Mansel's Wheel Alignment

gs defeat Gobblers 27-6

"If ifs and buts were candy and nuts, then we'd all have a Merry Christmas.

— Don Meredith

BLACKSBURGH, Va. - If the gies could have scored a achdown every time they were in vicinity of their goal line, and if



the defense could have held the Gobbler offense on third down situations, then Texas A&M would have defeated Virginia Tech by a greater score than 27-6.

'I thought we played good defense except on third down situations," coach Emory Bellard said.
"We played too loose in these situations and they came up with the first

Tech converted seven out of seenteen third down situations, and had 342 offensive yards. Turnovers was the only faction of the game

Tech running back Roscoe Coles may not have reached the Ag endzone, but the little halfback did something no back has done against A&M since 1974. He rushed for

'My goal was 200," Coles said. "I could have done it too, if I had gotten to carry the ball a few more

Coles' 120 yards rushing was good, but Curtis Dickey did better. The sophomore from Bryan carried the ball 17 times and gained 144.

The Aggie offense had another good day, but missed on some opportunities that would have put the game out of reach early.

"We sometimes just couldn't connect when we needed to," quar-terback David Walker said. "But basically our offense was sound today. We read everything their defense used, and they were a little slow adjusting to our offensive for-

"The offensive line really came off which kept the Gobblers out of the Aggie endzone. The office of the ball today. They opened up some big holes for George and Curtis to run through.

Woodard was held to just 82 yards. The Gobbler defense, led by Rick Razanno, keyed on the big man

on every play.
"They defensed me pretty good," Woodard said. "They had three people keying on me the whole

"I owe it all to my line," Dickey game. They really impressed me said. "I love them all." game. They really impressed me

A very impressive goal line stand was made by the Gobblers just before the half. On fourth and one, Woodard carried the ball, but was stopped just short of the goal line. A slow exchange from Walker may have hurt Woodard's chances of

"My one little gut, couldn't match their five big guts," Woodard said. "They played me strong, and knocked me down. That Razzano met me a few times in the hole today. He can really hit you hard.

The Ags face hard hitting Texas Tech this weekend in Lubbock. A&M's defensive play will have to improve. Bellard's Bunch has been sluggish at times. It appeared A&M was looking ahead to the Texas Tech contest throughout the Virginia

Tech encounter.
"We were looking to the Texas

don't think it affected our play. One thing's for sure, we won't be looking past the Red Raiders.'

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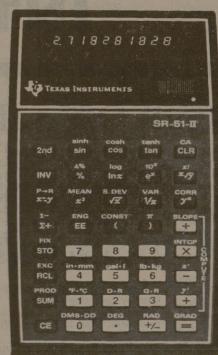
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A&M tennis team begins new season

There's no fooling around for the en's tennis team this season, A&M nis coach Richard Barker said. The team is in full swing for the 177-1978 season, and they're work-

under stricter training rules. We've got stricter training rules n most of the athletes here,' ach Barker said. Even this early in season, the guys are discouraged m drinking, carousing and keepg late hours, he explained.

'And they will be exposed to elop them. The team jogs regularly out to

asterwood Airport. They also prace three to four hours a day. With six new freshmen, it's a oung team, Barker said. There are 4 men on the team presently and 2 more trying out. A total of 10 will chosen for the team and six of se will be chosen for tournament

The team's best prospect, Barker says, is freshman Reid Freeman, a AAAA singles champion from Highland Park in Dallas. Other incoming reshmen are Max King from San Intonio, Trey Schetz and Murray Blackshear from Galveston, Denny linaldi from Stuart, Florida and Jim Grubert from Richardson.

Eight varsity courts, grandstands or 400-500 people, and shower acilities for men and women are under construction. "The new acilities will definitely be a plus fac-

Barker said. been times when we had to stop lated a 13-1 record against various lay to wipe mud off our shoes after European nations.

A&M also will host Baylor in the Deople out to matches which will Tuesday night tournament.

Tonight the Aggie volleyball team

Baker from Shreveport, David Moore from Corpus, and Julian Hine from southwestern Louisiana are the returning lettermen.

All of the men this season are Barker's own recruits, and he says it should be a quality team. A&M has not been ranked in several years, but Barker refuses to be discouraged. "A team is ranked by what they did the year before," Barker explained. "There's definitely hope for the future

Due to good recruits and better agher play. I've set up the type of facilities, everybody's a lot more hedule that will be excellent to enthusiastic this year," Moss said. 'Last year, there were certain matches that we just expected to lose. But if we play really well, we've got the kind of team that could be ranked in the future."

A&M will participate in four tournaments this fall. The first one was this weekend in Midland. "The top teams will be there," Barker said. "It's going to be tough, but I think we're ready."

Volleyball team plays tonight

Texas A&M's women's volleyball team faces one of the sport's top competitors Tuesday night when they host Utah State at 6 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Utah State, coached by the ABC women's "Superstars" champion They will improve our attitude a and Olympic volleyballer Mary Jo turning player Mike Moss Peppler, has recently returned from said. On the old courts, there have Europe where the team accumu-

Mike Moss from Houston Gaces Rice University at 7:30 in G. Westchester, along with Robin Rollie White Coliseum.

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