

# A.J. Foyt wins; makes racing history

They should start playing "The Ballad of A.J. Foyt" instead of the national anthem out at Texas World Speedway. The popular Houstonian set auto racing history last Sunday as he swept both ends of the Texas

Twin 150s. Foyt, who also won the Texas 500 in June, drove his Gilmore Coyote

Ford and 1976 Chevelle to victory in both the Indy and stock car portions of the racing doubleheader. Never

before has a driver performed this feat.

Foyt was in the pole position for both races, averaging 207.314 miles per hour with his oft maligned Indy car.

"This is one of the happiest days of my career," Foyt said. "That's three poles and three wins. If I have to win somewhere, I'd just as soon it be here as any place in the world. I'd like to see this track go over real big."

Referring to his Coyote Ford,

which has drawn some of the past, Foyt said, "That's it's run. I wish it had run the Indianapolis."

While over 32,000 race fans gathered in the mid 90 degree temperatures on the track over 120 degrees.

Foyt's exploits were almost shadowed by those of a jackrabbit which caused the flag to be raised for six laps, way officials finally saw a bunny and treated it at a hospital.

However, the day also longed to Foyt as he averaged 172.885 miles per hour in his car race, taking home a prize of \$15,000.

The Houston Chevy dealer some pre-race strategy and gambles that paid off in a twin killing. He shed 500 pounds off his Ford just before the first race.

"We took some of the pre-race championship car and pounds of drag," he said. "I know how it would be in traffic. It was real flighty, but we gambled there and it paid off."

Foyt also took his chance in the second race, pitting under the flag to change the tires on the side of his Chevelle. A later Foyt went into the race again to get new rubber on the side, adding more traction to the car. The leader at the time, Steve Sostone, risked staying on the track in hopes of staying off the extra rubber proved too much as Foyt regained the lead and took the checkered flag.

## A&M recruits shine as North triumphs

The last minute heroics of North all-Stars Sammy Bickham and Curtis Dickey provided the only spark to what was otherwise a yawner in the 42nd rendition of the Texas High School Coaches' Association's mid-summer grid classic.

Dickey crossed the South goal from two yards out with only 64 ticks left on the clock as the heavily favored Yanks came from behind to win 10-8 over the scrappy South squad.

Bickham, a Baylor prospect from Plano, completed 4 of 10 passes for 114 yards and was named the game's most valuable player. He had 120 yards negated from his passing total because of penalties and saw a 33-yard touchdown aerial slip through the hands of Dickey.

Dickey was the leading ball carrier in the game, gaining 56 yards in 17 attempts. The South defense keyed on the former Bryan star, preventing him from showing much of the form he has become touted for. The future Aggie running back did rip off carries of 14 and 11 yards, the latter setting up the go ahead-

touchdown. Dickey was only one of eight A&M recruits in the game, four on each squad. Seguin running back David Brothers managed 15 yards in 10 carries as the South gained only 58 yards against the North's 122.

Ken Rollins, a A&M linebacker prospect from Bishop, singlehandedly stopped two North drives with a sack of Bickham and an outstanding play on a screen pass. The lone defender, Rollins slipped a convoy of three North blockers to haul down the ball carrier for a two-yard loss.

The game climaxed the 44th annual Texas High School Coaches' Clinic held in Houston. The clinic, which will be held in Fort Worth next year, saw the registration record topple once again as 6,990 coaches were listed in attendance.

The North-South all-Star basketball game ended with the Rebs on top 95-90. Clear Lake forward Steve Sylestine, heading for Texas A&M and Shelby Metcalf, chipped in 15 points to aid the Southern uprising.



Curtis Dickey (32), from Bryan, is congratulated after scoring the North Squad's only touchdown in its win against the South (10-8).

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## Bellard receives induction

Texas A&M Head Football Coach and Athletic Director Earl Bellard was voted into the Honor of the Texas High School Coaches Association.

Bellard was inducted into the Association's 44th meeting in Houston.

His first coaching job was at High, where he stayed three years. He then went to Ingleside where he coached for three years, winning the championship the last two years.

At Breckenridge, Bellard coached for three years while winning four district championships. His teams captured state titles and were co-champions. He later moved to Angelo Central for a year. There he had a 62-17 record, winning five district crowns and the AAAA state championship the year 1966-67. Bellard was the president of the THSAA.

He moved to the University of Texas in 1967 as a linebacker coach and became offensive coordinator in 1968. It was at Texas that Bellard developed the Wishbone offense.

Bellard came to Texas Tech in 1971 and is now beginning his 10th year as head coach. He has an all record of 26-19 at Tech, including a Southwest Conference championship in 1975 and leading the Aggies to the Liberty Bowl.

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