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Denton to decide whether to go to the Championships in Houston. Qualifying for the event between the Aggies' goal and Erath said they were accomplishing it. "We thought we had a good chance to qualify (nationals) our junior year," Erath said. "We have a coach that has been a coach that has taken us to nationals, and we have to execute." On Saturday, Erath and his teammates were scheduled to begin their preparation for the national championships, but they were unable to do so because of the crash. "It is difficult to express our sense of shock and sadness over the death of Payne Stewart," PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem said. "Stewart was one of the most recognizable players in the world because of his knickers and tam o' shanter hat, and his fiery spirit that carried him to 18 victories around the world. His last victory was his finest moment. Stewart made a 15-foot par putt on the final hole at the 72nd hole in the U.S. Open on the 72nd hole in the tournament's 99-year history. It was Stewart's third major championship in a career that began in 1980, and put a stamp on what had been a revival late in his career. He missed the cut last week in the Disney Classic, and reflected on his career the day before the tournament began. "There were times when ... I played very poorly and wasn't having fun playing golf, and I didn't want to continue," he said. "I had a wakeup call to the fact that this is what I'm good at, and I'm still good at it." Part of his turnaround was a newfound faith, drawn from a church through his children, 13-year-old Chelsea and 10-year-old Aaron. "I'm proud of the fact that my faith in God is so much stronger and I'm so much more at peace with myself than I've ever been in my life," Stewart said after winning the U.S. Open. "Where I was with my faith in God and where I am now is leaps and bounds." Stewart won his first major championship in 1989, the U.S. Open at Kemper Lakes outside Chicago, beating Mike Adams by a stroke. Two years later, he won the U.S. Open at Hazlet in Minnesota after an 18-hole playoff with Scott Simpson. But Stewart then went into the worst slump of his career, going eight years with only one victory and becoming embroiled with galleries and with the media the longer it went on. He nearly won the U.S. Open last year, taking a four-stroke lead into the final round at The Olympic Club on Sunday. Sanders was trying to get a message to the league in Washington specifically. Washington coach Bert Connell and Westbrook. They said they were afraid of Sanders, so they tried to remind them — and they agreed — why they should be aggressive on the field. Sanders went to the field to recover from a bad performance on a punt return. He hit on a punt return in the third quarter, then capped his performance with a dazzling punt return for a touchdown in the fourth quarter. Afterward, Sanders told Westbrook he played a good game and they hugged. "I also let him know that I was going to hunt rabbits, sometimes it's not fun if the rabbit has a gun," Sanders said. "If you're going to talk to me, you have to walk the walk." Their receivers are not the same. They have a way to go. Connell and Westbrook were playing cocky because they were leading for eight catches and two touchdowns in their season-opening meeting. Sanders, though, missed the 55 overtime win because of an injury. This time, even though Sanders played less than Westbrook, the pair had five catches for 90 yards, including a 44-yard touchdown by Connell. Sanders covered him on that play. Connell still was not impressed. "Not at all," he said. "I wasn't clicking. Deion was not clicking." Wrong again, Albert. Sanders' impact was felt in the game's first play, when he handed off to Stephen Delaney from his man and Westbrook was running back for a 44-yard touchdown. It was only his fourth touchdown loss in his 11-year career. Sanders' fire raged again in the play as he slugged Connell in the elbow. Some would call it a hit; the devout defensive line called it "laying hands on him." Sanders was not called for a penalty. Sanders probably didn't consider it a sin because he had lived himself in a pregame conversation with Westbrook over Irvin Fryar, an offensive lineman.

