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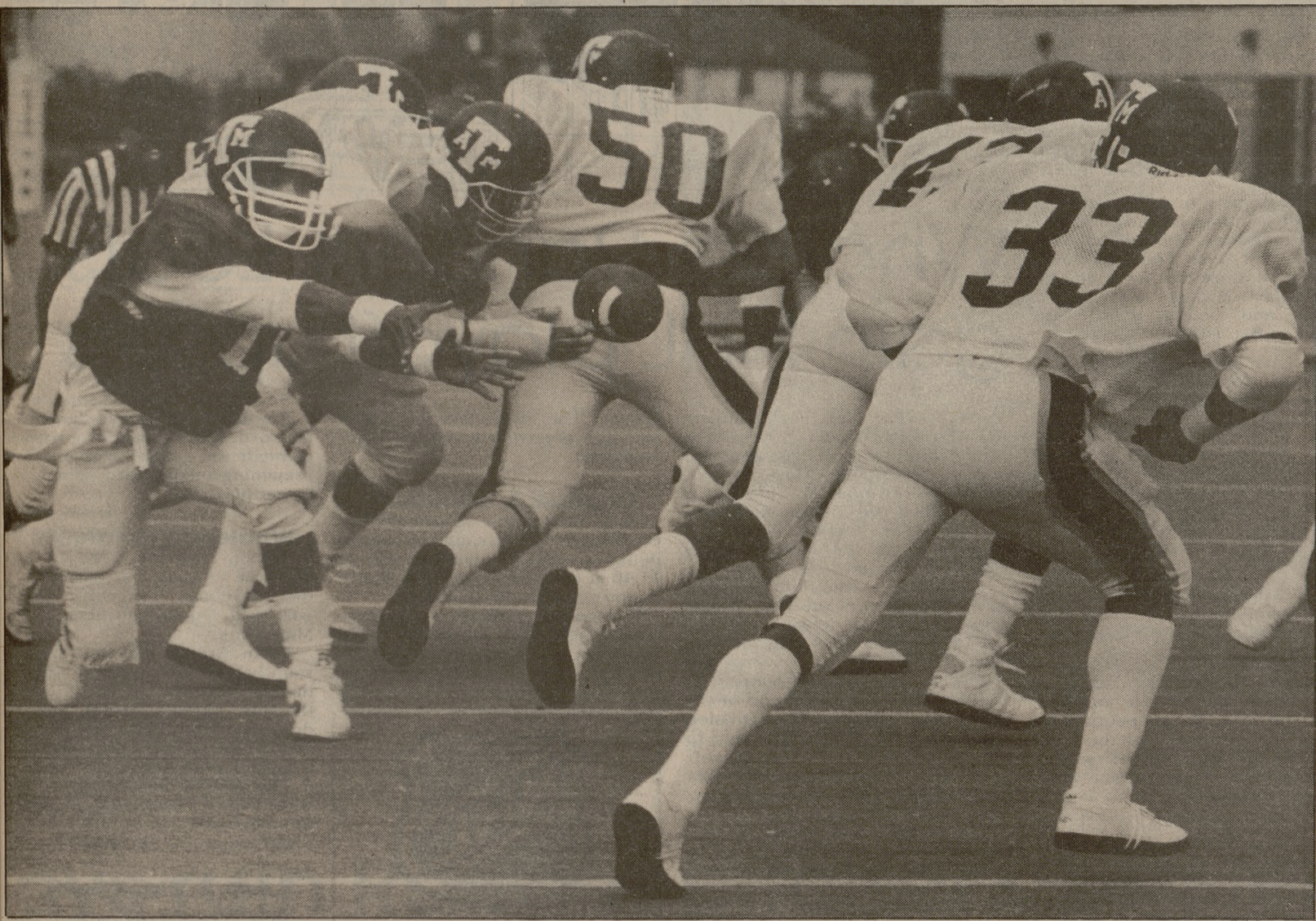


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Spring Sweeping

A&M's Kevin Murray, left, pitches the ball out to Keith Woodside (33) Wednesday. A&M, considered to be among the nation's Top 10 teams

for '86, will showcase some of its returning talent at the Annual Spring Intra-squad scrimmage at Kyle Field Saturday at 1 p.m.

Lady Aggies sign three prospects

Arkansas men win recruiting battle

From Staff and Wire Reports

The Texas A&M women's basketball team received letters-of-intent from three high school players Wednesday.

On the first day of the late signing period, the Lady Aggies signed Traci Thomas, a 5-foot-10 guard from Waco's Jefferson-Moore, Lisa Herner, a 5-6 point guard from Wilton, N.D., and Emily Shilhanek, a 6-1 forward from Washburn, N.D.

Thomas, who turned down offers from Houston, TCU and Stephen F. Austin, averaged 20 points and 8.5 assists a game.

"She is a very good athlete," A&M Coach Lynn Hickey said, "and she has good vision on the court. We feel she can contribute next season because she fills a position we needed this past year — a guard with size."

Herner, who averaged 27.8 points, 11 rebounds, five assists and five steals a game and has a 33-inch vertical jump, was nominated for the Converse All-America team which will be announced later this year.

"We thought Lisa was the best high school point guard we saw all year," Hickey said. "She was recruited nation-wide, and we classify her as a blue-chipper."

Shilhanek, also a Converse All-America nominee, won All-State honors the past two seasons after averaging 23 points and 12 rebounds a game.

