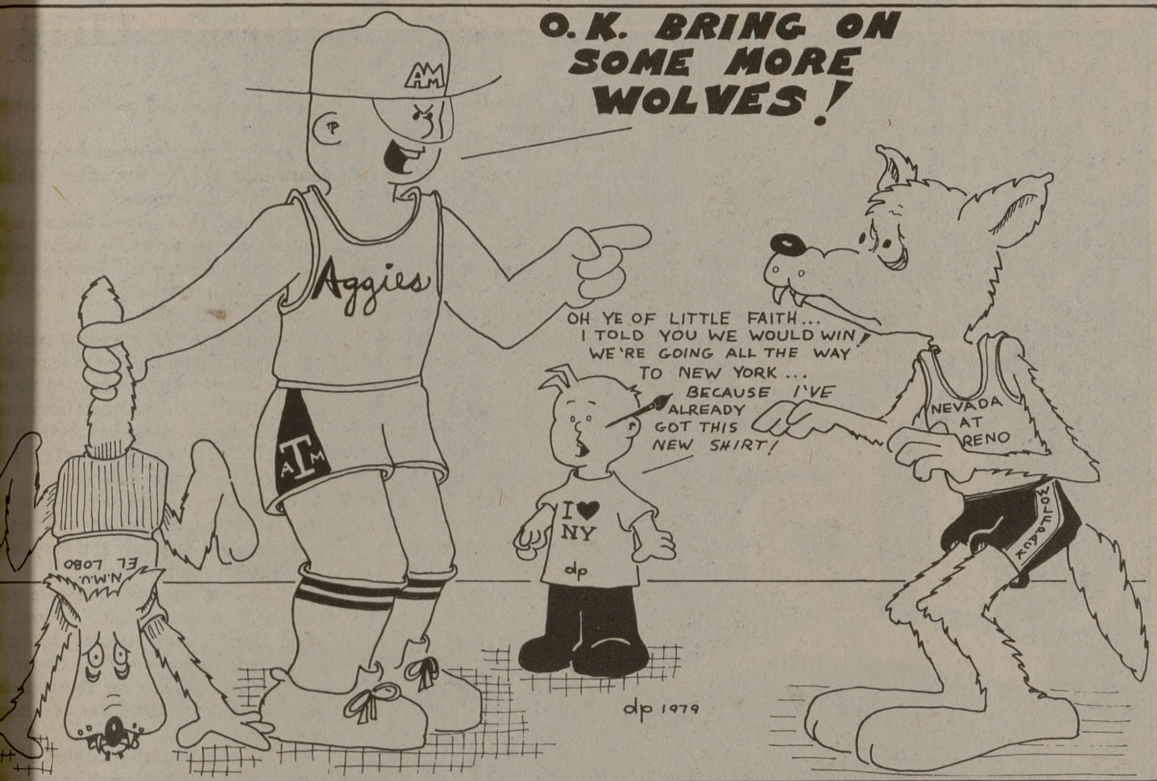


the sports



Aggieland 250

Racers return to TWS

By MARK PATTERSON
Battalion Sports Staff
Load the beer, load the kids and come a'runnin'. It's race time again. The Texas World Speedway kicks off its 1979 racing season this weekend with two days full of racing and chili cooking.

vaorite A. J. Foyt, the defending Aggieland 250 winner. Foyt took a narrow victory over veteran driver Bobby Allison last year.

Qualification runs and time trials for the Aggieland 250 and the Texas Race of Champions will be held Saturday beginning at 8:30 a.m. The two-day affair will be topped off Sunday with the running of the Aggieland 250, bringing together the top stock car drivers in the country. The Aggieland 250 is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m.

The race this weekend marks the 23rd consecutive year that Foyt has raced with the United States Auto Club, since the organization came into existence in 1956. In the last three years, Foyt has competed in all 13 races held at the local oval, winning seven times. Last year's victory started Foyt on his way to winning another USAC National Stock Car Championship, his first stock car title in the last 10 years. He will be driving the same Camaro in which he won the title last year.

In qualification runs last year Foyt set the speedway record for stock cars, clocking 173.36 miles per hour on the two mile paved oval. But the task of repeating as Aggieland 250 champion will be hard to do. The best stock car field ever assembled at TWS will take to the

title. "The car has been very well prepared by Bay Darnell and has a chance at upsetting A.J., Bobby (Allison) and Terry Ryan."