U.S. Open champion Stewart dies in LearJet crash at age 42

(AP) — Payne Stewart, known as much for his trademark knickers as his indomitable spirit in the Ryder Cup and in winning three major golf championships, died yesterday when the LearJet he was aboard flew uncontrolled for hours and crashed in South Dakota. Government officials said the plane, believed to have five people on board, may have suffered a pressurization failure. The 42-year-old Stewart won his second U.S. Open in June and played in his first Ryder Cup since 1993. He was on his way to Texas, where the Tour Championship is being played this week in Houston. "It is difficult to express our sense of shock and sadness over the death of Payne Stewart," PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem said. Stewart was one of the most recognizable players in the world because of his knickers and tam o' shanter hat, and his fiery spirit that carried him to 18 victories around the world. His last victory was his finest moment. Stewart made a 15-foot par putt on the final hole at the 72nd hole in the U.S. Open on the 72nd hole in the tournament's 99-year history. It was Stewart's third major championship in a career that began in 1980, and put a stamp on what had been a revival late in his career. He missed the cut last week in the Disney Classic, and reflected on his career the day before the tournament began. "There were times when ... I played very poorly and wasn't having fun playing golf, and I didn't want to continue," he said. "I had a wakeup call to the fact that this is what I'm good at, and I'm still good at it." Part of his turnaround was a newfound faith, drawn from a church through his children, 13-year-old Chelsea and 10-year-old Aaron. "I'm proud of the fact that my faith in God is so much stronger and I'm so much more at peace with myself than I've ever been in my life," Stewart said after winning the U.S. Open. "Where I was with my faith in God and where I am now is leaps and bounds." Stewart won his first major championship in 1989, the U.S. Open at Kemper Lakes outside Chicago, beating Mike Adams by a stroke. Two years later, he won the U.S. Open at Hazlet in Minnesota after an 18-hole playoff with Scott Simpson. But Stewart then went into the worst slump of his career, going eight years with only one victory and becoming embroiled with galleries and with the media the longer it went on. He nearly won the U.S. Open last year, taking a four-stroke lead into the final round at The Olympic Club on Sunday. Sanders was trying to get a message to the league in Washington specifically. Washington coach Bert Connell and Westbrook. They said they were afraid of Sanders, so they tried to remind them — and they agreed — why they should be aggressive on the field. Sanders went to the field to recover from a bad performance on a punt return. He hit on a punt return in the third quarter, then capped his performance with a dazzling punt return for a touchdown in the fourth quarter. Afterward, Sanders told Westbrook he played a good game and they hugged. "I also let him know that I was going to hunt rabbits, sometimes it's not fun if the rabbit has a gun," Sanders said. "If you're going to talk to me, you have to walk the walk." Their receivers are not the same. They have a way to go. Connell and Westbrook were playing cocky because they were leading for eight catches and two touchdowns in their season-opening meeting. Sanders, though, missed the 55 overtime win because of an injury. This time, even though Sanders played less than Westbrook, the pair had five catches for 90 yards, including a 44-yard touchdown by Connell. Sanders covered him on that play. Connell still was not impressed. "Not at all," he said. "I wasn't clicking. Deion was not clicking." Wrong again, Albert. Sanders' impact was felt in the game's first play, when he handed off to Stephen Delaney from his man and Westbrook was running back for a 44-yard touchdown. It was only his fourth touchdown loss in his 11-year career. Sanders' fire raged again in the play as he slugged Connell in the elbow. Some would call it a hit; the devout defensive line called it "laying hands on him." Sanders was not called for a penalty. Sanders probably didn't consider it a sin because he had lived himself in a pregame conversation with Westbrook over Irvin Fryar, an offensive lineman.

Death of a champion
Professional golfer Payne Stewart, winner of the 1999 U.S. Open, was among the five people killed aboard a LearJet that crashed Monday in South Dakota.




