

Sports

Tennis tourney draws over 500

Tennis was the name of the game and some of the finest players around the state gathered over the weekend for the Third Annual Texas A&M Open Tennis Tournament.

Over 500 players participated in what tournament director David Kent described as the most exciting tourney yet.

"It seems to be getting bigger and better every year. Everybody had a good time and there was a lot of good tennis," Kent said.

Bryan's Tommy Connell walked away with the championship crown by taking the men's singles title and teaming up with Trey Schutz to take the doubles title.

Connell defeated Bob Hilliard 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 for the singles title and then he and Schutz beat Richard Barker and Charles Emley 7-6, 6-2 for the doubles.

Connell played for Texas A&M in 1972-73 and is now local pro.

"Tommy played good, solid tennis throughout the tournament. He's gotten much better since he has been out of school," Kent said. Kent is the Aggie tennis coach.

Acting University president Charles Samson, who was an All-American tennis player for Notre Dame, also played in the tourney. Although he didn't win he is considered an outstanding tennis player.

Results from the 3rd Annual Texas A&M Open Tennis Tournament:

Men's regular singles: Robert Vandershans defeated Myron Kruger 6-0, 6-1

Women's regular singles: Donna Hurley defeated Jane Parker 6-1, 6-0

Men's championship singles: Tommy Connell defeated Bob Hilliard 4-6, 6-3, 6-2

Men's regular doubles: Gross-Cross defeated Taylor-Null 6-3, 6-4

Women's regular doubles: Hurley-Lightsey defeated Nolt-Webster 6-0, 6-2

Men's championship doubles: Shutz-Connell defeated Barker-Emley 7-6, 6-2

Women's championship doubles: Nuetze-Hutcherson defeated Duncan-James 6-1, 6-4

Men's 35 singles: Ken McAllister defeated Larry Reynolds 7-6, 6-1

Women's 35 singles: Judy Scarbrough defeated Lightsey 6-1, 6-0

Men's 35 doubles: Coody-Reynolds Navasad-Moen 6-3, 6-4

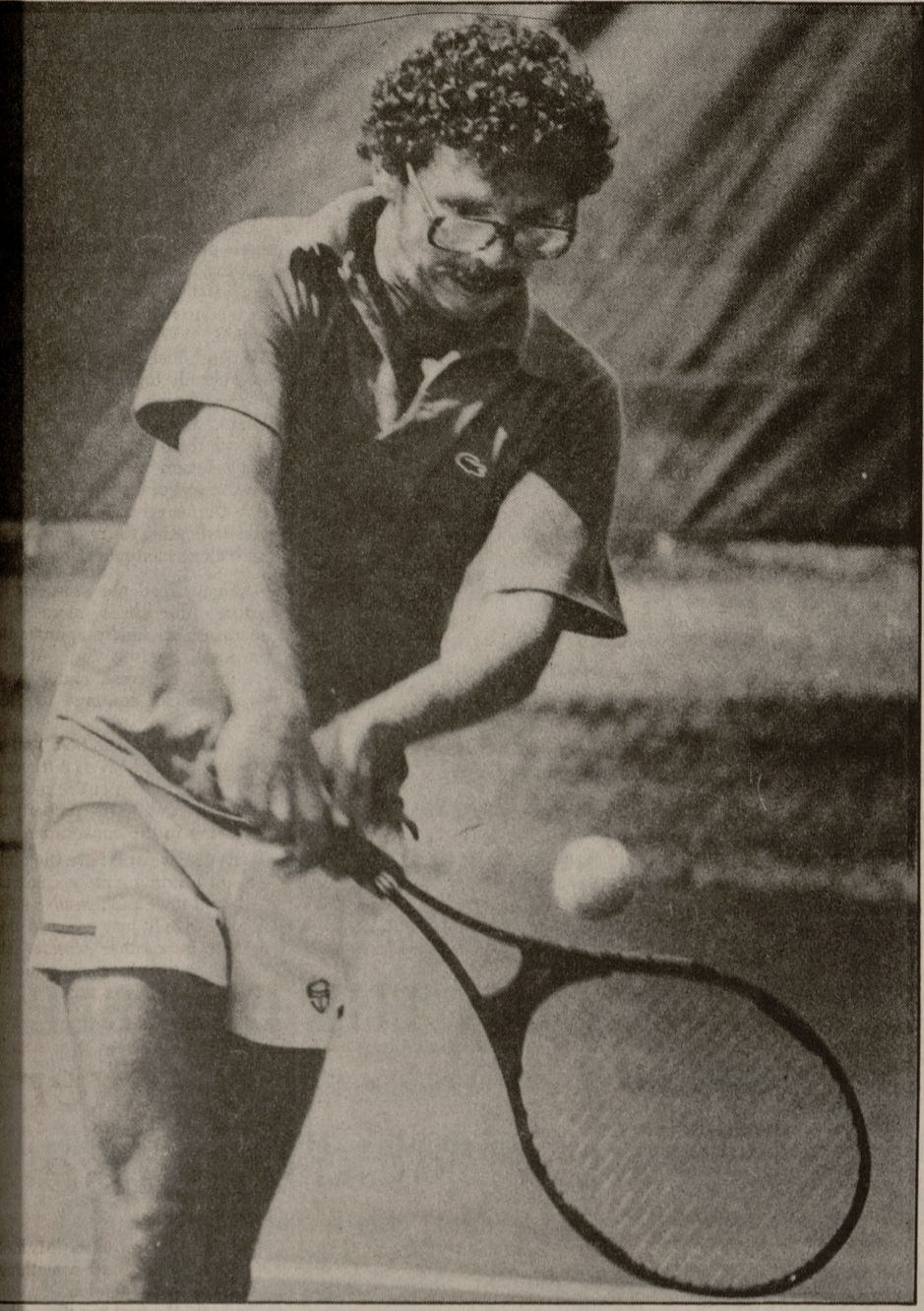
Women's 35 doubles: Scarbrough-Yellow defeated James-Duncan 6-4, 6-4

