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'We need to get in his face

make him mess up a couple of im like we did to (Houston quarterba Andre Ware," A&M linebacker W

The Mustangs realize the

"There's no question about it,

task that awaits them on Kyle Field

Outside linebacker William Thomas (11) and free safety Larry Horton (39) combine for a

sack of Rice quarterback Donald Hollas in la Saturday's 45-7 Aggie victory over the Owls.

## Game

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won-loss record — even SMU's 2-5

"We come out and treat every team the same," Webb said. "Our goal is to reach the Cotton Bowl and

we have to take everybody serious.' The Aggies have the firepower to run up the big numbers against a substantially smaller, inexperienced Mustang defense, and Slocum might seem to let the numbers on the scoreboard roll around a few times before he finally backs off

But Slocum said his first priority on Saturday will be to come out and

"We'll come out and do everything we can to win the game," Slo-cum said. "I will never take a chance to jeopardize winning the game by pulling out my players too early.

"I've seen the other team come

back in that situation too many times to where they have a chance to win." Still, Slocum is concious of run-

ning up the score on the Mustangs.
"I would never take advantage of an opponent's defenselessness just so I can embarrass them," Slocum

"I just won't do that."

If A&M jumps to a comfortable lead, Slocum said he would use the opportunity to give some of his younger players experience.

SMU runs an offense similar to Houston's Run-and-Shoot, and although they don't have the overwhelming talent the Cougars have, they are capable of putting some points on the scoreboard.

"They've got an explosive offense, so we need to be able to put some points on the board and stay ahead," A&M quarterback Lance Pavlas said.

The Aggie's defense is aware of the threat that Mustang quarterback Mike Romo possesses. Last week, Romo set a SMU record, passing for 450 yards on 47 attempts. In his first year at SMU, Romo already has moved up to the ninth spot on the

school career yardage list.
His play has not gone unnoticed.
"I really think he's going to give us a real challenge," Webb said. "If he keeps progressing the way he is, I think he can be a premier quar-

terback for them. To neutralize Romo, the Aggies plan to use a similar defensive

scheme that worked so well against

is one of the best teams in the

Houston's offense.

liam Thomas said.

try," Gregg said. "Look at A&Ms fense with all the speed they with their defensive linemen, backers and defensive backs. It's an awesome task in fr

The Aggies have shown much they've matured this sea

A&M has refused to look past SM 'It would be easy to look beyo SMU, because they're so young focus on Texas and Arkans Webb said. "But our attitude year has been to take one team?

Pavlas said it best.

"This is a conference game it's a must-win game," Pavlas si "If we take SMU lightly, they" us a great fight.

"For those last two games to me anything, we have to win this one

# Lehmann

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shouldn't have any trouble with the Owls. The Hogs, 3-1 in SWC play, have lived by the run this season, and the Owls couldn't slow (much less stop) the Aggie ground game last week.

It's gonna be a long day for the Owls, and they probably won't even stop the Hogs from covering the 21point spread.

The Houston Cougars get another shot to run up their stats against TCU. Is there anything sadder than a team with only numbers to play for? With no television appearances or bowl game to get national attention, the Cougars can only amass stats and blowouts to lure

blue-chip recruits. The Horned Frogs have been mediocre this year. They've played not well enough to stay in the race, but too well to attract sympathy. Poor Frogs, they'll earn some pity this week when the Cougars run over and shoot through them.

Talk about ugly. The mismatch at Kyle Field on Saturday might bring back images of the Roman spectacles. Throwing the Punies to the Ag-

gie gladiators will be cruel.

The young Punies will be probruised up after a day of par with the big boys, but not as em rassed as they were after the 9 mauling at the hands of the

The spread is 45 points, and Aggies can cover it. However, Co Slocum is more interested in get to the Cotton Bowl than scoring

There you have it, if you bloody blowouts and teasip games, it'll be your weekend. If you're out of luck.

### Romo

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Shoot team up close and personal in Houston's 95-21 mauling of SMU two weeks ago, Romo says that the Mustangs' version needs work.

The plays are the same (as Houston's), but I don't know if the execution is the same," he says. "We've suprised some people, but we've still

got a long way to go."

Romo says the loss to the Cougars wasn't as hard to take as it might

"It wasn't that hard to come back

from," he says. "We knew Houston had a great team. Nobody gave us much of a chance.

"It was a tough defeat because nobody likes to get beat that way. We knew we were going to be in for some tough times this year, so we just blew it off, and got ready for North Texas."

Romo knows that SMU will face a momumental task Saturday. He likens the Aggie defense to the Cougar squad. SMU failed to score on UH's

first-team defense. "It's hard to say what A&M will do on defense," he says. "We'll just to take what they give us, and I

think they'll give us a lot.

"I expect the Aggie defense"
more physical than Houston
They'll probably blitz us a lot." What an understatement.

If this one was a movie, it w be something like, "Godzilla Bambi" or, "The Wrecking Cress
meets the Rookie QB."

Either way, Romo will have work hard to stay relaxed Satu afternoon, because the A&M fense won't want him to be bored



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