

## Weekend wrapup

### Sportscaster legend Martini dies at 54

HOUSTON (AP) — Anita Martini, who broke the gender barrier in 1974 to become the first female sportscaster to enter a major league locker room, died Saturday after a lengthy illness. She was 54.

Martini, who retired earlier this year from worked radio station KPRC, had also worked as a sportscaster for Houston television stations KTRK and KPRC. She died at home at 2 a.m. Saturday.

During the summer of 1974, Martini became the first woman to enter a baseball team's locker room when she entered the visiting Los Angeles Dodgers' locker room to interview players after a Houston Astros game at the Astrodome.

"It was pretty simple. She felt like a woman doing that job had every right to be in a locker room so she could do her job properly," said Mike Edmonds, Martini's broadcasting partner at KPRC radio for 14 years.

### Seles might not defend U.S. Open

(AP) — More than two months after being stabbed in the back, Monica Seles still can't hit a tennis ball and might not be able to defend the U.S. Open title she has won the past two years.

"Doctors have told me there's just no way to know," her agent, Stephanie Tolleson, said Friday. "She's continuing her rehabilitation, and there's no real effective way to anticipate when she'll be ready to play again."

In a statement released through a publicist Thursday, Seles said: "I wish I could play right now. But the rehabilitation is a slow process, and I have not yet been able to hit the ball, let alone play tennis."

Seles, undergoing rehabilitation at the Steadman Hawkins Clinic in Vail, Colo., said she would be unable to play in a tournament at Stratton Mountain, Vt., July 26-Aug. 1.

### U.S. beats Jamaica in Gold Cup, 1-0

DALLAS (AP) — Eric Wynalda's goal in the 67th minute Saturday night gave the United States a 1-0 victory over Jamaica in a Group A game of the Gold Cup soccer tournament at the Cotton Bowl.

Wynalda chipped a shot from short range over the head of Jamaican goalkeeper Warren Barrett, who had come out in an attempt to control the bouncing ball.

In Saturday's first game, three second-half goals by Eduardo Bennett helped Honduras to a 5-1 rout of Panama.

The United States won for only the third time in 21 international games this year, along with 10 ties and eight losses, but is 2-1 with its complete squad. The other victory was 2-0 over England in the U.S. Cup in June.

## NCAA reports on Proposition 48, athlete graduation rates

# A&M improves, but still below average

By MARK SMITH

The Battalion

The national graduation rate of student-athletes from universities since the introduction of Proposition 48 in 1986 increased 6 percent, according to a NCAA report.

The report, released on July 1, shows the national graduation average for student athletes for the six year period increased from 51 to 57 percent.

Texas A&M posted a 53 percent rate, fifth worst in the Southwest Conference.

Athletic officials at A&M viewed their results as an improvement, but said there was room for growth.

"Well, we obviously have need for improvement," said Wally Groff, interim athletic director. "But the statistics show that there has been improvement."

Karl Mooney, assistant athletic director for academic affairs, said, "Overall we're showing good improvement. We've improved for everyone, every gender, ethnicity and sport."

Proposition 48, initiated during the 1986-87 school year, raised the minimum scholastic entrance requirements for college athletes. The requirements then became a minimum of a 2.8 grade point average in 11 core classes and a score of at least 700 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test.

To combat low graduation rates, A&M developed a new program in the office of academic affairs in 1989. Mooney was hired that year to oversee the program.

"We revamped the program complete-

ly," Mooney said. "We brought on more academic advisors and qualified tutors. All of it was at the expense of the athletic department, but apparently it benefits the students."

"Our mission as an athletic department has been redirected toward improving the things that really count. We want to make it so that the athletes can get their degrees."

A&M is one of the few universities that supports its athletes when they return for their fifth and sixth years, Mooney said. The NCAA allows schools to grant scholarships for five years, which cover all expenses.

A&M is also a member of the National Consortium for Academics and Sports. As a member of the Consortium, A&M gives athletes enough money for tuition, fees and books for their sixth year if they perform 10 hours of community service per week.

Many of the athletes return after their eligibility has run out, Mooney said.

"Last year we had 67 individuals return for their fifth and sixth years," Mooney said. "Of those 67, I think we had 49 graduate this past year. Many of those athletes count towards our percentages, because they won't graduate within the six years granted under Proposition 48."

Groff said, "I know for a fact that (former A&M defensive lineman) Richmond Webb came back to graduate. And (for-

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## Graduation rates for Texas A&M

All students	6 yr.	4 yr.	Football	6 yr.	4 yr.
Men	63%	65%	Black	36%	14%
Women	69%	69%	White	71%	58%
Black	64%	54%	Men's track		
White	66%	68%	Black	0%	25%
Student athletes			White	NA	54%
Men	49%	39%	Women's track		
Women	60%	49%	Black	67%	23%
Black	39%	18%	White	63%	29%
White	57%	52%	Other men's sports		
Baseball			Black	NA	NA
Black	NA	NA	White	58%	57%
White	25%	33%	Other women's sports		
Men's basketball			Black	NA	100%
Black	100%	14%	White	61%	56%
White	0%	71%	Women's basketball		
Women's basketball			Black	0%	20%
Black	0%	20%	White	50%	44%
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The 6 yr. percentages are for athletes who entered A&M in 1986 and the 4 yr. percentages are for students who entered A&M between 1983 and 1986.

