

# Horns, Mustangs less than awesome in win

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The Texas Longhorns and SMU Mustangs have earned a certain amount of respect around the country this year since they are ranked second and eighth in the nation.

But they did not earn much respect from the representatives

of the city of Houston last Saturday.

Even though the Houston Cougars and Rice Owls could not manage a touchdown between them, they threw first-class scares into the Longhorns and Mustangs.

"They haven't been beaten and you can't take that away

from them," said Houston linebacker Eugene Lockhart after his team had fallen to Texas in the Astrodome, 9-3. "But I don't see how they can be ranked No. 1 or No. 2 in the country."

And Rice quarterback Phillip Money said SMU didn't play so well either.

"SMU didn't have anything,"

Money said following the Mustangs' 20-6 victory over the Owls. "But they are real explosive. That's the only reason they beat us."

Texas gained just 98 total yards against a Houston defense that had been giving up 360 yards a game, but the Cougars could not come up with the one

big play that would have handed the Longhorns their first loss.

"We played just as hard as we needed to," said Houston coach Bill Yeoman. "But so did Texas."

The Texas win, unimpressive though it may have been, moved the Longhorns to within two victories of clinching a share of the Southwest Conference title and a spot in the Cotton Bowl.

SMU, meanwhile, had to count on a late-game flurry highlighted by the running exploits of freshman Jeff Atkins to defeat Rice and stay within a game of the Longhorns in the SWC race.

The wins by Texas and SMU highlighted a day of entertaining, if not always outstanding, football.

Baylor and Arkansas figured to play a close one and they did — the Bears' Marty Jimmerson kicking a 24-yard field goal on the game's final play to bring his team a 24-21 victory.

And since the previous two Texas Tech-TCU games in Lubbock had resulted in ties, it was not particularly astonishing that the Raiders and Frogs wound up in a 10-10 deadlock Saturday.

"It was our most disappointing game of the year," said Tech coach Jerry Moore. "We had every chance to win the game, but we had every chance to lose it, too."

Baylor's win dramatically boosted the Bears' hopes for a post-season appearance somewhere since they now own a 6-2-1 record. And Arkansas still hopes to earn an invitation as well.

Just where those teams might go is a puzzle, however, just as the entire bowl picture is this year.

The Cotton Bowl's chief prospect — Notre Dame — dealt itself out of a possible trip to Dallas for the holiday with its loss to Pittsburgh.

Now the Cotton Bowl will apparently lean towards either Michigan (if it can beat Ohio State) or one of the horde of evenly-matched Southeastern Conference teams.

There is also some question as to whether SMU, despite being in the top ten, has a chance to play in one of the major bowls and that is upsetting to Mustangs' coach Bobby Collins.

"If we finish 10-1 we deserve

to be in a major bowl as any team in the country. Collins, whose team has once in its last 24 games.

The Mustangs, although the scoreboard indicated an off day against Rice, set up more than 400 yards of ground.

Atkins ran for more (218) than any other back in the history of the west Conference and teamed with Reggie Dwyer to set a school record for yards ever gained by two in one game — 390.

Both Texas and SMU had troubles since the national meeting in Texas last month and the problems could continue week since they host some troublesome Texas Tech.

Texas, meanwhile, will host TCU and there will be questions this week of one of the best upsets in SWC history. Horned Frogs' 6-0 victory in Texas in 1961.

Elsewhere next week, Rice will travel to Texas A&M. Rice will be at Baylor, where Owls' Ray Alborn is coaching his last game.

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as a learning experience. The Aggies travelled out west Thursday to play in the UCLA National Invitational Volleyball Tournament in Los Angeles and were promptly drubbed 0-4 in the first round of competition.

Not to worry, though. Things aren't as bad as they sound. Three of the losses came at the hands of nationally-ranked teams: the University of Pacific, USC, and Illinois State; ranked second, third and 17th, respectively. The fourth loss was administered by the University of Wyoming.

Aggie coach Terry Condon said her players didn't play well throughout the tournament but it was something different for the team and the competition was excellent.

"It was the kind of tournament that you would have had to



Coach Terry Condon

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