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catching the ball coming out of the

"I like to catch the ball," he said. "If we can move the ball through the

Although the 5-feet-10, 200-

pound I-back has the size to be a

power runner, Gray sees himself as a

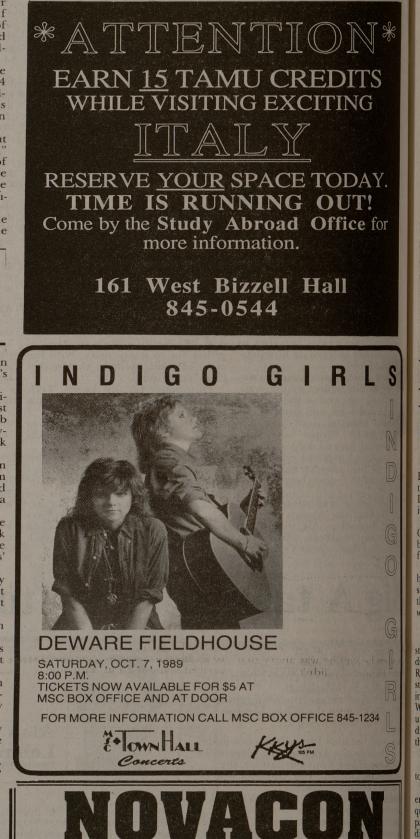
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Red Raiders' Gray looking for big game vs Aggies

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By Alan Lehmann

Of The Battalion Staff

After starting the season like a rocket, James Gray has fizzled.

The Texas Tech I-back began the season with a 234-yard perfor-mance, but hasn't broken the 100yard mark in his three games since. It's not that he hasn't been trying

the problem is that he hurt his shoulder in the second game of the season.

Since that game against New Mexico, Gray has played sparingly. However, he was healthy enough

to gain 78 yards on 15 carries in last week's loss to Baylor.

Still, Gray wasn't happy resting on the sidelines while he was hurt.

"I am very dissapointed about the. Baylor game," Gray said. "I felt like I should have played more of the game.

Gray said his shoulder is 100 percent healthy for this weekend's mat-chup with the 19th-ranked Aggies in Lubbock.

He said likes the Red Raiders' chances of upsetting A&M.

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> — James Gray, **Texas Tech running back**

"I feel confident, we had a good practice this week," Gray said. "We know that our backs are against the wall. To contend for the conference title, we've got to beat A&M.

However, Gray, a senior physical education major from Fort Worth Trimble Tech, knows doing that won't be easy

One of the Raiders' biggest prob-lems this season has been that they've often stopped themselves with turnovers, Gray said.

A&M has a great defense, probably the best in the conference," he "We need to cut down on our turnovers. We certainly can't have turnovers against a team like A&M and expect to win.

Through four games this season, the Red Raiders have turned the ball over 12 times. However, A&M has only three turnovers in their four games.

Tech has lived by the ground game this season. Unfortunately for the Red Raiders, the A&M defense has specialized in squashing its opponents' rushing attack

"A&M has had great run de-fense," Gray said. "We'll just have to take what they give us. As long as we win — I guess that's the most important thing

If the Red Raiders are forced to go to the air, he probably will be a target of Tech quarterback Jamie

Gray caught 27 passes for 351

first player to do so since 1960, when Tech entered the SWC. He said he's comfortable with the role of leader.

"Being a captain, I feel responsibi-lity to be a leader," Gray said. "I just give my best, and hopefully, it'll rub off on the other guys. If we're hav-ing a bad practice, then I try to pick everybody up."

everybody up." Although this year's Tech team was picked to finish near the bottom of the SWC, the Raiders are 3-1, and have beaten Arizona and Oklahoma State

Still, Gray said the Raiders feel the loss of strong-armed quarterback Billy Joe Tolliver, now the rookie backup to the San Diego Chargers' Jim McMahon.

We miss him quite a bit," Gray said. "We don't have the deep threat this year. We miss his experience at quarterback.

Gray said that 1989's Tech team differs from last year's.

'I think that this year's team has more unity," Gray said. "We don't have as much talent as last-year."

Because he hasn't gotten much national exposure, Gray wasn't con-sidered to be a Heisman Trophy candidate during the preseason. Since his shoulder injury, Gray

said his chances of winning the award are all but gone.

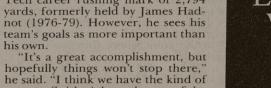
"I'll have to do some extraordinary things to even be a candidate, he said.

"That's in the back of my mind."

I can gain yardage without a lot of contact, then I will. But, if it's third and short, I feel like I'll get the yardage Gray already has eclipsed the Tech career rushing mark of 2,794 yards, formerly held by James Hadnot (1976-79). However, he sees his team's goals as more important than

"It's a great accomplishment, but hopefully things won't stop there," he said. "I think we have the kind of team to finish right at the top of the conference, and perhaps win it, if we just go out and take care of business

Gray serves as a co-captain for the second consecutive year. He's the



"I'm more of an elusive runner than a power runner," Gray said. "If

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seeks return to NBA

Despite DWI, Gervin

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — After pleading no contest to a driving he thought the case could be won bewhile intoxicated charge, former fore a jury. San Antonio Spurs star George Gervin says he hopes to make an NBA sano, said a trial would have taken comeback this year.

in jail Tuesday. However, County Court-at-Law Judge Tony Ferro somewhere this year," Gervin told placed him on probation for one the San Antonio Express-News in its year, meaning Gervin will not have Wednesday editions. "That's my to serve jail time.

bargain agreement under which the Bexar County District Attorney's of- kee Bucks and Houston Rockets are fice dropped a misdemeanor mari- interested in him, he prefers the juana possession charge.

Police arrested Gervin Aug. 8 in San Antonio. Officers said they found less than a quarter of a gram of marijuana in his car.

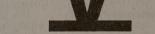
Defense attorney Ben Walker said But Gervin's publicist, Jerry Bari-

time that Gervin could spend pursu-Gervin was sentenced to 45 days ing a career comeback. jail Tuesday. However, County "I intend to play with the NBA

dream, to play, back with the Spurs." The former pro basketball stand-out also was fined \$250 and ordered to pay a \$30 per month probation fee. The sentence was part of a plea

Although Gervin said the Milwau-Spurs.

He said he is hoping to meet with Spurs owner Red McCombs soon to discuss the matter.



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