

## Ags out to clip sky-high Owls

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Junior Bucky Richardson will make his third straight start Saturday against Rice at Kyle Field ...

The Rice Owls fly into Kyle Field Saturday emblazoned with a new set of wings to face a slumping and stumbling Texas A&M team Saturday at 2 p.m.

As a result of the 20-20 tie last week with Baylor, the Aggies are now put in a must-win situation every week. For A&M to return to the Cotton Bowl for the first time since 1988, it must win the rest of its games and rely on the help of others.

The race is down to four teams, Texas Christian (3-0), Texas (2-0), Baylor (2-1-1) and A&M (1-1-1). The Aggies must face the Horned Frogs and the Longhorns. TCU, UT and BU must all play each other.

An added benefit for A&M is that neither the Frogs or the Horns have played the high powered Houston Cougars. Houston, which is 5-0 in the conference, is ineligible for the Southwest Conference title, but they will play a pivotal role in deciding who is the eventual cham-

**"You reach a point where you say nuts to the writers, nuts to everybody. It's the players and coaches that make the difference."**

—R.C. Slocum,  
 A&M football coach

Second-year head coach Fred Goldsmith and his new breed of Owls are 3-4 and coming off a big 42-21 victory over Texas Tech. The same Red Raider team that gave the Aggies (4-2-1) fits in a 28-24 thriller three weeks ago at Kyle Field.

Rice, led by quarterback Donald Hollas and tailback Trevor Cobb, actually came closer to beating the Houston Cougars than A&M did — exactly eight seconds closer.

Houston's Roman Anderson booted a 32-yard field with 12 seconds remaining

to beat the Owls 24-22. Rice led the entire game until that point.

Hollas, considered one of the nation's top prospects by many pro scouts, scored four touchdowns and threw for another 213 yards of total offense a game.

The senior from Rosenberg (Lamar Consolidated) hasn't always been a successful quarterback — he's also been a successful defensive back.

As a freshman in 1987, he earned the SWC Defensive Newcomer of the Year award and in 1988 was named to the All-SWC second-team as a free safety.

The Owls also boast a top-notch tail back in Cobb, a sophomore from Pasadena (Dobie). Against Tech, Cobb rushed for 203 yards on 38 carries to bring his season total to 838 yards on 170 carries, second only to A&M's Darren Lewis. Cobb is also tops in tandem offense with 155 yards a game.

Such performances from the Owls have A&M head coach R.C. Slocum wor-



... but coaches say senior Lance Pavalas, who hasn't played in 11 quarters, definitely will see playing time.

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## Catching his DREAM

### Lewis closes in on SWC career rushing mark

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As a boy, little Darren Lewis would watch Eric Dickerson and Earl Campbell on television and dream. On Saturday, the Texas A&M tailback has the chance to make that dream reality.

"When I was young, I watched them all play football," Lewis said. "Just to be up there, above them, will be a big accomplishment for me. I haven't really given it any thought, but it feels good to be up there with a guy like Dickerson. He's doing a lot of wonderful things in the NFL."