## Nicklaus halts slump, wins U.S. Senior Open

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DENVER — Jack Nicklaus sank a birdie putt at the 16th hole Sunday to inch ahead of Tom Weiskopf and capture the U.S. Senior Open — his first title since winning this event two years ago.

Nicklaus, 53, finished with a 1-under-par 70 for a 72-hole total of 6-under 278. Weiskopf, who closed with a 67, wound up at 279. Kermit Zarley was third, another stroke back, and Dale Douglass tied Chi Chi Rodriguez for fifth at 281.

Nicklaus, who entered the final round leading Douglass by a stroke and Weiskopf by four, saw his advantage dissipate in the face of a furious flurry by Weiskopf, who birdied five of his first eight holes.

Taming the putting paralysis that had gripped him for three rounds, Weiskopf vaulted to 6-under for the tournament

and climbed ahead of Nicklaus and Douglass.

Weiskopf's 5-under 30 on the front nine tied a Senior Open record.

Nicklaus drew back into a tie for the lead with a short birdie putt at the seventh hole.

While Douglass slipped back with bogeys at the 10th and 12th holes, Nicklaus and Weiskopf, both former Ohio State golfers, stayed within a stroke of each other.

Weiskopf, a two-time runnerup to Nicklaus in the Masters who continually has played in Nicklaus' shadow, reclaimed the lead with his sixth birdie of the day at No. 13.

But he fell back into a tie when his tee shot at the par-3 15th stopped on the edge of the green and he three-putted for bogey.

## Lopez wins tiebreak, LPGA Classic

HOWLAND, Ohio (AP) — Nancy Lopez eagled the 18th to force a playoff with Deb Richard, then birdied the same hole in the playoff to win win the Youngstown-Warren LPGA Classic on Sunday.

The victory was the first of the year for the Hall of Famer and the 47th of her career. After consecutive rounds of 68, Lopez closed with a 5-under-par 67 to finish at 13-under 203 at Avalon Lakes Golf Course. The victory was worth \$75,000 from a purse of \$500,000.

Lopez needed a 25-foot putt from the fringe for eagle to pull even with Richard, who took the lead with a birdie at the 13th hole and parred in from there.

The playoff began on the 18th. Lopez went off the tee first and found the left rough 50 yards behind a tree. She hit a 3-iron runner under the tree that rolled the final 100 yards to the green of the 451-yard, par-5 hole, stopping some 20 feet short of the pin. She two-putted for birdie.

If the 18th hole was the difference for Lopez, it was the downfall of Richard. Rated the easiest hole on the course, Richard found the fairway bunker both times she played it Sunday. She recovered to scramble for a par in regulation.

Bunkered in the playoff, she blasted out 75 yards short of the green. Her third shot caught a tree and dropped into the bunker fronting the green. She then came out to 15 feet, but conceded as Lopez tapped in for birdie.

## Sports information office wins four national awards

By MARK SMITH

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The Texas A&M Sports News and Information Office proved A&M can win off of the field as well as on. At a convention in Atlanta last Tuesday, the College Sports Information Directors Association (CoSIDA) honored the A&M office with four national awards and four district awards.

"It's always nice to be recognized by your peers," Alan Cannon, sports information director for A&M, said in a press release. "I'm very proud of our staff in general and with Cyndi Mousner in particular. We feel like we've made improvements in our publications each year and produce as many quality publications as any sports information office around."

Mousner, a publications specialist, was influential in producing almost all of the

award-winning entries. "I'm just really thrilled to be recognized by CoSIDA with these awards," Mousner said.

The A&M SID Office took first place in the special publications category with its 1992 Southwest Conference Track & Field Championships meet program. This was the first A&M SID publication to win a national contest. Mousner and Assistant Sports Information Director Colin Killian produced the program.

Killian said he was not necessarily surprised by the awards, but was pleased to see how many A&M won.

"We've done pretty well over the past several years with some of our programs," Killian said. "I think this year is the most we've won, though."

The Texas A&M football and 1993 softball media guides placed fourth in the na-

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## Scoreboard

### American League

Chicago	11	Baltimore	5
Milwaukee	5	Minnesota	4
Texas	11	Toronto	6
Kansas City	6	Detroit	2
Boston	3	Oakland	2
Seattle	5	Cleveland	4
California	3	New York	2

### National League

Pittsburgh	3	Cincinnati	2
San Fran	10	Philadelphia	2
Colorado	4	St. Louis	1
Montreal	5	San Diego	4
Houston	10	Chicago	1
Atlanta	6	Florida	3
Los Angeles	2	New York	1

## Astros, Portugal pound Cubs, 10-1

CHICAGO (AP) — If the Houston Astros keep getting pitching like this, they won't have much to worry about.

A day after Pete Harnisch pitched a one-hitter in a doubleheader opener, Mark Portugal and two relievers combined on a three-hitter to lead the Astros over the Chicago Cubs 10-1 Sunday.

"That's the secret for us," Astros manager Art Howe said. "Solid pitching is tough to beat. You have to have that consistency more often."

Portugal (7-4) allowed one run and two hits, struck out four and walked five in seven-plus innings. Tom Edens finished the eighth and Doug Jones pitched a one-hit ninth, sending the Astros to their fourth victory in five games.

"I didn't have my best stuff, but they hit the ball at people," said Portugal, who is 2-4 at Wrigley Field. "The defense ran down the balls. This is one park I have taken my lumps in."

Eric Anthony hit a three-run homer in a six-run sixth inning.

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