gs sweep series

By PAT EDMONDSON

uperlative pitching perfornes by Clint Thomas, James of Gibson, and David Lockett ded a probable at-large playoff thas the Texas Aggies finished Frence play whipping Arkansas 3-1, and 7-5.

squad ended the 1976 season ha 15-6 Southwest Conference runner-up to champion Texas. Horns took two of three games Texas Tech in nabbing their SWC crown in 63 Years of com-

he Aggies set a new school ord by winning their 33rd game of ear. The previous season total We've had a great season," said Chandler

action.

"We are fairly certain to get an NCAA bid," said Chandler. "It looks like we will be playing in the Midwest NCAA Finals or the Rocky Mountain Finals," he added.

"The boys really came through," said Chandler. "There has been great pressure on them the last two weeks," he added, "and they came through in flying colors."

Last year the Cadets played in the Midwest NCAA Finals and narrowly lost out to the University of Ok-

The pitching trio of Thomas, Gibson and Lockett has a combined won-lost record of 30-6 this year.

"The pitching has just been outstanding the last two series," said

Coach Tom Chandler. "Our team has such tremendous leadership."
A&M must now wait for a bid from up the second place spot.

some practice games in preparation for the May 27-29 playoffs. St. Mary's University, Lamar University, and Pan American University are listed as possible candidates. Lamar and Pan American will play in the NCAA Finals in Arlington later this month.

The College World Series will be held June 11 in Omaha, Neb.

Emley claims finals gained with confidence

By DEBBIE KRENEK

and a little luck. hat's what Charles Emley claims khim to the finals of the Southst Conference tennis tournament

lis luck came when the confere was rearranged so that players th about the same capabilities npeted against each other. Emthe No. 1 player for the Texas gies, played tennis players of his me standing from other colleges. Thad to play people that had beat earlier. Once you beat some body ndon't have too much respect for that person. I think the people I byed were looking ahead to the at match because they figured bey could beat me," Emley said. The confidence came when he was

wt on the court, Emley said.
"You have to go back to practice and try to duplicate what you accomplished there. You have to keep

econd shots, rhythm and Julius Eving, not necessarily in that order, putthe New York Nets in command,

In now at least, of the American Basketball Association champion-

ship playoffs.

Now you can add Nets' momen-

tum to that list of problems the

Myggets must solve Tuesday night in

ius," said Larry Brown, the Auggets' coach, as he tried to analyze what went wrong in Satur-

dy night's 120-118 Net victory that

we New York a 1-0 lead in the best-of-seven series.

he second game of the series. "We must do a better job on

epartment li was an understatement.

"When the rhythm got going, I just kept it up," said Dr. J, who wored 45 points, including 1 of the last 11 and the last two on a

points," Emley said.

"I didn't get nervous because usually you don't unless you've been winning all season. When you've been losing, one more doesn't make that much difference so you're relatively calm," Emley said.

Emley comes from a family of tennis players and started playing when he was 6 years old. His father, who played tennis in high school, taught him the basics of the sport and he began lessons when he was 10. "I took up tennis because I was too

small for football and I liked it so well I stuck with it," Emley said.

under division of tournaments when The division was composed mainly of 11 and 12-year-olds so at first I got beat left and right because I

was so small. After a while I began to

He tried 36 shots from the field

and the free-throw line, scoring on

28. He had 12 rebounds and four

assists. And as important as anything else, he forced Bobby Jones, the

Denver forward who's acknowledged among the best defensive

players in the ABA, into six fouls.

Jones' substitute, Gus Gerard, and center Dan Issel, who helped in guarding Erving, each had five fouls.

In addition, he was almost unstoppable under the Nets' offensive boards. In a page of few prints.

boards. In a span of four minutes of the final quarter, he rebounded four shots into the basket.

'I started out trying to play an in-

said. "I had some success with it, and tucky

win my games," Emley said.

N.Y. Nets over Nuggets

st Amazing Dr. J. leads

work and don't give him any easy Robert E. Lee high school in San Antonio. He won district four years there and advanced to state in his

> During the summer, Emley gives tennis lessons at a San Antonio country club. A junior P.E. major at A&M, Emley plans to become a teaching pro when he graduates. Emley says he doesn't mind play-

> ing in front of an audience at tennis

"One of the most embarrassing things that ever happened to me was at the University of Texas tournastuck with it," Emley said.

