice in this month's amateur draft by the Los Angeles Dodgers, beat out another double-threat in Texas' Brooks Kieschnick.

Other finalists were Texas A&M pitcher Jeff Granger and second baseman Todd Walker of national champion Louisiana State University.

Dreifort, a finalist for last year's Smith award, was 11-1 with four saves and an ERA of 2.28. He held opponents to a .180 batting average while striking out 110 in 93 innings.

The junior also hit .328 with 22 home runs and 61 RBIs as Wichita State went 58-17. The Shockers were second in the final Collegiate Baseball poll and fourth in the final Baseball America rankings.

Walker, who was the MVP of the CWS and an all-tournament selection, hit .350 with three home runs and 12 RBIs as the Tigers went 8-0 en route to the national title. For the year, he hit .395 with 22 homers and 102 RBIs.

Granger, who was the Aggies starting quarterback part of the 1992 season, struck

out 143 batters this year, including a South-west Conference record 21 in one game. His three-year total of 394 strikeouts is A&M's all-time best.

Kieschnick, selected 10th in the draft by the Chicago Cubs, was 16-4 with three saves, 126 strikeouts and a 2.28 ERA. He also hit .374 with 19 homers and 81 RBIs.

Dreifort was chosen by 300 members of the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association. The selection process began with 110 nominees.

This is the sixth year the award has been given. Other winners include San Diego's Andy Benes (1988) and Baltimore's Ben McDonald (1989).

Drivers' Ed

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Moon said the thrill of race car driving has no comparison.

"It's as exciting a thing as you can do," he said. "It's one of the most exciting things I've ever done in my life."

Moon's wife Sandy came to watch just but got the chance to ride in one of the race cars.

"It will take your breath away," she said. "When you come out of the turn, you think you are going to slam into the wall but you don't."

Starr said that though 90 percent of the students are just racing enthusiasts, the school does work with a few serious racers.

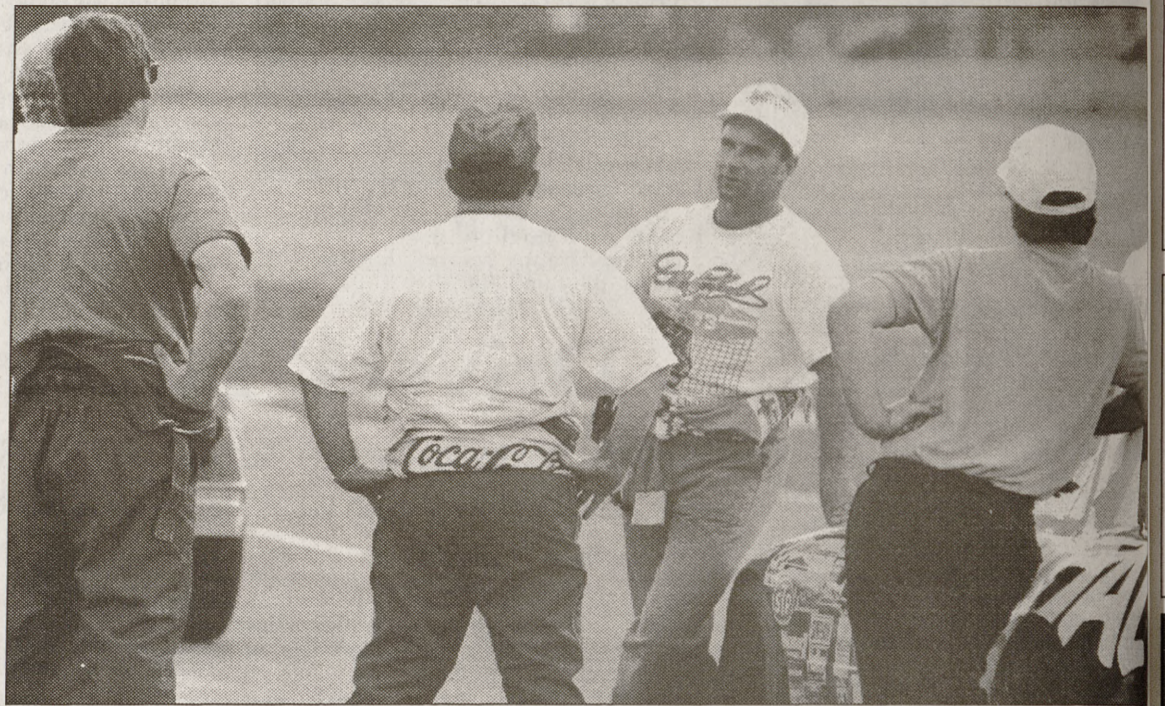
Just last month, Team Texas played host to former Washington Redskins football coach Joe Gibbs, who owns the car driven by Dale Jarret to the Winston Cup circuit.

Starr said Gibbs and his two sons were so impressed with the school that they already have another session planned with Team Texas.

Scott Simpson, who is known more for his driving of golf balls down fairways, attended the school as well.

Starr said Simpson was out there a few days prior to his 1993 Byron Nelson Classic golf tournament victory.