Men's 45 singles: Paul Boven defeated Ralph Lawson 6-0, 6-0

Men's 45 doubles: Boven-Eliff defeated Maltz-Sampson 6-4, 6-3

Mixed doubles-regular: Pope-Pope defeated Pollman-Duncan 6-1, 2-1 ret.

Mixed doubles-championship: Hill-Emley defeated McMurray-James 6-2, 6-2



Staff photo by Greg Gammon

Charles Emley concentrates on his return during the men's championship doubles final match Sunday afternoon in the 3rd Annual Texas A&M Open Tennis Tournament. Emley and his partner, Richard Barker, lost to Tommy Connell and Trey Schutz in the final 6-0, 6-1. Over 500 tennis players from around the state participated in the tournament.

Pokes happy with signal system

DALLAS — Despite a 21-17 season opener loss to the Green Bay Packers, the Dallas Cowboys are celebrating the success of their new method of transmitting plays from the sidelines.

John Mackovic, who replaced Dan Reeves as the Cowboys' assistant coach, was so pleased with the response to his hand signals to quarterbacks Danny White and Glenn Carano, he even urged coach Tom Landry to do the same.

Landry, who has not bothered to learn the hand signals, stood next to Mackovic during the Saturday night game, told Mackovic the play and the assistant coach then relayed it to White and Carano.

"I think it worked real well," said Carano. "It gives you more time to get to the line of scrimmage and look over the defense." Carano said he misinterpreted the signals only once.

"And, then, the only thing wrong was that I called the wrong play for the running play to go to. I didn't have any trouble picking up the coach on the sidelines."

Dallas has had problems for years trying to shuttle plays into the game with guards, wide receivers, running backs and, finally, tight ends. On several occasions the 30-second clock had ticked down to the danger level before the play could be transmitted from the coach to the quarterback.


White was often the victim of a shortage of time last season and he was particularly pleased with the change.

"The only trouble is that a couple of times I forgot we were using it and I would be looking downfield somewhere waiting for a play to come into the huddle with the call. Then I would remember and I'd look to the sidelines."

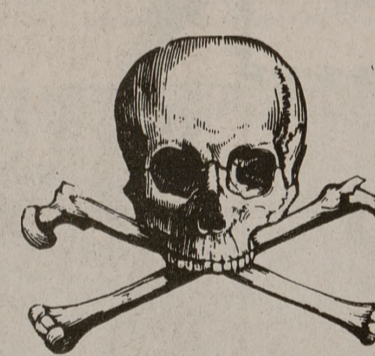
While most NFL teams use signals to relay defensive instructions on the field, few clubs use them on offense because the calls tend to be more complex.

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