The Lady Aggies recently remed from a 1-2 road trip in hich they defeated Kansas State versity but suffered losses to e University of Minnesota and e University of North Texas.

The first stop on the road trip r A&M was in Denton, where e Lady Eagles handed a 60-53 s to the A&M team. Diane Derecame off the bench to add 10 ints and grab 14 rebounds.

The Lady Aggies bounced ck to beat Kanas State 65-62 in opening round of the Dial sic held at the University of innesota. Freshman Dena sso set a school record for ee-point shots made in a single e, hitting 4-for-4 from the -point stripe.

In the tournament title game unst the hosting Minnesota phers, A&M watched a 14int halftime lead disappear as y lost a 79-67 decision. Donna rled the Lady Aggies with a ason-high 29 points and was med to the all-tournament am. Roper leads the team with average of 31 points per game. The Pan American Lady ones (0-4) will be looking to ap a 33-game losing streak. he Lady Aggies lead the series 0. Last year, A&M defeated the ady Broncs 110-50, breaking eschool records along the way. "Pan American isn't the caliber eam that we faced last week," Aggie coach Lynn Hickeyd "But you never want to drop ur guard and go into a game inking you don't have to practi-

Taylor, Knoblauch are hits in Taiwan baseball tourney

By Patti Easterling

Reporter

Two Texas A&M baseball players have returned from the International Harbor Baseball Tournament in Taiwan, bringing with them a list of outstanding achievements.

Aggie second baseman Terry Taylor and shortstop Chuck Knob-lauch returned Tuesday after being chosen to compete with the 20-player United States team.

I was really surprised when I found out because I wasn't even aware of the tournament," Taylor

Baseball players from colleges across the United States who were chosen to represent their country. "Getting there a couple of days

before the tournament started gave us time to practice and get used to

playing together," Taylor said.
The tournament was held from

November 25 to December 4.

The United States team defeated Mexico, Japan, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Taiwan "A" and the Taiwan "B" team twice, sending them into the championship game against the Taiwan "A" team with a

"We beat the Taiwan 'A' team in the winner's bracket playoff but they played really well in the championship game and won," Tay-

Both players were honored to get the opportunity to help the United States team capture the silver medal. "It was a real honor to be chosen for the team, but it was an even greater honor when we did so well," Taylor said.

Á&M Head Baseball Coach Mark

Johnson says the accomplishments of Taylor and Knoblauch provide a boost to the A&M baseball program.

"I think it's a great honor for Terry and Chuck to be chosen to represent their country in this tournament," Johnson said.

"From the standpoint of both the baseball program and Texas A&M, it makes our program feel really good that two of our players were chosen for this honor.'

Taylor hit .290 in the tournament highlighted by a grand slam. Knob-lauch batted for a.240 average and scored an eighth inning, game-winning run in the first round of the medal round against Puerto Rico.

Knoublach led the Aggies with a .365 batting average last season and Taylor finished the season with an impressive 17 home runs.

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Jeffires hopes future is now

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Oiler wide receiver Haywood Jeffires would like to get out of the team's future file.

They call me the future here, and I tell everybody I'm not the future, I'm the present, so I'd like to get off the future stuff," Jeffires

Jeffires will get his chance Sunday when he returns to the active roster against the Cincinnati Bengals.

When wide receiver-punt returner Willie Drewrey suffered a dislocated elbow in Sunday's 37-34 loss to Pittsburgh, Jeffires got his chance to get back on the roster.

"I'm willing and ready to play," said Jeffires, a first-round selection from North Carolina State in 1987.

"I've been practicing hard on the ven themselves and they are doing a field, hoping they'd take me off the good job."

injury list. "I don't know how much I can do with the type of offense we have and with guys like Drew and Ernest," Jef-

Jeffires will be available for the Oilers' "Red Gun" offense that includes four wide receivers.

Hill and Givins have been among the most potent receiving duos the past three seasons.