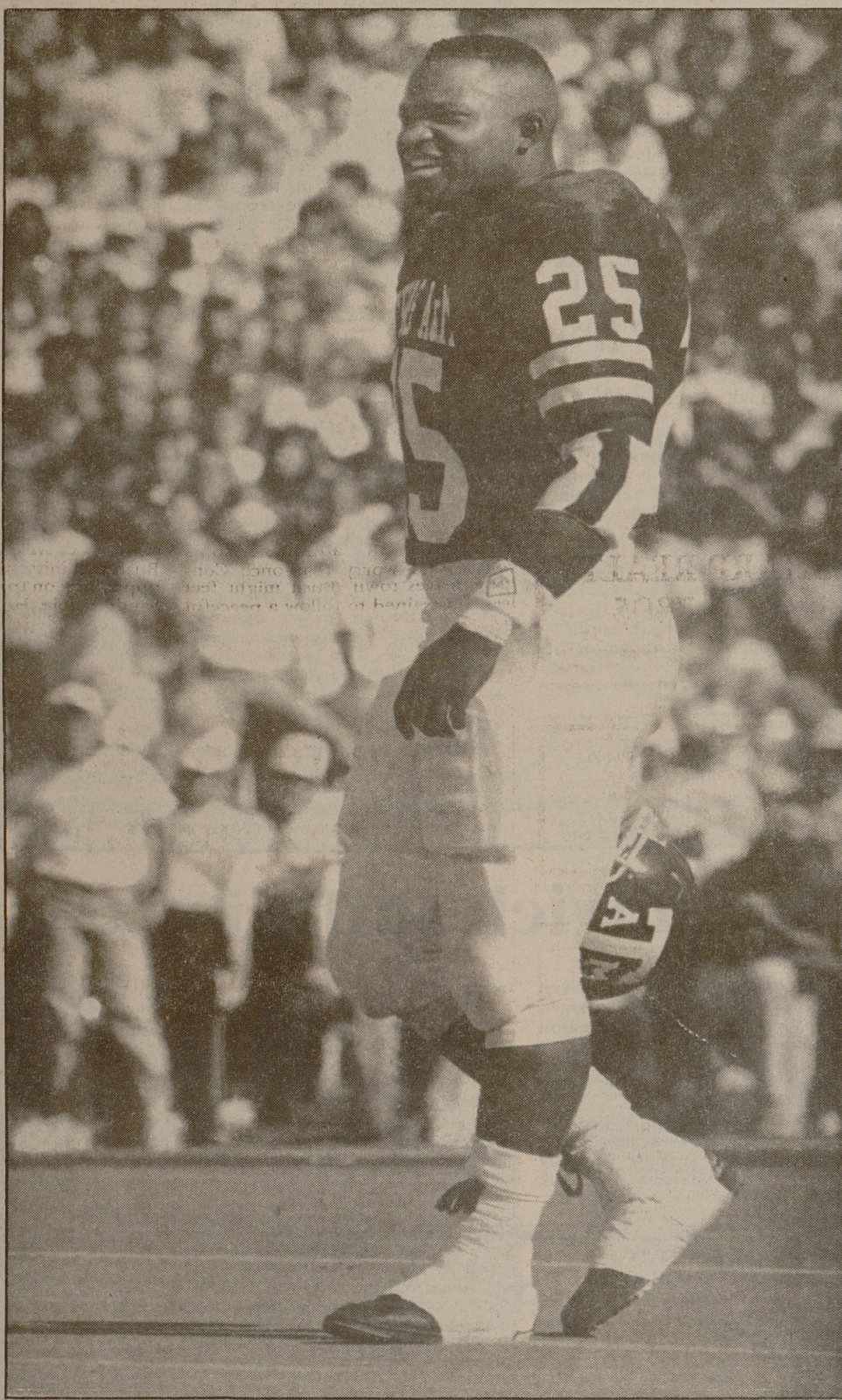
Lewis has 4,277 yards and is 174 away from

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Chasing Eric Dickerson's mark on the SWC all-time rushing charts has been a long road for Texas A&M senior tailback Dar-



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ren Lewis (above, left). But Lewis has waited patiently (above, right), and needs 174 yards against Rice to break the record.

## Holyfield knocks out Douglas in round 3, looks on to Foreman

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Evander Holyfield knocked Buster Douglas unconscious with a single right hand to the jaw in the third round and became the undisputed heavyweight champion of the world Thursday night.

The stunning ending also ended the reign of Douglas, which began when he shocked the sports world with a 10th-round knockout of Mike Tyson last Feb. 11.

Douglas had just thrown a right uppercut that missed when Holyfield crashed home a right that dropped the 246-pound champion flat on his back, where he was counted out by referee Mills Lane. Douglas remained on the canvas for several seconds before being helped to a stool where he was examined by a ringside physician.

The fight was devoid of any real action for the first two rounds, and the third round was following the same pattern. Suddenly, it ended as a crowd of 16,000 outdoors roared to its feet, as though sensing Douglas wouldn't get up.

The end came at 1:10 of the third round.

Douglas went into the ring a 7-5 underdog, making him the 11th heavyweight champion to be an underdog in a defense. He also became the 17th heavyweight champion to lose the title in his first defense.

Much had been made of Douglas' weight, 14½ pounds more than when he took the title from Tyson, with many observers wondering if he would have the stamina for 12 tough rounds.

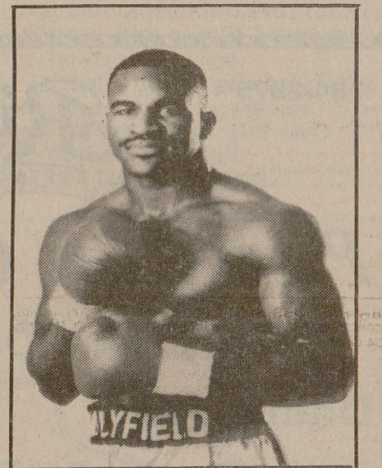
The question was never answered. Holyfield, who weighed 208, had clear edges in the first two rounds, although he wasn't the attacker he had been in earlier fights. He chose to box with Douglas, who appeared to be looking to counterpunch.

Holyfield now has a 25-0 record with 21 knockouts. Douglas is 30-5-1 with 20 knockouts.