He began competing in the 12 and nder division of tournaments when met broke. The fans sure gave me trouble about that one especially

since I was an Aggie," Emley said. Emley practices two and a half hours a day. However, he says he stays away from the tennis courts on

After the game he had played,

Erving said he was concerned about

a possible overtime when 7-foot-1 Nugget rookie Marvin Webster stuf-

fed a rebound with four seconds to go to tie the score. "I thought about it for a split second, and obviously they

were negative thoughts," Erving said. "If we had to play five more

minutes, I would have just had to

Kevin Loughery, the Nets coach, was worried before the game about the effects on his team of a layoff of

more than one week after its semifi-

nal series victory over San Antonio.

The Nuggets came into the series

reach back for more.

Coaches swamp A&M for Robertson's secrets

They come like scientists to view the creation that Melvin Robertson hath wrought.

Some go away not totally understanding or agreeing with his defen-sive philosophies at Texas A&M

Others — such as three professional teams which Robertson asks to go unnamed — have tried to hire him away from the school which owned the finest defense in the country last year.

"The money offers have been attractive and it's flattering but I still like working with the kids," says Robertson. "I like the enthusiasm in college football.

The 48-year-old Robertson, a former quarterback at West Texas State University, has been swamped by college and pro coaches during Texas A&M's spring football prac-

Some of the colleges visiting have included Stanford, Southern California, Tennessee, Arizona, Oklahoma State, Wyoming, Lamar University, Ventura College Calif., Augusta College N.D., and Utah

The Aggies, who led the nation in total defense and were No. 1 against the rush, field a basic 4-3 alignment which Robertson says "I believe will be the upcoming trend in collegiate football. A lot of people believe that is the best defense against option football rather than having a

noseguard over the center."

It's hard to argue with Texas A&M's 1975 statistics. The Aggies allowed only three runs over 17 yards. On 166 possessions, the opposition failed to make a first down 115 times. A&M opponents averaged punting nine times a game and the Aggies defense averaged captur-

ing two turnovers per contest.
"We play a calculated, gambling type of defense," says Robertson.
"The key is our linebackers. Our

linebackers made as many sacks as

our linemen last year."
Texas A&M had two All-American linebackers, Ed Simonini and Garth Ten Napel, last year but Robertson says he has a middle linebacker, Robert Jackson, who "is the best I've coached in 25 years. Just wait until you see him go.

Robertson coached seven years as an assistant under Bill Yeoman at the University of Houston. "We were 2-8, 2-8, during the

those first two years but our defense still averaged 12th nationally over the seven year period I was there,' says Robertson.

The Aggies were second nationally on defense in 1974.

Robertson is one of the few defensive coaches in the country who has his own television show.

"I think Larry Lacewell at Oklahoma and Jimmy Johnson at Arkansas are the only other ones who have shows," says Robertson. "We had the Southern Cal coaches on the other night. I think it helps show the fans that defense is just as big a cheese game as offense." Why do coaches make the pil-

grimmage to A&M to put Robertson's defense under the mic-

"They are amazed the way our kids crowd the football," says Robertson. "Our theory is to make the big play. That takes enthusiasm, and of course, calculated gambles.

Robertson studies film until his leyeballs roll so he can trigger the proper gamble at the right time. His idea of a vacation "Oh, I take ome time off in June and just putter

round the house and watch film, ne says. "I take Jimmie (his wife) out to eat every now and then to keep And Robertson is happy with the

efense he has coming back in 1976. "We could be absolutely super,"

says Robertson. terest in its traditions is invited to come.







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Gray was an All-Big Seven player 1955-56, the years Oklahoma won onal football championships. He tarted every game his sophomore ough senior years and after luation played in the Canadian thall League.

rvivors include his widow. y; a son, Greg, a freshman at the ersity of Texas at El Paso; a son, and a daughter, Teresa.

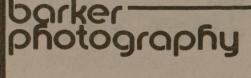


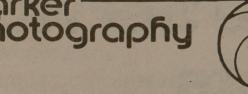
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