Hill has 985 yards and 61 receptions this season and is nearing his third, 1,000-yard season in four years. Givins has 797 yards and 50

"I think they are two of the best things going in the NFL right now," Jeffires said. "Those guys have pro-

"I don't come in and say I'm as good as Ernest and Drew, even though in my mind, I think I am," Jeffires said.

Jeffires says working against Houston's outstanding secondary gives him confidence, although he has little playing time.

"It's hard to get an ankle well because you have to keep working on it," Jeffires said. "I definitely feel I can get past those guys and there's no better defensive backs than these

The Oilers, 9-5, still have a chance to win their first AFC Central Division title if they defeat Cincinnati and Cleveland and Cincinnati also loses its finale to Washington.

Thomases lead finalists for Lombardi Award

Nebraska backer Broderick Thomas, a iston native, is coming home for ington I istmas and hopes to find a Lomin 1970. Award awaiting him Thursday

omas, the outspoken leader of Cornhusker defense, is one of ir finalists for the award, given mully to the top collegiate line-

in the nation. other finalists are defensive des Mark Messner of Michigan Tracy Rocker of Auburn and backer Derrick Thomas of Ala-

locker was a finalist last year en Ohio State linebacker Chris elman won the award.

Derrick Thomas earlier was aned winner of the Dick Butkus ard as the nation's top linebacker.
From the time I left (home), I al-

Vince Lombardi, the former coach of the Green Bay Packers and Wash-ington Redskins who died of cancer

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Lombardi was a member of the Fordham line that was called the "Seven Blocks of Granite." The trophy is in the form of a 40-pound olock of granite.

Broderick Thomas, 6-3, 250, leads the Nebraska defense in nine categories including 98 tackles, 10 quarterback sacks and 17 tackles for

Rocker, 6-3, 278, was a finalist for the honor as a junior. He finished with 342 career tackles and 20 quarterback sacks for the Tigers, who will play Florida State in the Sugar Bowl.

Rocker was named winner Wednesday of the Outland Trophy,

be the very best," Tennessee Coach John Majors said.

Rocker's tackle production is off this season because of the Tigers' efficient offense. Rocker played only eight plays in a 56-7 victory over

Rocker was the only junior among last season's finalists. He led the Tiger tacklers as a freshman and earned nomination last year despite

Derrick Thomas helped the Alabama Crimson Tide earn a spot in the Sun Bowl against Army on Christmas Eve.

'My season started not-so-hot," Derrick Thomas said. "I wasn't very productive against Temple, but starting with the Kentucky game I had a game I couldn't even imagine.

'Since then, it's been all downhill. Now teams are having to do things to stop me and my teammates."
Messner, 6-3, 244, is Michigan's alltime leader with 69 tackles for losses
of 375 yards. He has 36 sacks for 273 Messner describes his style as all-

"Hustle compensates a lot for mistakes," he said. "When I was little, my mom was always saying, 'Don't spill the milk. Don't spill the milk.' You naturally made yourself avoid spilling the milk.

'Now it's 'Don't lose contain. Don't lose contain.

Ohio State's Jim Stillwagon won the first award in 1970.

Other winners were: Walt Patulski, Notre Dame, 1971; Rich Glover, Nebraska, 1972; John Hicks, Ohio State, 1973; Randy White, Maryland, 1974; Lee Roy Selmon, Oklahoma, 1976; Wilson Whitley, Houston, 1976, Boss Programmer, 1976, Bo Ross Browner, 1976; Houston,

Notre Dame, 1976; Ross Browner,
Notre Dame, 1977;
Bruce Clark, Penn State, 1978;
Brad Budde, Southern California,
1979; Hugh Green, Pittsburgh,
1980; Kenneth Sims, Texas, 1981;
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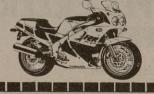
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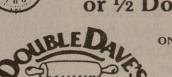
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