

SPORTS IN BRIEF

A&M golfers third at "Mo" Morial

The Texas A&M Women's Golf Team stands in third place through two rounds of the GTE "Mo" Morial Invitational at Pebble Creek Country Club. Baylor University stands in first place (320-309-629) two shots ahead of the University of Missouri (318-313-631) and four shots ahead of the Aggies (317-316-633).

Anna Jonsson is tied for the lead with a +5 through two rounds (75-74-149). Anna Becker is tied for eighth after shooting +12 through the two rounds (79-77-156). Rounding out the Aggie team was McKenzie Dyslin (84-80-164), Jennifer Poth (82-85-167) and Mimi Epps (81-91-172).

Cook honored as week's top rookie

The Texas A&M University Men's Basketball Team's Clifton Cook was named as Big 12 Rookie of the Week.

The junior averaged 14.0 points and 7.5 rebounds for the Aggies in the team's two losses last week.

Cook ranks eighth in the Big 12 in scoring at 15.3 points per game and second in assists and steal per game at 5.83 and 2.71, respectively.

Women's tennis heads to Houston

The Texas A&M Women's Tennis Team will return to action today in Houston at 2 p.m. against the University of Houston Cougars.

The Aggies (4-0, 1-0) swept their first conference match of the season, 9-0, Saturday against the University of Nebraska.

Today's contest against the Cougars marks the Aggies' first road match of the season. Playing No. 2 for the Aggies was junior Lisa Dingwall, who rolled to victory, 6-4, 6-2.

As the Worm Turns

Rodman holds press conference, moves closer to decision on future

EVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — There were tears. There was talk of flamboyant fashion.

Just another Dennis Rodman news conference. And for all the commotion during today's latest installment of "As the Worm Turns," all that happened this: Rodman moved closer to joining the Los Angeles Lakers. The team hopes to have the seven-time rebounding champion in

Rodman began by saying he wanted to sign with the Lakers, but matters were incomplete. When angrily questioned why he called the news conference if he had no announcement to make, Rodman snapped: "You don't have to be here!" Shortly thereafter he said he hoped to sign Monday night.

"Hopefully, I'll be playing this week and, hopefully, the Lakers and the people of California will accept me for who I am and what I do," he said. "If not, I'll move on."

Rodman said he had spoken with Lakers owner Jerry Buss several times and hoped to sign a two- or three-year deal with the team.

He insists he is in good shape and could immediately play 30 to 35 minutes a game.

He also said he would be reliable, pointing out he played 80 of a possible 82 regular-season games for the Bulls last season.

"You can count on me, you can count on me going to practice," he said.

Rodman said the Lakers were not a championship team now and must change its approach.

"All the guys want to be superstars," he said. "Everybody has to play a role. This team doesn't understand that right now."

He also said he was not returning because of money.

"I'm not happy at all," he said, referring to the fact that the Lakers could offer him only a \$1 million veterans' minimum, which would be prorated to under \$500,000 because of the shortened season and the games he has missed.

"What will make me happy is if I can bring this city a ring just like I did in Chicago," he said. "I'm here just because I want to make people happy. I miss entertaining. I miss entertaining for the people. I play for the people, I give the people what they want."



-DENNIS RODMAN
NBA FREE AGENT

Hopefully the Lakers and the people of California will accept me for who I am.

And man, at one point in tears, said he hoped to sign a contract before today was through.

He ended an uncertain three weeks since the Lakers first made their desire to sign the 37-year-old tattooed forward, a member of the Championship teams, including the last three with the Chicago Bulls.

He pressed conservatively — for — except for a wide, multicolored hat and dark glasses, Rodman talked 30 minutes late for his news conference.

He was accompanied by his wife, actress Carmen Electra, agent Steve Chasman and sister Debra, who is a member of the Lakers.

When came a series of bizarre and conflicting statements. The news conference ended abruptly after 20 minutes with a tearful Rodman being asked if he had been self-

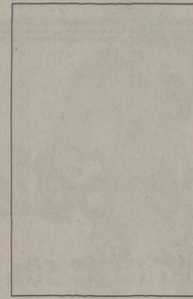
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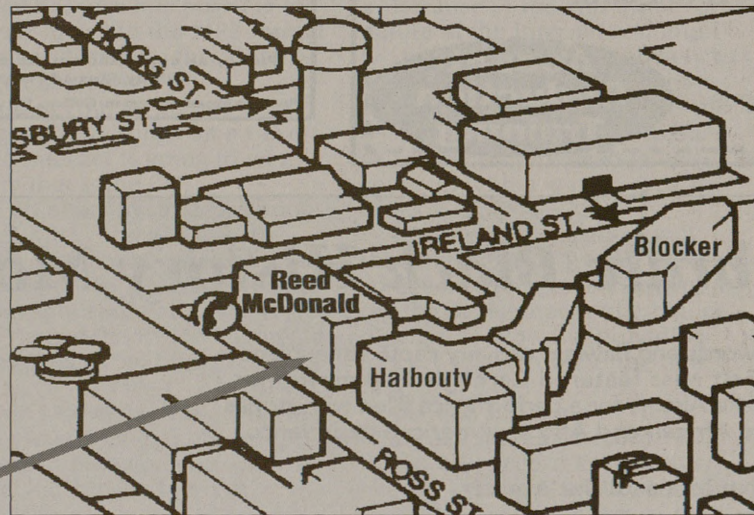
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