

Yarbrough Comes To Texas A Winner

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A spectacular year-long driving performance has enabled LeeRoy Yarbrough to dominate "big league" stock car racing in 1969, including an unprecedented seven super-speedway victories on the NASCAR grand national circuit. Along the way to his seven victories, Yarbrough has amassed a season's total of \$187,000 in

purses, which broke the earning record of team mate Cale Yarborough who earned \$136,786 last year.

Yarbrough is definitely the man to beat at Texas International Speedway's first annual Texas 500, according to many of the "name" drivers in attendance at this running of a major NASCAR grand national stock car race in Texas.

In addition to Yarbrough's skill and superior equipment he has the added edge of having run the TIS more than any other driver entered in this year's running. He was here last month for three days of tire tests for a major tire company. At that time he had nothing but praise for the new facility and compared it to Michigan International Speedway which is fast gaining a reputation for

being the most competitive track in the country.

While Yarbrough's speeds during the tire tests were phenomenal for a new untried track they were only preview of things to come. His tire test speeds were in the neighborhood of 173 mph

for the two mile high banked oval and it was the consensus of opinion among the "name" drivers that 173 mph would be sufficient to get the prestigious pole position at this, the first running of the Texas 500.



LEADING MONEY WINNER

LeeRoy Yarbrough will be out to add to his record winning of \$187,230 for the year. He will also have his eyes on an unprecedented eighth super-speedway win at the Texas International Speedway this Sunday in the Texas 500.

FROM



THE PRESSBOX

by Richard Campbell

This weekend all roads lead to Fayetteville. Ark. don't think that the Razorback fans aren't getting ready for the invaders from Texas. James Street, the Long quarterback, has never played in the pigpen before and he gets a load of that sea of red, he may wonder how Steers were ever 13-point favorites.

In the other bowl games the early lines give Houston a one-point edge over Auburn in the Astro Bluebonnet. Michigan is a three-point pick over Southern Cal in the Sun Bowl, Alabama is favored by one over Colorado in the Liberty, Nebraska is favored by five over Georgia in the Tennessee is five over Florida in the Gator, West Virginia six over South Carolina in the Peach and Missouri a four-point pick over Penn State in the Orange.

Back to the Texas-Arkansas clash, which has all experts biting their nails because of the importance of the game. Most say that Texas is the best overall team they ever seen but nearly all recall the trouble opponents seem to have when they play in the Ozarks. If these two factors are unequal, then add to that an Arkansas team which is not bad itself. See what makes this a toughie to pick? But the one thing that a sportswriter has, it's that ability to go out on a limb; so here goes.

TEXAS 35, ARKANSAS 24: The Longhorns have a three-deep although they may not get to use them all on trip, they execute better than most pro teams around.

Being basically a coward when it comes to stepping on limbs, the famous Batt pickers who performed admirably throughout the year, were requested to help weigh down on limb. The sound of that limb is already beginning to hurt me. Nothing ventured, nothing gained:

(John Platzer) ARKANSAS 35, TEXAS 31: The Steers do everything. Everything except Bill Montgomery and Clay Dicus and the home field.

(Mike Wright) TEXAS 42, ARKANSAS 19: The Longhorns will make believers out of many hillbilly fanatics with an awesome ground game. If the Hogs are lucky enough to contain the run, the Street-to-Speyer pass special will be deadly.

(Guest Picker) TEXAS 35, ARKANSAS 18: The power offense of Arkansas and Bill Montgomery can't match the best offensive team the Southwest Conference has seen in a long, long time. The Texas defense is superb.

(Dave Mayes) TEXAS 25, ARKANSAS 20: Hogs will win the first half; 'Horns everything else.

Landry Admits Defensive Lapses

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas coach Tom Landry admitted Wednesday something which has been evident for weeks—the Cowboys aren't playing championship pass defense.

Landry said the Cowboys were plagued with nagging injuries in the secondary but "We hope to snap out of the slump this week."

Dallas can clinch the Capitol Division title with a victory Sunday over Pittsburgh.

Landry said cornerback Phil Clark was particularly having trouble.

"He's become cautious and all the teams we run up against concentrate on him," Landry said. "We plan to use more changeup type defenses where teams will not be able to concentrate on Clark as much. Clark is quick and smart, but he has to be more aggressive."

Landry said his team was still suffering from what he called "the hangover from Cleveland" where the Cowboys were trounced earlier in the season. But he added

"We're too good a team to bounce back."

Landry gave every indication that rookie running back Calvin Hill will not play at the Steels.

"Hill is our main concern. We have made a decision to try him again if he's not ready," Landry said.

Hill has a jammed toe which has bothered the Yale grad for weeks.

"I'm not an expert on sore toes, but it's really hurting him," Landry said. "I do know that our early season offensive momentum came from Hill."

All-pro offensive tackle Neely will return to action. Defensive tackle Jethro Pugh is ready to go but will not start. Ron East is Pugh's replacement.

Landry said sore-armed quarterback Craig Morton continues to show improvement.

"He still has some pain, but he has more zip on the ball and better than he has felt in a long time," Landry said.

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