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Ags finish 4th at Big 12 final

BY TRAVIS HARSCH
The Battalion

One day after shooting their best round of the season, the Texas A&M Women's Golf Team posted a 313 to take fourth place at the Big 12 Championships in Boulder, Colo.

Seventh-ranked Oklahoma State University won the title with a three-day total of 906, holding off the 12th-ranked University of Texas, who made a charge on the final day to finish at 908.

Sophomore Mimi Epps led the Aggies in the individual standings with a tie for 10th place.

"I wasn't that pleased with my score — it could always be better," Epps said. "The most important thing is that we can make it to regionals."

The finish put the Aggies in good position to earn a bid to the NCAA West Regional May 6-8 at Pine Forest Country Club in Houston. Though A&M, which is hosting the tournament, needs to finish in front of both the University of Oklahoma and the University of Missouri to remain under

consideration for a bid. The field will be announced April 26.

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A&M women's golf coach

tion ourselves for a regional bid," A&M women's golf coach Jeanne Sutherland said. "We came into the tournament with our backs against the wall and performed well enough in the first two rounds to give ourselves some breathing room."

The Aggies started the final round in second, trailing State University by one shot and Tech University by a stroke after the best round of the year with a 299, a school record for the best round in a tournament.

Oklahoma State's Maria Boden won the individual title after shooting a 70-77-77 and a playoff with golfers from Texas and Oklahoma.

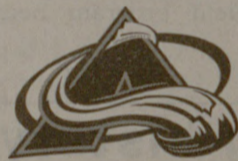
Epps' score of 76-76-75 = 227 was a hole score and finish of her career. Senior Anna Jonsson placed 13th with a 77 = 228 and junior Anna Becker placed 14th with a score of 76-72-81 = 229 after back injury that kept her out of the tournament. A&M and Texas were the only teams that placed three players in the top 15.

Before the final round began, the school served a moment of silence for the victims of a shooting in nearby Littleton, Colo.

Colorado shootings lead to rescheduling

DENVER (AP) — In a city mourning the shooting deaths of students at a suburban high school, the Colorado Avalanche on Wednesday postponed their opening two NHL playoff games, and the Colorado Rockies called off a second straight baseball game.

Citing ownership sentiment that "we have to act like all these kids are our kids," Avalanche general manager Pierre Lacroix said his team and the San Jose Sharks will not play the first two games of their best-of-7 series on Wednesday night and Thursday night as scheduled.



Instead, the series will open on Saturday in San Jose, which originally was to be Game 3.

Game 2 will be in San Jose on Monday, with the series shifting to Denver for games on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Game 6, if necessary, would be the following Monday in San Jose, and Game 7 would be back in Denver — on a date yet to be determined.

"It's our way to show respect to the community for this tragic situation," Lacroix said. "I want to express on behalf of the Avalanche our support to the families and express how sorry we feel for all of them."

Our prayers are with them."

Lacroix said he began discussing scheduling with owner Charlie Lyons and NHL officials on Tuesday night, just hours after the extent of the shooting, which left 15 dead and two dozen injured, became known.

"I had a conversation with Charlie Lyons and his reaction was that we are close to this community and we have to act like all these kids are our kids," Lacroix said. "With the support of the San Jose Sharks organization, we agreed to start the series in San Jose."

Although the Avalanche still would host four games of the seven-game series, the sometimes pivotal first two games will be staged in San Jose instead of Denver.

Asked if that amounts to a disadvantage for his team, Lacroix said, "We thought about the hockey aspect, but there is nothing more important than showing respect for our community. We don't look at this in any way, shape or form as an advantage or a disadvantage."

Sharks general manager Dean Lombardi agreed with the decision.

"I don't think there's any way we could have played (Wednesday night)," he said. "From what I understand, the bodies are still in [the school]. We talked about starting Thursday night, and we threw that out. I don't see how you could play here on Saturday either."

Bagwell's home run lead Astros past Cubs

CHICAGO (AP) — Jeff Bagwell matched career bests with three home runs and six RBIs Wednesday, setting a franchise record for homers as the Houston Astros beat the Chicago Cubs 10-3.

Bagwell's three homers gave him 225, two more than the previous Houston record set by Jimmy Wynn from 1963-73.

Bagwell, who came in with just one homer this season, connected off Scott Sanders for a solo shot in the first. He hit a three-run homer off Sanders in the third and a two-run drive off Rodney Myers in the seventh.

Bagwell also homered three times against the Los Angeles Dodgers on June 24, 1994. He finished 3-for-5, extending his hitting streak to 10 games. He struck out swinging in the fifth, and grounded out to third leading off the ninth.

Sanders (0-2) gave up four runs — all earned, and all driven in by Bagwell — and six hits in six innings. Myers was tagged for five runs and six hits in 1 2/3 innings.

Winner Shane Reynolds (3-1) allowed two runs and eight hits in seven innings.

The Cubs pulled to 4-2 in the

third when Mickey Vernon hit an RBI double and Scott Sanders' sacrifice bunt should not even be around to score, but Bagwell botched a rundown in the third and second.

Chicago could have had more runs. With Sam Rice in the third and Mark Grace on first, Houston popped out to Sanders and Jose Hernandez sent the Cubs' only other runner to the fifth homer, an eight-run drive off Doug Henry.

Notes: Craig Biggio led off the starting lineup for the first time this season. He pitched for Spiers in the seventh and stayed in the game.

Jeff Blauser started for the Cubs, the first pitcher to have played there since 1994.

Kevin Tapani, who pitched since the home run because of a sore shoulder, did not feel any pain after being off the mound Wednesday. He has missed one scheduled game and manager Jim Riggs said he would make a Thursday on whether he can go again Saturday.

"I threw everything more intensely," Tapani said. "I guess we'll see if they were good enough. I'll be putting more of a load on tomorrow and see how the reggie reacts."



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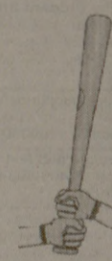
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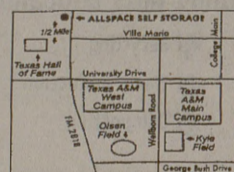
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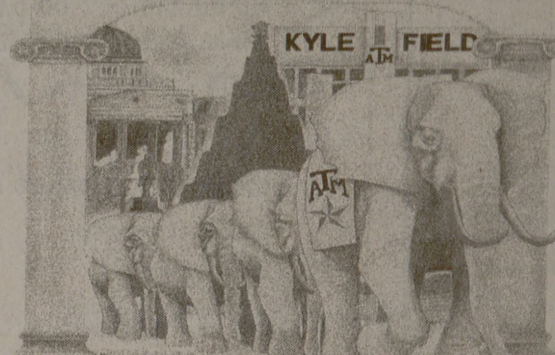
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