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Sports

NLU won't be automatic 'W' Aggies expecting mental game from Indians

By BRANDON BERRY Sports Writer

While the game to be played this Saturday on Kyle Field against Northeast Louisiana won't exactly be chess or Trivial Pursuit, Texas A&M Head Coach Jackie Sherrill said it will definitely be mental.

The biggest problem we face this week is in the mental aspects of this game," Sherrill said during his weekly press conference Tuesday.

"Our guys have to realize that just because they're a Division I-AA team doesn't mean that they're an easy

"Because of scholarship limits and some other things, the days of the big school beating up on the small school, with 30- and 40-point spreads, are pretty much over. Northeast Louisiana Head Coach

Pat Collins, who owns the only winning coaching record (29-16) since

the school became a senior college in 1951, agrees — but only to a point. "It (an NLU victory) is not impos-sible by any stretch of the imagination," Collins said. "It's an important ballgame for us.

"Realistically, we aren't able to compare the size and talent of Texas A&M to the people we play against the rest of the year. A&M is a great football team.

"I don't think people around the country were able to realize the mag-nitude of talent out there in that A&M-Alabama game.

"It's a great honor to go to College Station and play A&M. We just have to put it all in the proper perspective and be mature, if we possibly can." Maturity may be a bit much to ask

of the Indians at this point in the

NLU starts only four seniors and has only seven seniors on its entire squad. Ten freshman are listed on NLU's two-deep depth chart. "We're a very young team." Col-lins reiterated, "and it's a real honor

for the coaches in our league (the Southland Conference) to pick us as high as third. We could be a good team at our level before the end of the season

Sherrill said the Indians are already good enough to worry about. "You look at some of the scores

around the country and you see what has happened to some of the

Texas A&M linebackers Larry Kelm (right) and Johnny Holland (left) stand up Alabama running

teams that took Division I-AA oppo-nents for granted," Sherrill said. "North Texas State (picked to fin-

ish sixth in the seven-team SLC this season) went up to Oklahoma State and lost 10-9 and had a chance to win the game. Bowling Green upset Kentucky. You just can't overlook these people.

last year when they escaped another SLC member, Arkansas State, 22-21, said. "They're very comparable with nothing to show for it but a dis-

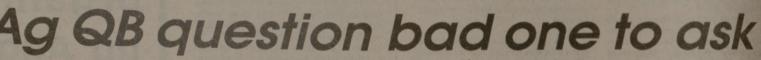
abled quarterback, national ridicule and a greatly bruised team ego. So how does NLU compare with

Arkansas State?

ese people." "Two years ago, they (NLU) beat The Aggies learned their lesson the dog out of them (ASU)," Sherrill

"The difference between them and a lot of other Division I-AA schools is that they do have the opportunity to make the big throw. Their quarterback was recruited by almost every big school in the area.

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By BRANDON BERRY Sports Writer

Despite a season-opening loss to Alabama, Texas A&M Head Coach Jackie Sherrill said at his weekly press conference Tuesday that the Aggies have no quarterback controversy going into Saturday's game against Northeast Louisiana.

Both Kevin Murray and Craig Stump compiled impressive statistics in the A&M's 23-10 loss to Alabama.

who took the first snap against 'Bama, completed six-of-seve



Photo by JOHN MAKELY back Craig Turner. Kelm and Holland teamed up against 'Bama and to record 43 total tackles

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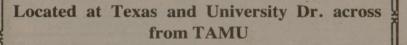
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Kevin Murray (14) will play against NLU, but won't start.

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passes for 51 yards. Murray, who took over on the third offensive series, alternated with Stump the rest of the game and completed 13-of-20 attempts for 158 yards.

Sherrill said he had no complaints with either performance. "Both Kevin and Craig did a good job against Alabama and we were able to pass effectively when either of them were in there," Sherrill said.

"We're going to continue to play two quarterbacks. If you have two good running backs, you use them. I don't see why the quarterback position is any

Baylor has used alternating quarterbacks, Tom Muecke and Cody Carl-son, for the past two seasons and Texas Coach Fred Akers said he will also employ some kind of shuttle system with Todd Dodge and Bret Stafford.

However, the Aggie "quarterback shuttle" will be unlike others in the Southwest Conference

"Your system is the one that you go with," Sherrill said. "The way Grant (Teaff) uses his quarterbacks works fine for Baylor, but we have to stick with what works best for A&M. Both of them (Stump and Murray) are capable of doing a lot of things

The list of furray's "capabilities" has been shortened by injuries, how-ever. Murray suffered an injured left shoulder in the fourth quarter of the Alabama game which severely restricted his mobility. He has been held out of any contact drills for the remainder of the week. "Kevin is not 100 percent," Sherrill said. "You guys may not see it, but we as coaches see it. We're very fortunate to have Kevin back at all, consid-ering the avtent of his injury last season.

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"With Kevin being hurt the way he's been hurt, Craig will start the (NLU) game for us," Sherrill said. "But Kevin will definitely play."

But what happens when Murray returns to full speed? "That was a bad question to ask," Sherrill said. "We're going to play two quarterbacks and people are just going to have to get used to seeing it

Craig Stump (9) gets another chance to start against NLU.



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