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Abstract

The University of Texas established a women’s club golf program in 1969, which competed non-competitively at the collegiate level. The club was founded by Pat Weis, a physical education teacher hired by the university in 1957. With the passage of Title IX in 1972, Weis was hired as the varsity women’s golf coach. The team received increased administrative support, funding, and elevation to varsity status. The UT Athletics Media Relations Women’s Golf Collection contains season binders, publicity materials, and newspaper clippings collected by UT Athletics Media Relations between 1972 and 2010. Included among the materials are team rosters, schedules, scores, tournament results, press releases, tournament programs, postseason results, newspaper and magazine articles, and published media guides.

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Administrative History

The UT Athletics Media Relations Women’s Golf Collection was created and maintained by The University of Texas at Austin Athletics Media Relations office. The office is located within the Darrell K. Royal—Texas Memorial Stadium complex, and reports to the Deputy Director of Athletics.

The University of Texas Athletics Media Relations office serves as the principal media liaison for all University of Texas intercollegiate athletics programs, including the Women’s Golf Program. The University of Texas Athletics Media Relations office describes its role as, to “actively publicize and promote the positive aspects and manage
the media demands of all University of Texas intercollegiate athletics programs.” This role includes the creation and distribution of media guides, sports media fact books, press releases, photographs, maintenance of texassports.com and management of UT Athletics social media presence. For home events at UT, the Media Relations office is in charge of distributing media credentials. It also serves as liaison for coaches, student-athletes and staff with intra-departmental contacts, the media, tournament contacts, conference contacts, and the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). Additionally, the NCAA requires universities to keep files and statistics related to each athletic event, and Media Relations is the source for this data. UT Women’s Golf competes at the NCAA Division I level.

Little information exists about the early years of the Women’s Golf Program at the University of Texas prior to the hiring of Pat Weis as a P.E. teacher in 1957. Weis was instrumental in organizing the Texas women’s golf club in 1969, which competed non-competitively at the collegiate level until 1972. With the passage of Title IX in 1972, Weis was hired as the varsity women’s golf coach. The passage of Title IX brought many changes to women’s intercollegiate athletics as a whole. In order to comply with Title IX, the Athletics Council at the University of Texas recommended a separate Department of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women with a Women’s Athletics Council and an Athletics Director for Women. In 1975, the university hired Donna Lopiano as its first director of Women’s Athletics.

With increased financial support from the university and the leadership of new head coach, Pat Weis, UT Women’s Golf team began their inaugural season in 1972-1973. Weis, considered “The Architect of the Texas Longhorn Women’s Golf Team” by the Texas Legacy Support Network, coached the women’s golf team to win seven

During Coach Weis’ tenure, she established the Betsy Rawls Longhorn Golf Invitational. Begun in 1974, this tournament is held annually during the spring and brings to Austin some of the best women golfers in the nation. This event was named after Betsy Rawls, a Texas graduate who won more than fifty LPGA tour championships between 1951 and 1975, including eight major championships. Rawls was inducted into the University of Texas Women’s Hall of Honor and the World Golf Hall of Fame. To date, six UT women’s golfers have claimed medalist honors at this event.

Following Weis’ retirement, Susan Watkins, a former UT student, and Corsicana, Texas native, took over as the second head coach in the history of the UT Women’s Golf program for the 1993-1994 season. Within a decade, her team had captured eight top-ten finishes at the NCAA Championships, including a second-place tie in 2002 and third-place finishes in 1996, 2000, and 2001. She led UT women’s golf to four conference championships in six seasons, the Southwest Conference titles from 1993-1996, and the inaugural Big 12 Championship in 1997. Watkins was named Big 12 Coach of the Year

Other notable players include Heather Bowie, who captured medalist honors at the 1997 NCAA Championship as the Honda Cup Award recipient of National Collegiate Golfer of the Year and Madison Pressel, who, fourteen years later, took home the 2011 NCAA Championship. Nicole Cooper (1993-1994 and 1994-1995), Kelli Kuehne (1995-1996), Heather Bowie (1996-1997), and Janice Olivencia (2001-2002) all earned Player of the Year awards for the Southwest (prior to 1997) or Big 12 (1997 to present) Conference. Olivencia was also one of six players to earn medalist honors at the Betsy Rawls Longhorn Invitational and had the second-lowest score of all time at that event. Randi Meadows won the Big 12 Conference Newcomer of the Year (1998-1999). And, Kristin Dufour and Lisa Ferrero were named to the 2001-2002 Big 12 All-Tournament Team. Kristen Dufour and Heather Bowie, each with a sixty-seven, are tied with the lowest score in UT women’s golf history.


Scope and Content


The collection documents the University of Texas at Austin’s Women’s Golf program between 1972 and 2010, with the bulk of the material covering the years between 1990 and 2008. These records were primarily generated on a season-by-season basis to record athlete results and improvements, and tournament results. The UT Athletics Media Relations department also collected published programs, press materials, and other publications related to the program as a whole, as well as to coaches, student athletes, and alumni. Documents include tournament correspondence and fundraising materials as well as travel itineraries.
The materials in this collection are divided into three series: Season Binders, Publicity Materials, and Newspaper Clippings.

The Season Binders contain materials pertaining to the golf seasons for the years 1972 to 2006. They include items such as UT Athletics Media press releases, press releases from non-UT media outlets, team and individual point statistics, tournament schedules, tournament results, event correspondence between UT staff and other institutions, golf newsletters, and tournament travel itineraries. Overall, the season binders document the progress of the individual team members as well as the team’s success as a whole over a 34-year period. Seasons 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 are missing from the Season Binders series.

The Publicity Materials span the years from 1977 to 2008 and include media guides, tournament/event programs, tournament media supplements, and NCAA media books. The media guides contain rosters, tournament schedules, previous season highlights, profiles of coaches and players, historical statistics for the program, Austin visitor attractions, and descriptions of University of Texas programs and services. Tournament programs and media supplements contain much of the same information as the media guides, but specific to each tournament in which the team participated. The NCAA media books give an overview of teams and players across the NCAA conference including rosters, season highlights and team as well as individual statistics. The 2002-2003 season is missing from the tournament guides subseries.

The Newspaper Clippings series features press articles created by national, regional and local newspapers and magazines between 1975 and 2005 concerning UT’s Women’s Golf program. Materials in this series include original newspaper and magazine
clippings and photocopies from in-state, regional, and national titles such as Austin American-Statesman, Dallas Morning News, and Golf Digest as well as photocopied and printed copies of online news publications such as Golfweek. Also included are newspaper and magazine articles pertaining to player Kelli Kuehne for the years 1995-1999, and newspaper clippings from the Daily Texan for the years 1975-1984.

The Digital Media series contains exclusively digital files from a zip disk within the collection and have no paper equivalent. The relevant zip disk files pertaining to UT’s women’s golf program contain tournament results and rosters from the 2003-2004 season. The file names provided within the Collection Arrangement have been taken directly from the zip disk’s file directory. These files are accessible by request.

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