Birthdate: Jan. 30, 1957
Birthplace: Springfield, Mo.
Age: 42
Residence: Orlando, Fla.
College: Southern Methodist University
Family: Wife, Tracey Ferguson; children, Chelsea and Aaron
Turned Professional: 1979
Joined PGA Tour: 1981
Career earnings: \$11,737,008

PGA Tour victories	International victories
1999 Pebble Beach Pro-AM, U.S. Open	1993 Hassan II Trophy (Morocco)
1995 Houston Open	1992 Hassan II Trophy (Morocco)
1991 U.S. Open	1991 Heineken Dutch Open (Eur.)
1990 MCI Classic, Byron Nelson Classic	1990 World Cup (Indiv.)
1989 MCI Classic, PGA Championship	1982 Coolangatta-Tweed Head Classic (Aus.)
1987 Bay Hill Classic	1981 Indonesian Open (Asia), Indian Open (Asia)
1983 Walt Disney World Classic	
1982 Quad Cities Open	Ryder Cup experience
	1987, 1989, 1991, 1993, 1999

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in San Francisco before losing by one stroke to Lee Janzen. But the transformation of Stewart was already under way. When he won at Pebble Beach in February, he talked about the days when he would storm off the course, determined to keep golf in perspective and spend more time with his family. "I'm a lot older and I'm a lot wiser. I'm more mature," he said. "I'm not going to blink and miss my family growing up. When I'm out at the golf course, I'm going to prepare myself to be the best I can. And when I'm home, I'm going to be a father." On Father's Day came perhaps his greatest triumph. In a thrilling duel with Mickelson, Stewart made crucial putts on the final three holes at Pinehurst No. 2. When the final putt fell, he thrust his arm into the air and let out a roar. "All I wanted to do was give myself a chance," Stewart said, choking back tears. "I never gave up. I got the job done." The U.S. Open also secured Stewart a spot on his first Ryder Cup team in six years. He embodied the passion of the Ryder Cup, and boldly suggested that one reason the United States had not won since 1993 was that he was not on the team. He won only a half-point at The Country Club in Boston last month, but his presence was considered a motivating factor for the Americans, who staged the greatest comeback in history to win back the Cup.



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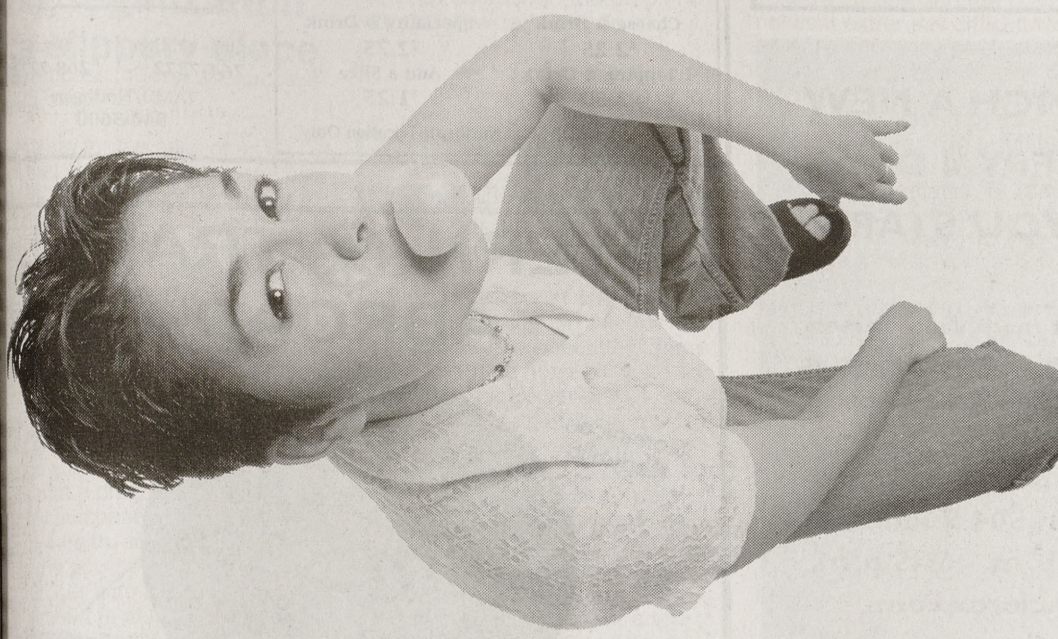
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