

SPORTS BRIEFS

Huffman named SWC Co-Player of Week

Texas A&M junior outfielder Ryan Huffman has been chosen as Southwest Conference Baseball Co-Player of the week for games played from March 27 to April 2.

Huffman paced a four-game sweep by the Aggies over Houston with a .467 performance. He had five runs batted in in Saturday's doubleheader and hit a total of three home runs in the four games.

Huffman shared the honor with Texas Christian University pitcher Scott Atchison, who picked up two saves and a win against Texas Tech. Huffman is the second Aggie, following sophomore outfielder-pitcher Chad Allen's selection the week of March 20.

Sam Houston game rained out yesterday

The Texas A&M vs. Sam Houston State baseball game scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday was rained out.

The two teams will now meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at Olsen Field. Thursday night will also be 25-cent Hot Dog Night at Olsen.

After Sam Houston State, the Aggies will prepare for a weekend series with Dallas Baptist before jumping back into conference play.

The Aggies are 22-13-1 overall (7-4 in the Southwest Conference) after sweeping the four game weekend series from the University of Houston.

Softball team may play twinbill today

The No. 24 Texas A&M Lady Aggie softball team will play a doubleheader against Southwest Texas State today, weather permitting.

A&M, 15-15 overall this season, is 32-1 all time against the Bobcats, with the only loss coming in 1991. The Lady Aggies will play their first home game since they defeated Centenary 8-1 on March 3.

Following this extremely abbreviated homestand, the Lady Aggies will next play on April 7 and 8 in the Tulsa Festival. A&M will face Tulsa, Oklahoma City, St. Edward's and Texas-Arlington in the round-robin, two-day tournament.

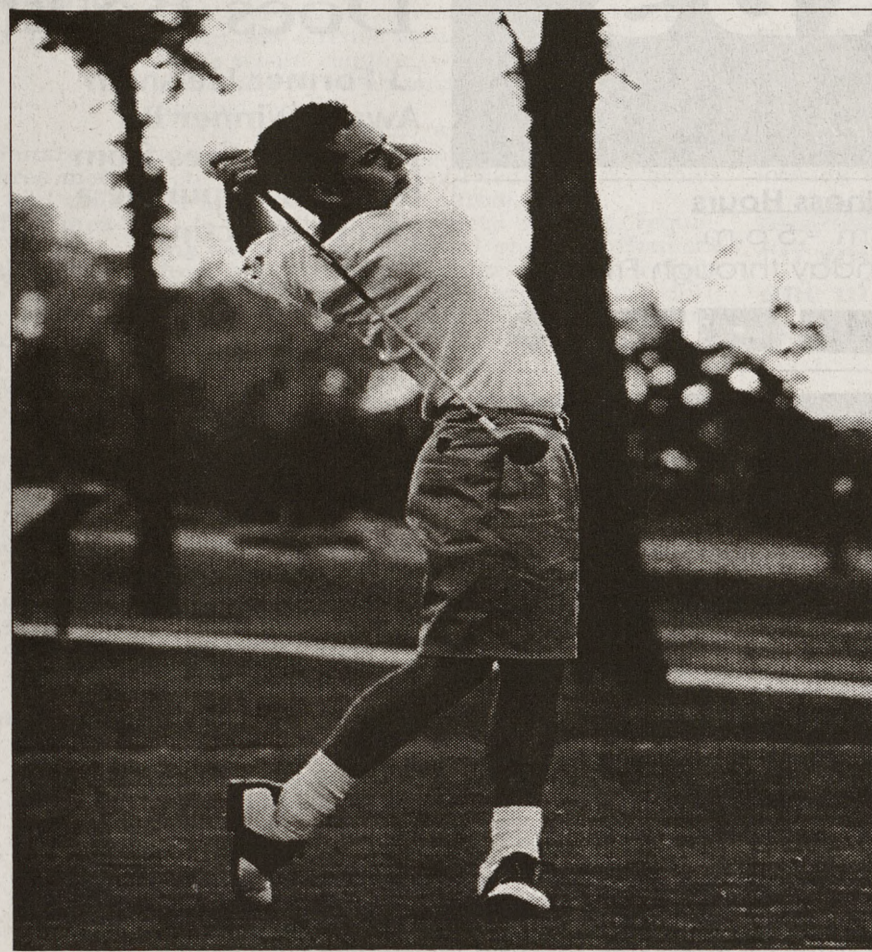


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Senior golfer Anthony Rodriguez follows through with his swing as he tees off.

