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# Free throws piece of cake for Brown

**By CHAREAN WILLIAMS** Assistant Sports Editor

After "high-fiving" with his team-mates, he approaches the free throw line. He practices his form a few times, bounces the basketball a few times and then, swish — nothing but

For Texas A&M guard Kenny Brown, free throws are a piece of

cake. No problem. "I could always shoot free throws all right," Brown said. "It's no big deal.

Currently, Brown is hitting 92.1 percent, which puts him third in the nation. He led the nation in free throws for the first part of the sea-son and, at one time, had a string of 25 in a row.

Last season was a different story. Brown hit only 72.8 percent of his free throws, and only 65.9 in South-west Conference play. He didn't even lead the Aggies in free throw percentage, much less the nation.

"I'm just taking more time on the line," Brown said. "They just hap-

nne, Brown said. They just hap-pen to be going in. "I wish I wasn't leading the nation to tell you the truth. Everytime I miss it's 'oh, you missed.' I try to look at it as no big deal. I would rather hit field goals than free throws. People keep talking about it. It gets on my nerves really."

The junior from Memphis, Tenn., has better things to talk about, like the Aggies' successful '85

"We're in a good position," Brown said. "We made a mistake at the end of the SMU game that hurt us, but maybe we lost to a better team that game. We sure shouldn't have lost to Arkansas.

Arkansas. Brown said having four starters return from last year's team made the Ags a SWC contender. "I thought we had a good team last year," Brown said. "We just weren't experienced. We're kind of like yets now We're really coming like vets now. We're really coming together as a team. We play together and make as few mistakes as possi-

Brown, 25, said A&M's goal is to

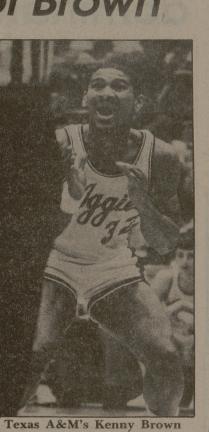
"We really don't want to finish any lower than third," he said. "And we want to go higher than that. We have a chance to win the conference. That's a goal I would like." Brown and teammate Al Pulliam

came to A&M after serving time in the military. Teammate Gary Lewis, was responsible for getting Brown to A&M.

"When I was in the service, I would go to a gym in Tuscon," Brown said. "Gary's dad (who was a teammate of Aggie Head Coach Shelby Metcalf's on an Air Force team in Germany) told Coach Met-

calf about me "Coach Metcalf called me up. I came down here and visited and liked it, so I'm here. I had an offer from Arizona as well, but I was re-

ady to leave Arizona. I thought this was a good place to come." When Brown entered A&M, he



## reacts to an official's call.

"I've been going pretty good," Brown said. "I don't know what hap-pened at Tech. If I would have kept shooting at Tech, I'm sure it would have come. But, if. I'm not hitting, I look for other people."

look for other people." Metcalf said, "Kenny's poor per-formance wouldn't have been so no-ticeable if he wasn't so important to

What Brown won't tell you is that he missed the practice before the Tech game because he had to attend a lab. However, one game does not a season make, as Brown has proved. Opposing coaches and players have nothing but compliments for Brown. Arkansas Assistant Coach James

Arkansas Assistant Coach James Dickey said Brown is the key to stop-ping the Ags. "He has great range and is capa-ble of scoring 30," Dickey said. "You've got to keep Brown from having a big night." Against Oral Roberts on Dec. 5, Brown had a season bigh 20 points

Brown had a season high 29 points. ORU forward Sam Potter was only

one of many Titans who were im-pressed with Brown. "That No. 32 is a phenomenal shooter," Potter said. "We knew he was good, but we didn't expect him to be that good " to be that good."

More than one team has been burned when all their thoughts were centered on Brown.

"We came in (against A&M on Dec. 8) thinking 'Brown, Brown, Brown,' and we left knowing all about Todd Holloway," Pan Ameri-can Head Coach Lon Kruger said. The Broncs lost 74-53 to the Ags behind Holloway's 28 points

behind Holloway's 28 points. Most see Brown in the NBA after next season, but Brown said that

isn't his biggest concern right now.

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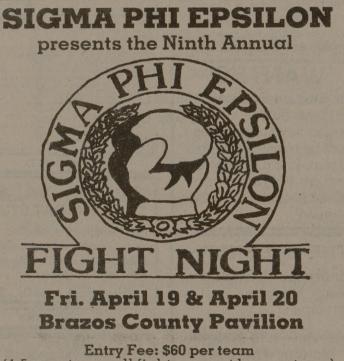
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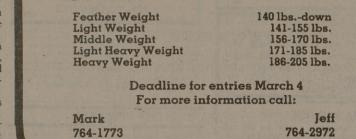
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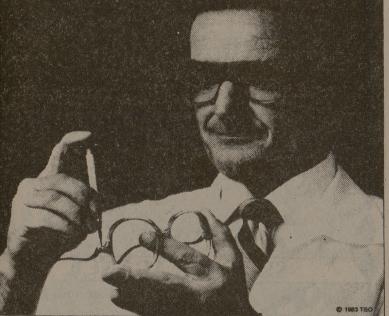
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Having improved in all facets of the game, Brown has upped his av-erage to 18.2 points per game this season and has scored in double fig-

The Jan. 23 game against Texas Tech was Brown's only bad game this season. Brown scored only 10 points and overall had a lacklustere performance.

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'It has crossed my mind," Brown said. "I'm trying not to put my thoughts into that. I'll play one more year and see what happens. I just want to finish school and get my de-gree so I'll have something to fall back on.

The parks and recreation major would like to work in a gym after

graduating. "I like working in gyms," he said. "I might like to work with some type of recreation in the service. I like the way they handle things.'

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