

SPORTS BRIEFS

National paper designates Curl All-American

The postseason honors began last week for Texas A&M senior John Curl when he was named a first-team All-American by the staff of Collegiate Baseball newspaper. The first baseman was named the first-team designated hitter after hitting .434 during the season with 18 home runs, good for first in the Southwest Conference, and 55 runs batted in.

Curl's home run total and batting average were both good for third place on A&M's all-time lists in the two categories.

The 6-foot 3-inch lefthander from Logansport, Ind. improved his offensive dramatically from his junior year when he hit .297 with two home runs and 32 RBI. In his previous three seasons, Curl totaled only nine home runs. Joining Curl on the first team from the SWC were Texas Tech's Jason Totman and Clint Bryant.

Edfors finishes 33rd in NCAA Championships

Texas A&M junior golfer Kristina Edfors finished a fine campaign for 1995 by shooting an even par 72 in the final round of the 1995 NCAA Women's Golf Championship.

Edfors' final round allowed her to jump 18 notches and finish in a tie for 33rd place in the final individual standings with a four-day total of 302 at the tournament held in Wilmington, North Carolina.

"Kristina played really well in the last two rounds of the tournament," A&M head coach Jeanne Sutherland said. "Her putting wasn't as good as it could have been, and that hurt her finish."

Edfors was competing in her second consecutive NCAA Championship as an individual. At last year's tournament, held in Portland, Ore., Edfors shot a 325 to finish tied for 81st place.

Omaha dream ends for A&M baseball team



Texas A&M pitcher **Justin Atchley** started the Aggies' final game Monday against the University of Miami. The Aggies lost the game 5-2 and were eliminated from the Atlantic Regional.

The University of Miami ended the Aggies' title chances, 5-2.

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP) — Rudy Gomez and Danny Buxbaum delivered back-to-back home runs, helping carry Miami to a 5-2 victory over Texas A&M in the championship game Monday of the Atlantic II Regional.

The Hurricanes earned their 14th trip to the College World Series, which begins Friday in Omaha, Neb. Miami (46-15) has advanced to the CWS 11 of the 13 times in which it hosted a regional.

The deciding game was made necessary when the second-seeded Aggies beat the top-seeded Hurricanes 4-0 earlier Monday. That snapped Miami's 10-game home winning streak in regional play.

In the championship game, left-hander J.D. Arteaga scattered six hits over eight innings for his 10th win.

Texas A&M (44-22-1) had won four straight games after losing in the first round.

Justin Atchley, who gave up the consecutive home runs to Gomez and Buxbaum in the first inning, took the loss — his second of the tournament.

The home runs with two out in the first put Miami ahead 2-0.

Until then, Texas A&M had gone 20 innings without allowing a run. The streak spanned shutouts against Miami on Monday and North Carolina on Sunday night.

Leading 2-0, Miami tacked on three more runs in the third, aided by a pair of Texas A&M blunders.

A home run by Harris put Texas A&M on the board at 5-1 in the fifth.

Texas A&M closed to within 5-2 in the eighth on a run-scoring double by Allen. The Aggies had runners on second and third, but Arteaga got out of the inning on a grounder.

Texas A&M forced a second game after beating the Hurricanes 4-0 earlier in the day behind the pitching of junior Tim Clarkson, who tossed a six-hit, complete-game shutout. It was the first time Miami had been shut out this season.

The Hurricanes were riding a 10-game winning streak in regional games at home before the first game. The win was A&M's fourth straight after losing to Florida International in the opening round of the tournament.

Clarkson, making just his second start of the year dominated Miami hitters, allowing only one runner past second base in the game.

The Aggies scored all four of their runs in the first inning, three of them unearned.

Singles by Chad Alexander, Jeff Bailey and Chad Allen loaded the bases to open the game. Alexander scored on John Curl's sacrifice fly.

Miami had Bailey trapped between second and third on a pickoff, but shortstop Alex Cora dropped the ball. Bailey later scored from third on a single by Robert Harris.

Allen scored to make it 3-0 on a grounder by Sean Alvarez and Rich Petru's single up the middle knocked in Jason Stephens to open a 4-0 lead for the Aggies.

The Aggies were attempting to go to Omaha for the second time in three years.

Tales of a sportswriter's sweet tooth

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Professional athletes selling everything from shoes to cars to the American public these days. It used to be that a guy had to be a superstar in order to hawk a product on national television, but not anymore.

Second-rate players like New Jersey Net Chris McCann can now be seen advertising goods and services.

The only sure way to sports stars were worth anything was if they had candy bar names after them. Reggie Jackson, Ken Griffen Jr. and Wade Boggs, all with outstanding ties, all had candy bars named after them.

But now even the starting to change as it's just announced that a company in Ohio would start producing candy bars named after Cleveland Indians pitcher Albert Belle.

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No Defense — In the spirit of Houston Rocket power guard Kenny Smith, this basically does nothing.

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Lacrosse team grows up in a hurry with 9-2 campaign



Photo courtesy of Heather McNurlen

Heather Stein, No. 20, passes the ball to Kristen Thor, No. 6, during a Texas A&M women's lacrosse game in the Western Women's Lacrosse tournament in Santa Cruz, Calif.

In two years, the A&M lacrosse team has grown to 30 players.

By Nick Georgandis
THE BATTALION

9-2.

For a good college football team, it is the kind of record that takes several years of strong recruiting and great coaching to achieve.

But, for an athletic team that has been in existence for only two years, and whose players often learn the game by ear, it is the kind of record that turns heads.

What began as one woman's dream in the fall of 1993 has grown into an organization of 28 A&M students, all committed to the sport of lacrosse.

The Texas A&M women's lacrosse team was started by Holly McNurlen, a senior health education major. McNurlen has been a jack-of-all-trades for the team, serving as the team coach, the team president and as a player.

"I played (lacrosse) in high school in Pennsylvania, then moved to San Antonio where they didn't have a team," McNurlen

said. "When I came here, I played on a men's team in MSC Sports because I wanted to play so much. I started putting up fliers around campus and people began to come in."

The highlight of this season for the team came in April when they made a trip to Santa Cruz, Calif., for the Western Women's Lacrosse tournament. Thirty-six collegiate teams and five high schools competed in the tournament, and the A&M team finished with a 2-2 record in the tournament.

The first two games for A&M were heartbreakers as they lost each contest by just one goal to the University of Southern California and to Claremont College. The team rebounded the next day for convincing victories over Oregon (9-1) and the University of California-Davis (10-5).

"We became really close as a team when we got to California," Rosalie Olson, 1995-96 team vice-president, said. "We put a lot of work into getting to the tournament, and we played as hard as we could."

Because the team is not sponsored by the Texas A&M athletic department, the members had to raise the money themselves to fund the trip to California. They

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