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**Overkill leads college teams to destruction**

**Douglas Pils**

Overkill — It's the new standard in collegiate football. Every time the University of Houston or any team hits the gridiron against a team of lesser talent, the next day's sports page is filled with outlandish statistics.

The Cougars and Heisman winner Andre Ware compiled their "juggernaut" numbers last year against teams that had an overall record of 38-60-2. This record excludes those of the only real teams Houston played last year — losses to Texas A&M and Arkansas.

This year the Cougars are at it again. In their first game with the UNLV Rebels, Houston led at halftime 31-6.

It would seem logical to utilize the entire second half working on what — statistics. Enter A&M head coach R.C. Slocum, who also has players capable of stacking up big numbers.

After tailback Darren Lewis rushed for 141 yards in the first half against Southwestern Louisiana and with the game well at hand, Slocum put Lewis on the bench for the remainder of the game.

The second half would have been the perfect time to allow Lewis to run wild, enhancing his chances for the Heisman Trophy.

Lewis took this all in stride, Slocum said, choosing to cheer for his fellow teammates as they gained valuable experience. "My responsibility is for the entire team and the entire program," Slocum said. "It is in our best interest to get those young guys some playing time and keep him (Darren) healthy."

Kudos to Coach Slocum for staying away from the overkill syndrome and for giving 67 scholarship players game experience.

**Smith, Klingler top AP players**  
A&M pickoff artist has record books in sight

HOUSTON (AP) — In his first week on the job as the Houston Cougars' quarterback, David Klingler completed 59 of 106 passes for 861 yards and 10 touchdown passes.

It's not enough to make the Cougars forget Heisman Trophy winner Andre Ware, but it was good enough to earn Associated Press Southwest Conference offensive player of the week honors.

Texas A&M cornerback Kevin Smith has the SWC record book in sight after intercepting his 14th career pass in Saturday's 63-14 victory over Southwestern Louisiana to earn the AP's defensive award.

Klingler debuted with 426 yards and five touchdowns in the season opener Sept. 8 against Nevada-Las Vegas. He came back five days later and drilled Texas Tech for 435 yards and five more TD passes.

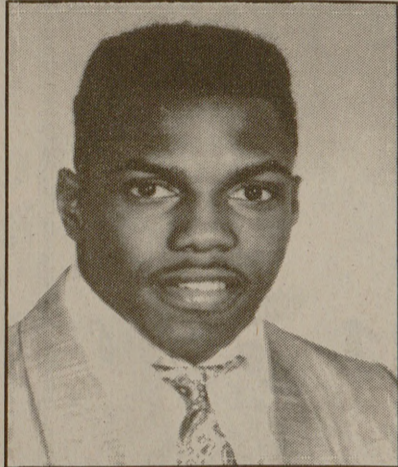
In two games, Klingler almost surpassed his total output of 865 yards for 1989.

But Klingler talks as if he's about to lose his job.

He's completing ONLY 56 percent of his passes and the Raiders defense sacked him three times. Even worse, he's already thrown an interception.

"I've got to get better," he said. "With the high percentage passes we throw, I should be hitting around 63 or 64 percent."

"I wasn't sacked any against



Kevin Smith

UNLV but I was slow getting rid of the ball against Tech so it was more my fault than anything. And I'd like to have that interception back."

A year ago, Klingler was a face in the crowd while Ware commanded the spotlight en route to the Heisman Trophy. Klingler said he knew his turn would come.

"I just knew if I stuck it out, I'd get my chance and now everything is falling into place," Klingler said. "Andre had to make a lot of plays on his own but I've got all these great receivers making plays for me."

Smith has been making great plays for the Aggies since he stepped into a starting role as a sophomore.

He picked off two passes as a freshman reserve, added nine more last year as a starter and has three through two games this season.

Smith is chasing the record of 18 career interceptions shared by Russell Carter of Southern Methodist and Ronald Fraley of Texas Christian.

"My goal is 20, so if I just get one a game, I can do it," Smith said. "I've got all this year and next year so there's no pressure."

Smith watches film continuously during the week to pick up quarterback and receiver tendencies. Then, before a game, he sits and imagines himself stealing passes.

"I'll just imagine myself getting three or four passes and running them in for touchdowns," he said. "If I get just one, that's fine."

Smith joined the Aggies after a double-duty role at West Orange Stark. He had nine touchdown catches and 12 interceptions as a senior.

"I like to touch the ball," he said. "As a defensive back, you don't get that many opportunities so you make the most of it when you get the chance."

In addition to his no return interception, Smith had five tackles and broke up two passes.

**Spurs' Wingate denies rape charge**

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — San Antonio Spurs guard David Wingate denies that he raped a 17-year-old woman at a party in Maryland, but a team official says he is "disappointed" in the player.

"I'm astounded by this, really," said Bob Bass, Spurs vice president of operations. "I hate to indict somebody until I know the whole story, but it sounds like he's in serious trouble."

"I'm disappointed that he put himself in such a position," Bass said after hearing about the charge Monday night. Bass said he would speak with team owner Red McCombs and coach Larry Brown about Wingate's future

with the Spurs. Wingate, 26, who played on Georgetown's 1984 National Collegiate Athletic Association championship team, averaged 6.8 points in 78 games last season as a backup guard for San Antonio.

If convicted of the second-degree rape charge, he faces up to 20 years in prison.

Wingate also is charged with battery and a fourth-degree sexual offense. He was released Monday night after posting a \$10,000 bond.

Howard County police said he allegedly raped the girl Sunday at a Columbia, Md., apartment he

had rented while staying in the area.

Wingate told police he had sexual intercourse with the girl but said she had consented.

The alleged victim told police she went to the apartment for a party, and that she, her sister, Wingate and two of his male friends drank beer and tequila.

The woman said she tried to resist Wingate but was "so drunk and felt so out of it that she was helpless," court records said.

Police said the two sisters left the party and called police. An examination revealed evidence of sexual intercourse, court records said.



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