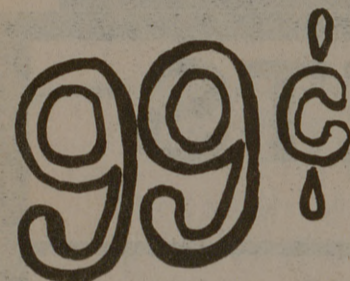


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## TCU poll picks Aggies

By PAUL McGRATH  
Battalion Asst. Sports Editor

names Texas A&M as the probable winner for the 1977 season.

The TCU poll is notorious for being absolutely, totally and completely wrong. In fact, in the 43-year history of the poll, the voting writers have been correct in only 10 of those years.

The TCU poll was established in 1934 by the late J. Willard Ridings, then the Horned Frog Sports Information Director. The only teams to prove the guessperts correct are TCU in 1938 and 1958 and Texas in 1943-45-50-62-70-71-73.

The Aggies of Coach Emory Bellard were last the writer's choice in 1975 when they ended in a three-way tie with Texas and Arkansas. The Cadets received 72 first place votes and 1,231 points.

Texas Tech received the next largest share of votes with 44 first place votes and 1,153 points.

Houston, Texas, Baylor, Arkansas, SMU, TCU and Rice rounded out the predicted league standings. This marked the fifth time the Aggies have been chosen the SWC favorites by the polls. Seventeen first place tie votes gave them a total of 89.

Among the writers leaning towards the Aggies came these comments:

"It's A&M this season because they've got thunder (George Woodard) and lightning (Curtis Dickey) to power a high gear Aggie offense potent enough to grind out a conference crown."—Arthur Hahn, Brenham Banner-Press.

"Woodard will run 'em over; Brothers and Dickey will run 'round

'em; and Franklin will boot 'em. Power and speed to boot."—Sal Otero, Laredo Times.

"If the retooled Aggie defense can get the ball for the offense, it'll be an Aggie joke from that point on."—Glen Brown, Exxon Network.

Those favoring the Red Raiders had this to say:

"Double T has a double barreled threat in all-America Rodney Allison."—Jack Agness, Houston Post.

"Raiderland becomes Wonderland; Allison's Wonderland; Stevie's Wonderland."—David McCollum, Orange Leader, referring to the Tech quarterback and Coach Steve Sloan.

"A good horse to ride if it survives muster."—Bobby Clanton, Fort Worth Star Telegram.

As for the Houston Cougars:

"Like Jacqueline Susann said, 'Once is not enough', and the Cougars are out to prove that this year."—Bobby Strawn, Brenham Banner-Press.

Not to mention the Texas Longhorns:

"Surprise, surprise. Earl (Campbell) is back and so is Johnny (Lam) Jones. With some defense, Horns could make Freddie Akers a happy man."—John A. Bourmias, Orange Leader.

For those in doubt:

"...and maybe a six-way tie for fourth?"—Jerry Wizig, Houston Chronicle, picking three-way tie for first between A&M, Tech and UH.

And those with no doubts at all:

"I picked A&M because George Woodard told me they would win it, and I'm not going to argue with anyone that big."—David Walker, KBTX-TV, Bryan.

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## Texas 250 switches dates to October 23

The Texas 250 late model stock car race originally scheduled for October 2 has been rescheduled for October 23 at Texas World Speedway. Practice and time trial qualifications for the event will be held on October 22.

"There are numerous reasons for the date change," remarked R.C. Conole, President of Texas World Speedway. "The most important reason is the fact that we want to provide our fans with the best race possible." he said. "The October 2 date conflicted with Texans A.J. Foyt and Johnny Rutherford who, at the time, we did not know were in the process of scheduling to race in Australia. While the date change does not guarantee that

either will run here, at least can now have the opportunity to do so if they choose. I hope Texas race fans would like to see them run if they can and fit the schedule. We want the fans to see the most competitive possible. That is foremost in our minds and we feel that the October 23 date will give us the opportunity to have a more exciting race."

The Texas 250 will be the race of the National Championship season. If the points race continues, this will be a spectacular run-off of the race deciding the championship. Texas 500 winner Darnell is expected to make it two in a row in Texas.

## Lou Holtz optimistic about fall—sort of

United Press International  
FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Lou Holtz, a slightly built Easterner handpicked by Frank Broyles to become the new Arkansas head football coach, says his Razorbacks should surprise some folks in the Southwest Conference this season.

"We're not going to be as good as the alumni think," said Holtz, who left the New York Jets to replace athletic director Broyles in the coaching job. "But I think we'll be better than the prognosticators believe."

Most preseason polls have listed Arkansas in fifth or sixth place in the conference.

Holtz told visiting SWC writers

and broadcasters Tuesday of a good team is durability. "I've been impressed with way this team has practiced, hitting and less missed practice than any team I've ever seen around. There won't be a player going to War Memorial Stadium for our first game complimentary ticket. They earned the chance to play."

Holtz said consistency has been the Razorbacks' biggest problem. "The minute we become content and eliminate bad plays will be a good offensive team," Holtz said. "Our team has been inconsistent in the ball."

Holtz praised quarterback Calcegni, calling him "an excellent runner whose passing is much improved. He will make a lot of plays, but we have to eliminate mistakes."

Holtz said Calcegni's problem staying healthy. The junior Youngstown, Ohio, missed games last season because of injuries.

Holtz listed the backfield of the Razorbacks' immediate problem areas. Injuries have sidelined veterans Michael Forrest and Eckwood. But Ben Cowins, SWC's leading rusher as a sophomore in 1976, is back.

"Ben Cowins is as fine an around back as I have ever associated with," said Holtz, who coached seven years at William Mary and North Carolina prior to his one-year fling with professional football. "Ben is a good football player. He is ever good without the football with it."

But Holtz saved most of his praise for the defense, which has been fully intact throughout the fall.

"Defensive is the strength of the team, and the secondary strength of the defense," Holtz said. "The touring press. He wouldn't trade senior safety Sampson for any defensive player at the conference."

Defensive tackle Dan Hart said the defense is definitely better than last year.

"We have good size and an aggressive — as aggressive as one in the conference," Hart said. "I feel we could even have one of the best defensive teams in the nation. We have the ability and enthusiasm."

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Acts 2:36-38  
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