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walked intentionally. That brought up Pendleton, who turned a key double play Saturday night with a running, back-to-the-plate catch and throw.

Kansas City Manager Dick Howser had relief ace Dan Quisenberry warming in the bullpen, but he stuck with Leibrandt. It was the wrong decision.

Pendleton hit a 2-1 pitch into the left field corner, scoring all three runners and chasing Leibrandt.

Quisenberry came, walked Darrell Porter intentionally and then got Andy Van Slyke on a popup to center to end the inning.

But the damage had been done, and Leibrandt was a ninth-inning victim for the second time this post-season.

Leibrandt, in almost total control before the ninth, lost to Toronto last Saturday in Game 4 after taking a 1-0 lead into the last inning.

The Royals had staked Leibrandt to a 2-0 lead in the fourth on a single by Willie Wilson and consecutive RBI double by George Brett and Frank White, the Royals' No. 3 and 4 hitters who had been ineffective offensively in Game 1.

And Leibrandt seemed more than up to making that stand up.

Going into the ninth, he had allowed only singles by Pendleton in the third inning and Landrum in the fourth, and had let only one other Cardinal reach base, Clark on a walk in front of Landrum's hit. He also had retired 13 straight batters.

But McGee was not to be the 14th, and the Cardinals were not to be the victims of the first Series complete-game shutout since 1983.

Instead, they became the first team to win the first two games on the road since 1972, when Oakland did it in Cincinnati and went on to win the Series in seven.

And they became the first team since the 1939 New York Yankees to win after trailing 2-0 in the ninth.

Now, the Cardinals have a big lead, plus the advantage of coming home, where they had the second-best record in baseball this season and where they swept the Dodgers in the playoffs after losing the first two games in Los Angeles.

Royals right-hander Danny Cox, who won the third game of the playoffs for St. Louis, played with fire in each of the first three innings before the Royals finally broke through in the fourth. Cox allowed six Kansas City hits, walked three and struck out five, including three in the second inning.

Ken Daley took over from Cox starting the eighth and got the win, with Jeff Lahti getting the save.

TANK McNAMARA

by Jeff Millar & Bill Hinds



A&M's No. 10 spikers fall to unranked Tech

By CHAREAN WILLIAMS
 Assistant Sports Editor

LUBBOCK — It's usually a given when the Texas A&M volleyball team travels to Lubbock to play the Texas Tech Red Raiders — the match always goes five games.

The only difference for the Aggies, on this season's trip to West Texas, was that they didn't come out on top Sunday afternoon.

The No. 10 Aggies were upset by the Red Raiders, 15-9, 11-15, 15-5, 13-15, 14-16, and saw their Southwest Conference record slide to 2-1.

"Playing here (in Lubbock) is hard," A&M Coach Terry Condon said. "The lights are different, the court is different, everything is different. And Tech just always wants to beat us."

The Aggies, now 16-4 overall, seemed to lose their momentum in the second game of the match. Tech, who improved to 15-3 on the season, 2-0 in the SWC, led 13-9 in that game, sparked by the play of outside hitters Mary Loescher and Allison Hetterich.

"In the second game, we lost it (momentum)," Condon said, "then we lost it in the fourth game and the fifth game."

A&M had a chance to win the

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 — A&M Volleyball Coach Terry Condon

match, in both the fourth and fifth games. The fourth game was tied 13-13, but a Hetterich kill put Tech up 14-13 and then Loescher won the game with a spike of her own.

Condon said the Aggies were hurt by bad calls in that crucial game.

"They (the calls) hurt us the fourth game," Condon said. "They (the referees) sort of robbed us."

But Condon said the difference in this match was simple — Tech's desire to beat A&M.

"They (Tech) played just like we played against Purdue (when the Aggies upset the Boilermakers a week ago)," Condon said. "We don't know how to play when we're the front-runner — just when we're the underdog. We just don't know what it's like to want it. I guess, except when we play a team better than us."

Surprisingly, the Aggies weren't hurt by the absence of starting mid-

dle blocker Stacey Smith, who is out three to four weeks with a knee injury.

A&M outside hitter Margaret Spence started in place of Smith and did well for her first time at that position.

"Margaret Spence did well," Condon said. "And Michelle Whitwell (who was starting at Spence's usual position) came in and did a good job. She's (Spence) going to make her mistakes because she hasn't played in that position a whole lot."

"It was the other four players on the court that hurt us. None of them (the starters) played well. They played worse than our two substitutes. Our setting was atrocious. Sherri Brinkman played terrible and Stacey Gildner played terrible."

Sherri Steensma, A&M's freshman outside hitter, came off the bench to lead the Aggies in hitting percentage at .412. Setter Chris Ziegata was second with a .238. Gildner led the Aggies with 19 kills.

But Condon didn't place all the blame on her team.

"Maybe it's something we're not doing in practice," Condon said. "We'll just have to look at things closer. I have to take some responsibility, too. It's (the loss) not all their fault."

Aggie netters finish SWC Indoors

LUBBOCK — Texas A&M's Mark Smith and Russ Simmons combined to win a doubles championship and advanced individually to final round matches in singles play at the Southwest Conference Indoor Tennis Tournament in Lubbock Sunday.

A&M's tandem of Smith and Simmons defeated TCU's Jose Neto and

Doug Gleason 7-6, 6-3, to take the No. 3 doubles championship.

Smith lost to Neto, 6-3, 6-7, 6-2, in the No. 5 singles final, while Simmons was defeated by the Horned Frogs' Scott Meyers 6-1, 6-2, for the No. 4 singles crown.

Aggies Kimmo Alkio and Marcel Vos won consolation singles finals against Arkansas players. Alkio de-

feated Simon Robertson 7-6, 6-3, and Vos downed Robert Bertalloni 7-5.

A&M Men's Tennis Coach Dave Kent said he was pleased with his team's showing overall.

"We got a lot of good experience against top Southwest Conference players that we'll be seeing again in the spring," Kent said.

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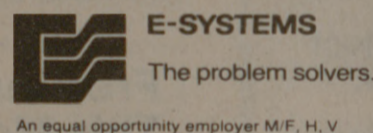
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