

Tennis team young Juniors to carry load

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At a time of year when the word "sports" becomes synonymous with the gridiron and World Series, it's virtually impossible to think of Southwest Conference tennis. Unless you're Texas A&M University tennis coach Richard Barker. To him, even in the fall, pigskins take a back seat to nets, rackets, and courts.

The former doubles champ of the Southwest Conference is in his second year as head tennis coach, after a brilliant high school coaching career and three years as an A&M assistant coach.

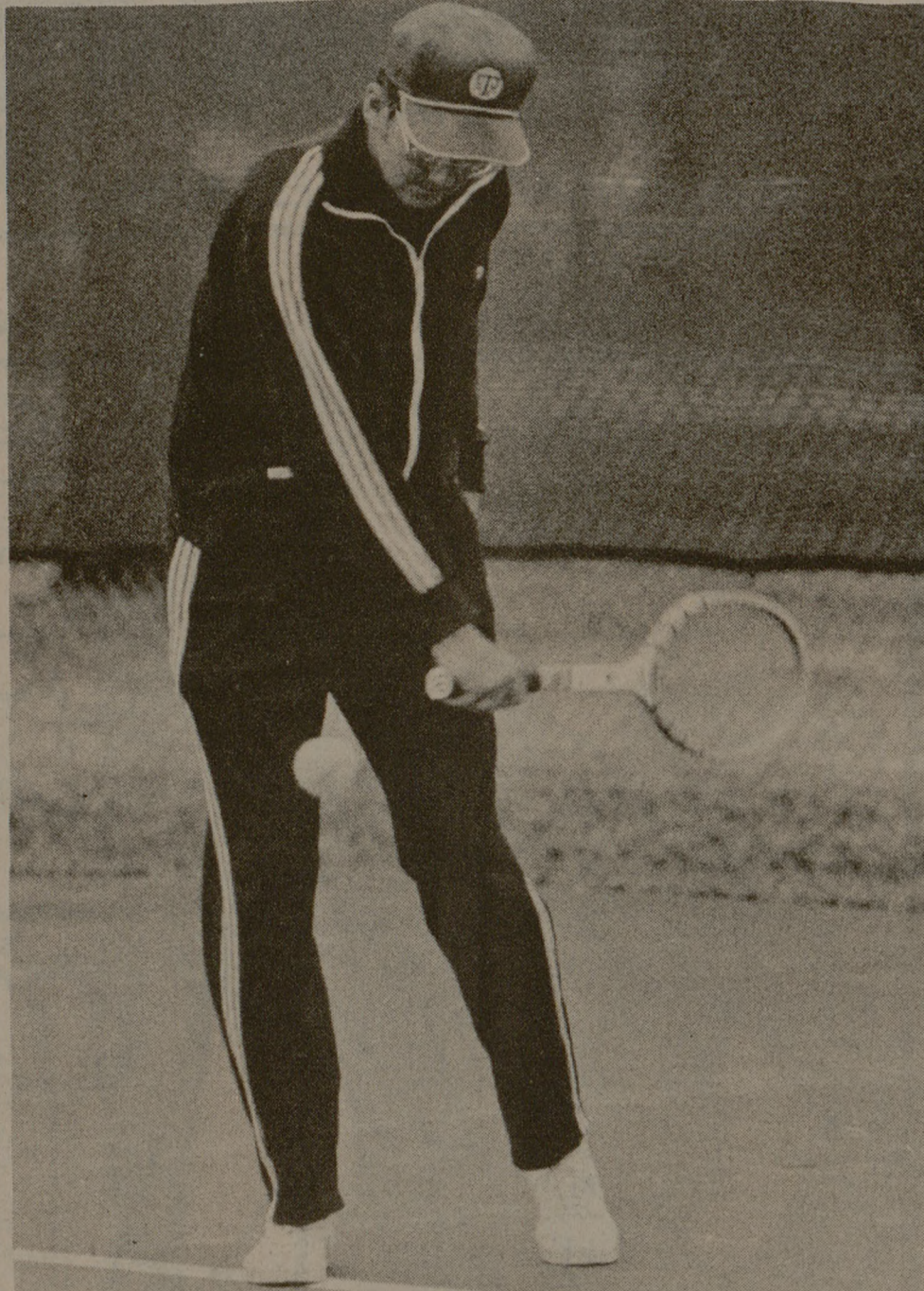
Barker recently wound up a very successful recruiting campaign in which he signed some of the outstanding talents from Texas, Louisiana, and Mexico. This summer the Barker inked the Louisiana state champ, Robin Baker, of Captain Shreve High in Shreveport; high school standout Mike Moss, of

Houston Westchester; and Roger Pier, of Tampico, Mexico.

Barker expects the new freshmen to blend in well with the older members of the squad and he feels, "They've got a good chance of making the top six." Barker goes on to explain, "These new kids have a whole lot of potential and they're very well drilled on the fundamentals."

The Aggies are looking for experience to come from outstanding juniors Charles Emley, of San Antonio; Tom Courson, of El Paso; Mark Silberman, of Odessa; and John Kirwan, of Midland. Coach Barker also expects sophomores Mark Parker, of Galesburg, Illinois; and Ed Teran, of Quito, Ecuador; to provide good experience.

Reacting to the question of how he felt the new NCAA rule cutting the number of scholarships available from eight to five, would affect the team, Barker stated, "I personally don't feel the new rule will hurt the schools so much as it will the



Tennis Coach Richard Barker Photo by Chris Svatek

kids. If all the schools in the NCAA follow the new limitations, then everything will be all right from the school's standpoint. It's the kids who are not able to receive a scholarship who will be hurt by the new rule. And I think you will see a lot more kids trying out for the tennis team because of this rule."

When asked who he felt would be coming to the front in singles and doubles, Barker explained, "Right now Emley and Courson stand as our top two singles players (replacing departed Bill Hoover and Bill Wright) and we're looking for someone to team with Charles Emley as our number one Doubles Team."

In comparing this year's netters to last year's squad (which finished fifth in the Southwest Conference), Barker stated, "We'll be a lot younger and not as experienced as last year. It will be hard to find immediate replacements for those who graduated, but we feel our young players have lots of potential and, after some experience, will be able to step forward and give us lots of help."

The Aggies face some very formidable foes on this year's schedule, including Trinity University of San Antonio, which ranked third in the NCAA last season; SMU, right behind Trinity in fourth; The University of Texas, ranked tenth in the NCAA last year; and the University of Houston, last year's Southwest Conference Champs.

Barker did a little prognosticating concerning this year's Southwest Conference race. He picked the University of Houston to repeat as conference champs, with Texas a close second and SMU right behind. He also expects Arkansas to be one of the best teams in the conference this year. This is the Razorbacks first year in conference play and they should have a fine team. Barker also said he believed that the conference was more balanced as a whole than last year.

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- Each student will be eligible to draw a maximum of six (6) tickets (limited to one guest ticket for each student ticket).

Distribution Plan:

	Graduates & Seniors	Juniors	Sophomores	Freshmen
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