"Emily will fill another position we lacked this past season — a power forward," Hickey said.

While the A&M men's basketball team didn't announce any signings Wednesday, other Southwest Conference coaches were smiling about their prospects.

Arkansas lured one of the most sought-after players, nabbing Cannon Whitby of Obion County, Tenn., on Wednesday after signing Mario Credit of Kansas City, Kan. and Ron Huery of Whitehaven, Tenn. during the early inking period in November.

Whitby, a 6-foot guard, set state scoring records for a single season with 1,536 points and for a career with 3,479 points.

Phillip McKellar, a 6-6 standout from North Little Rock Northeast, said he would sign with Arkansas on Thursday.

Meanwhile, Texas Tech secured the signature of 6-3 Lamesa guard Jerry Mason, one of Texas' top prospects.

Darrell McArthur, a 6-3 guard from Silsbee High School, signed with the University of Houston.

University of Texas officials announced Wednesday the signing of Russell Green, a 6-5½ player from Florence, S.C., and community college players David Cones, a 6-10 center from McLennan in Waco, and Derrick Shelton, a 6-1 guard from Ellsworth (Iowa).

During the early signing period, the Longhorns signed George Muller, a 7-1 center from Huber Heights, Ohio, and Travis Mays, a 6-1 guard from Ocala, Fla.

Baylor coach Gene Iba said signing Houston Clear Lake guard Michael Hobbs will give the Bears "quality" depth on a team returning all five starters next season.

Hobbs, 6-3, who transferred from Corpus Christi Carroll High School, averaged 20 points this season for Clear Lake.

SMU announced that Roderick Hampton, a 6-3½ point guard from Dallas Kimball High School, and Adrian Caldwell, a 6-8 center from Navarro Junior College in Corsicana, signed letters-of-intent.

Caldwell, a graduate of West Oso High School in Corpus Christi, averaged 10 points and 12 rebounds per game for Navarro Junior College this season.

Reginald Muhammad of Wilmer-Hutchins, who missed his freshman season because of illness, and 6-5 Carlton McKinney, ineligible last season after transferring from the University of Tulsa, will also play for SMU next season.

Rice, which earlier signed Kevin Ruffcorn of Stephen F. Austin High School in Austin and Chuck Gentry of South Lake Tahoe, Calif., announced that D'Wayne Tanner, 5-9 guard from Dallas Lake Highlands, signed Wednesday.

Wilander rallies in last 3 sets to down Kriek at WCT Finals

DALLAS (AP) — Top-seeded Mats Wilander lost the first two sets, then came back to win the last three and defeat Johan Kriek 3-6, 4-6, 7-6 (7-3) 6-3, 6-2 in a quarterfinal match of the \$500,000 WCT Finals late Wednesday.

Wilander, ranked third in the

world, took charge of the match late in the third set after he found his first serve and his passing game. The 21-year-old Swede was on the verge of being eliminated when Kriek served in the third set with a 5-3 lead.

At 40-40, Kriek hit two easy fore-

hands into the net to let Wilander out of the trap.

Wilander then evened the set at 5-5 and eventually won it in the tiebreaker, 7-3. Kriek grabbed his throat in a choking gesture in the last game of the set.

In other play Wednesday, Jarryd, who made the WCT Finals when defending champion Ivan Lendl withdrew with an injury, won his first-round match when Thierry Tulasne was forced to withdraw in the second set with tendonitis in his right shoulder.

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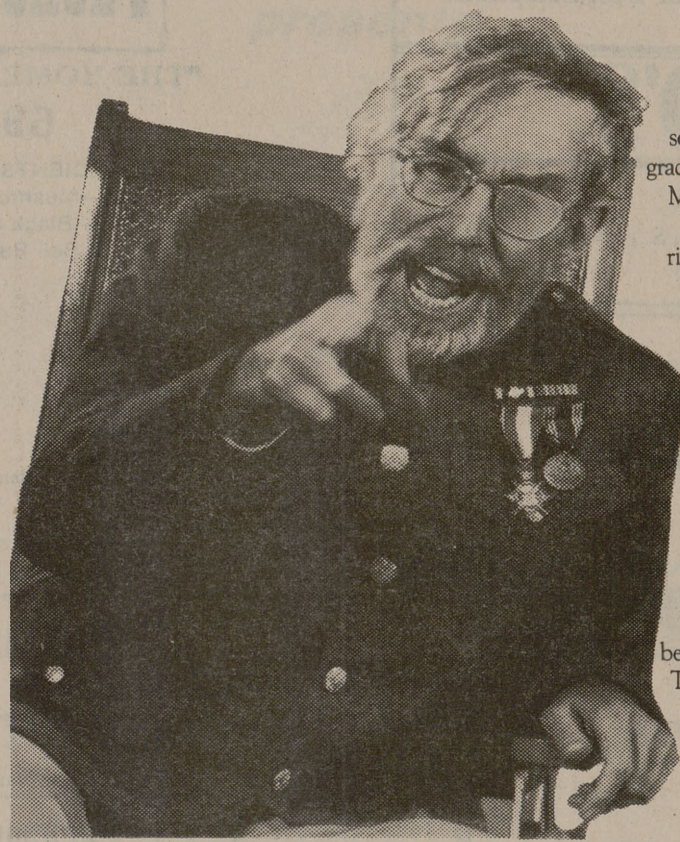
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