Holyfield landed several good left hooks in the first round and a good right-left, hook-right combination late in the round.

Douglas was missing badly. In the second round, Holyfield was again busier, landing with left hooks and hard shots to the body. Douglas was warned twice by the referee for hitting and holding.

Holyfield appears headed now for a big-money defense against 42-year-old George Foreman, who was



Evander Holyfield: the new heavyweight champion after a knockout of Buster Douglas.

heavyweight champion in 1974. Promoter Don King says that the IBF, WBC and WBA have stated that the winner of this fight would have to defend against Tyson, but Dan Duva, Holyfield's promoter, said his man had signed to fight Foreman win or lose.

It had to be a crushing loss for Douglas, who was given no chance against Tyson in Tokyo but who dominated Iron Mike except for late in the eighth round, when he was knocked down.

There was controversy whether Douglas benefited from a long count in Tokyo, but a long count wouldn't have helped Thursday night. After he crashed down on his back, he barely moved a muscle.

"It's been an honor," Douglas said of holding the title a few days before the fight. "It's been a goal of mine for years."

Now the 30-year-old Douglas is clearly at a crossroads in a career marked by spotty performances.

Holyfield, 28, of Atlanta, now is at the top of the boxing world, a position reserved only for the undisputed heavyweight championship.

Douglas earned \$19.9 million, while Holyfield's purse was \$8.2 million.

## Ags take on Rice in Houston tonight

From Staff and Wire Reports

The Texas A&M women's volleyball team will make its bid to reach the .500 mark this weekend against Rice.

The Lady Aggies take their 12-13 record to Houston to face the Lady Owls, who have compiled an 8-14 season record. The match begins at 7 p.m. on the Rice campus.

The Aggies are 2-3 in Southwest Conference play following their victory over Baylor Monday night. Rice is 1-3 in the conference.

A&M defeated the Owls earlier this season in College Station, 15-5, 15-1, 7-15, 15-9.

Rice's 6-5 Tricia Bowen was named the SWC Player of the Week this week.

The Aggies are 2-10 when playing away from G. Rollie White coliseum this season. Rice is 4-3 at home.

A&M is fourth in this week's SWC standings.

## 'Clean' play of Oilers impress Jets

From Staff and Wire Reports

HOUSTON (AP) — A year ago, as offensive coordinator of the Cincinnati Bengals, Bruce Coslet called the Houston Oilers defense "a bunch of loud-mouth jerks."

Now that he is head coach of the New York Jets and Jack Pardee has replaced Jerry Glanville as Oilers head coach, the Oilers defense has become a hard-hitting, aggressive bunch of professionals.

What a difference a year and a coaching change make.

"I was not misquoted, but I was only partly quoted," Coslet said. "I also said there are some great (Oilers) players like (Ray) Childress, Al Smith and (John) Grimsley, the guys who are making the plays."

"They don't say anything. They just play good hard football. It was their fringe players that had a tendency to shoot off their mouths. That was the

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case back then."

Coslet left the Bengals in February to replace Joe Walton as Jets head coach and will bring a 2-5 record and three-game losing streak into the Astrodome for Sunday's noon CDT kickoff.

And he likes the business-like attitude Pardee has installed along with the run-and-shoot offense and 4-3 defense.

"Jack Pardee has come in there and

got a solid program and that extracurricular stuff I don't see on film and I don't hear it being complained about by other coaches and teams after they play the Oilers."

Coslet joined his former boss Sam Wyche at Cincinnati in blasting the Glanville-coached Oilers last season and participated in a 61-7 victory over the Oilers last December. That's behind Coslet now.

"We're coming down there expecting to find a good, tough football team to play and we'll have to play at the top of our game just to have a chance," Coslet said.

Pardee says part of the change in the Oilers' temperament this year has been the realization of what the new regime expects. Pardee wouldn't say they had bad habits, they were just different from what he demanded.

## A&M's Staley wins in tourney

From Staff and Wire Reports

Texas A&M's Lynn Staley defeated Michelle Duda of South Carolina 6-3, 6-1 to advance to the second round of the Riviera All-American Championships Thursday at the Riviera Tennis Club in Pacific Palisades, CA.

Staley, who was ranked No. 48 in the ITCA's preseason poll, had to overcome a bout with the flu to notch the win over Duda.

"Lynn played very well today despite being a little weak from the flu," head coach Bobby Kleinecke said. "She lost her concentration a little bit during the first set, but she still played well."

Staley, who hasn't lost a singles match this fall, takes on ninth-ranked Eveline Hamers of Kansas in second round action Friday. Staley upset Hamers 0-6, 7-6, 6-2 in the second round of the Longhorn All-American Classic in September.