Lighting it up at the links

Senior Anthony Rodriguez has already won four tournaments this year.

By Shelly Hall
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Many think the song "Eye of the Tiger" was the motivational theme song in Rocky III, but for Texas A&M senior All-American golfer Anthony Rodriguez, it has a deeper meaning.

"My mentor, (Hall of Fame golfer) Chi Chi Rodriguez, told me when I was 14 that when you are getting ready to play, you have to have the eye of the tiger," Rodriguez said. "You need to have the feeling that you can't be beat."

Since coming to A&M, Rodriguez said improvement has come with experience.

"I've improved a lot since my freshman year," Rodriguez said. "You just learn over time how to perform."

Rodriguez said there has been one major factor that has contributed to his success this season.

"Working with my sports psychology instructor, Dr. Arnold LeUnes, has helped me a lot," Rodriguez said. "He has

helped me think about the positive when I'm under pressure."

The achievement that Rodriguez said he is the proudest of is reaching the pinnacle of golf at the collegiate level last season.

"I am the most proud of making All-American last year and making the NCAA's," Rodriguez said.

After already winning four tournaments this season, more than any other player in the country, Rodriguez said he has attained the goals he had set for

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himself this year.

"At the beginning of the year, I wanted to win four tournaments," Rodriguez said. "Now that I have accomplished that, I would like to make first team All-American and be the best I can be."

Golf was not always Rodriguez's first love. Tennis was the game that brought him to A&M first.

"I came to tennis camp here

when I was young," Rodriguez said. "I got burned out with tennis when I was 12 and began playing golf."

Another honor for Rodriguez came last week when he was selected as one of six golfers to play on the United States team to play against Japan this summer.

With a stroke average of 71.52, Rodriguez has been a key to the success of the Aggie golf team this season.

This Sunday, Rodriguez will lead the team to the All-American tournament at Old Orchard Country Club in Sugar Land, Texas.

With his eligibility as a collegiate golfer ending this year, Rodriguez said he has plans to continue his golfing career when he re-

turns from playing with the U.S. team in Japan.

"I'm turning pro in July when I get back from Japan," Rodriguez said. "Chi Chi Rodriguez will be my sponsor."

For now, though, Rodriguez said his immediate goals are to contribute to the team as much as possible.

"My goal right now is for the team to win the NCAA's and the Southwest Conference."

Replacement Players Anonymous hold meeting

"My name is Mike and before I start the meeting, I would like to thank all of you for showing up. I know it has been tough lately, and I think it's really important that all of us stick together to get through these tough times."

"When I look out and see the rows and rows of you guys, I know it is worth while. All right, let's start the healing."

"My name is Ed and I am a replacement player junkie."

Everybody: "Hi, Ed!"

Mike: "We share your pain Ed. Please continue."

Ed (crying): "I didn't realize it until yesterday, but I not going to see Pookie Bernstine play in another major league game. I'll no longer be able to watch Lou List hit or Steve Shoemaker pitch again. And that hurts so bad. I know I only saw them play for about a



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month, but you get attached to things you know. I'll make do, but it is going to be hard."

Mike: "Keep your chin up, Ed. Next."

"My name is Clint and I'm hooked on watching replacement baseball."

Everybody: "Hi Clint!"

Clint (sniffing): "I thought the replacement guys were going to be playing the whole sea-

son, so I did what any other fan would do. I memorized the names of all 850 players and now I feel so stupid."

Mike: "You're not stupid, Clint. You just love replacement players. There's nothing wrong with that."

Clint (sobbing): "I guess you're right. But I know all their names, and now all that information is useless. I know them all from Chris Antosek to Bill Wengert. It took me forever to pronounce Mark Sobolewski's name correctly, and now it's all

wasted. For heaven's sake I missed the birth of my first child. But you know what, guys? I would do it all again if given the opportunity."

Mike: "Thank you, Clint. You are an inspiration to us all. Now for a little change of pace here's Tom with a little comedy routine he worked up."

Tom: "Hey, everybody! My name is Tom and I am also a replacement player junkie. Anyway, I think we all need a laugh

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