"When Scott won the Byron



Mike Starr (second from right) discusses the two-car maneuvers the students are about to attempt.

Nelson, it was his first victory since like 1989 and all he could talk about afterwards was how it didn't compare to driving a race car," Starr said. "It was on TV and in the papers and everything: 'It doesn't compare to racing.'" Starr said quite a few students return for more classes.

Moon and Benton have both attended the school before.

"It's the bargain of the century and we learned a lot," Benton said.

Moon said he returned because of the hands-on experience.

"No boring classrooms," he said. "You are in a car and dri-

ving within 30 minutes of being here."

Team Texas offers two different courses. The first is a six-lap drive that costs \$250 and the second is a three-day session that runs \$1,800. In the three-day session, the student takes about 100 laps at speeds reaching 160 mph.

Burnett

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fore offering myself as a sacrifice to the fashion volcano, I should seek more advice. I sought wisdom from another fashion high priestess, Heather.

Well, having always been skeptical of Heather's divine insight, I again did not make any rash decisions.

At first I thought that getting a new hat would be simple. After all, I had never bought a hat before - the freebies had always worked just fine.

A week later, sensing the time was right, I gave in and began my quest for the Holy Cap - at the mall mind you. As I walked in, my thoughts focused on what I would soon realize was the decision of a lifetime.

What I did not know at the time was that a cap is not just something that covers your head. According to the religious dogma of the Church of the New

Cap, it is not just something that you put on so you don't have to wash your hair that day, or that week for that matter. A cap is a symbol of who you are, in fact, it defines what you are.

Stumbling into a shop, I looked around and everything began to get kind of fuzzy.

"Can I help you?" I heard somewhere in the distance. As I regained my focus, I looked up to see a mountain of hats before me. It was shaped like a pyramid that had been constructed in honor of the God of Caps.

I began to feel a little uneasy in this temple of sportswear. "What if I pick the wrong hat? I could do some serious damage," I thought. "What if I buy a Bulls hat and they lose the finals? What if I pull one out from the bottom and they all fall on me?"

It was almost too much to handle, so I stepped back and took a deep breath.

"It's cool, you can make the right choice," I reassured myself.

Slowly I crept up to the altar of caps, sweat beading up on my

brow. "Take a deep breath... focus now... you can do it," I said.

At that moment, I heard a faint voice coming from somewhere in the distance. It said in an omnipotent tone, "Kyle... choose the hat that best represents you."

"What if I don't know myself real well?" I sheepishly replied.

"Choose, and you won't be wrong," it commanded.

That was it, no turning back, I had to make a choice. Was I going to listen to Priestess No. 1 and get Charlotte or Colorado because of the pretty colors, Priestess No. 2 and go with the Bulls or Duke because they're tough or listen to the voice and get the hat that best represents me?

I closed my eyes, and after what seemed an eternity, I mustered up every ounce of courage and grabbed a hat from the shelf.

At that moment, the place began to shake and I heard another voice that said in an angry tone, "We are now closing. Please

leave!" I clenched my hand tightly around the cap and ran as fast as I could towards the exit that was being sealed off by a large iron gate.

As the gate neared the ground, I slid under the gate and the hat fell from my hand on the other side. I blindly reached back to the other side, feeling for the hat. I grabbed it in the nick of time and escaped unscathed.

Safely on the other side, I looked at the hat I chose - a Dallas Mavericks hat.

"Why the Mavericks?" I wondered. And the voice that commanded I choose the hat could barely be heard as it said, "You have much in common. You are both from Dallas and neither of you has any luck (i.e. draft lottery). But most importantly, your losing records don't accurately reflect how hard you are trying to win."

And to answer the question that is on all of your minds, yes, I did have to pay full price for the cap.

Camp

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Hickey said, "If they (the players) can remember one thing out of every section, then that's a very successful week."

The campers seem to enjoy the instruction that Hickey, Feeny and McDonald give. "I like the way they help us with our skills,"

said Erica Leday, a sophomore from East Chambers High School.

"I especially like the way they emphasize defense. The staff is really nice and coach Hickey knows her stuff."

Hickey said she also enjoys running the camp and meeting the players who come out.

"It's always neat to get a phone call from a player saying, 'Hey coach, we did really well this year. I think the camp really

helped,'" Hickey said. "That makes you feel good."

Some of the Lady Aggie basketball team help Hickey with the camp. They officiate scrimmages during the evening session and lend practical experience to the instruction the coaches give.

Hickey likes having her players help with the camps. She said the A&M players present good role models for the young women that come into camp. "I think it's real

important for young women at this time in their lives to look and say, 'Here's someone that has done it and is playing in college,'" Hickey said.

The camp day is broken into three work-out periods. The morning practice lasts from 9 to 11:30. Play resumes at 1:30 p.m. through 3:30 p.m. and the evening work-out begins at 6:30 and ends at 9:30.

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Texas	29	32	4	L1	
Seattle	30	33	4	W2	
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Cincinnati	29	34	12	L3	
San Diego	25	37	15.5	L2	
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