Allison will be trying to roll into the winner's circle for the first time at the speedway. Last year Allison protested Foyt's victory, claiming that Foyt had bumped him on one of the early laps in the race. It took USAC scorers a week to review the race and overrule Allison's protest, awarding Foyt the title and the 300 National Driving points that accompany the victory.



A.J. Foyt

The running of the Aggieland 250 will be preceded by the Texas Race of Champions, scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. Sunday. The top stock car drivers in the state will compete in the fourth annual contest to determine the top short-track driver in the state. A second Race of Champions will follow the running of the Aggieland 250.

track and try to unseat Foyt and earn the \$6,310 first prize money.

Janet Guthrie will make her Texas racing debut when the only woman to qualify for the Indianapolis 500 takes to the track this weekend. Guthrie will be behind the wheel of a Camaro built by Bay Darnell, the 1977 winner of the Texas 500 run at the speedway.

The car, sponsored by Armstrong Mould and Glass Company of Indianapolis, was driven to victory twice last year by two-time Indy 500 winner Bobby Unser.

"With the car she's driving, Janet has a very good shot to win this thing," Speedway President R.C. Conole said of Guthrie's shot at the

And if cars aren't your fancy, the second annual Texas World Open Chili Championship will be held Saturday, with the winner receiving an automatic berth into the National Chili Championships held in Terlingua later this spring. Saturday night a live band will perform for the overnight campers on Texas World Speedway's infield.

Tickets for the races and weekend activities are selling for \$10 to \$25 and may be obtained at the speedway.

Aggies defeat Lobos 79-68

United Press International
ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico — Sophomore forwards Vernon Smith and Rynn Wright each scored 20 points Thursday night to pace Texas A&M to a 79-68 victory over New Mexico in the first round of the National Invitation Tournament.

"They're one of the best home court teams in the nation," Texas A&M coach Shelby Metcalf said. "I'm very proud of our squad. "We were patient. We took good shots. There were times in the first half when we took a couple of bad shots."

The Aggies held a 38-34 halftime lead and maintained a small lead until New Mexico's Larry Belin connected on a 20-foot jump shot to give the Lobos their only lead at 53-52 with 9:22 to play.

Wright gave Texas A&M the lead again with a stuff shot 20 seconds later and the Aggies never trailed again.

"I think the team finally got together and played a good basketball

game," Metcalf said. "They really had it together and really played tonight."

New Mexico, which finished the season at 19-10, was led by Belin with 13 points.

Texas A&M's aggressive zone defense prevented New Mexico from getting very many good shots.

The normally high-scoring Lobos, who had averaged nearly 90 points per game this year, hit only 38.1 percent of their field goal attempts.

Texas A&M, meantime, got several easy shots off its fast break and combined it with the patient offense to set up short shots by Smith, Wright and 6-11 center Rudy Woods, who finished with 15.

The Aggies, who shot 62 percent

from the field for the game, boosted their season record to 23-8.

BOX SCORE
TEXAS A&M (79)
Wright 10 3-3 23, Smith 11 1-2 23, Woods 5 5-7 15, Goff 1 2-2 4, Britton 2 2-5 6, Ladson 0 2-3 2, Sylestine 2 2-3 6, Totals 31 17-25 79.
NEW MEXICO (68)
Abney 4 1-2 9, Logan 2 2-3 6, Roby 3 0-0 6, Jefferson 4 2-4 10, Felix 3 2-2 8, Saunders 4 2-2 10, Belin 6 1-2 13, Stewart 3 0-0 6, Williams 0 0-0 0, Totals 29 10-15 68.

Halftime—Texas A&M 38, New Mexico 34. Fouled out—Abney, Logan, Total fouls—Texas A&M 17, New Mexico 23. Technical foul—Wright, A—18,038.

Raiders fall to Hoosiers

United Press International
LUBBOCK — Led by junior forward Mike Woodson's 30 points, the disciplined Indiana Hoosiers defeated Texas Tech, 78-59, Thursday night in an opening round National Invitation Tournament game.

The game was tied only once at 2 with 58 seconds gone — as the Hoosiers built up a 21-point lead of 35-14 with 3:01 remaining in the half.

Floor errors by Texas Tech led to a Hoosier first half 39.19 margin, but Indiana helped its own cause by hitting 18 of 26 field goal attempts or 68 percent.

The Raiders, by contract, hit 19.4 percent on six of 31 attempts. About all Tech could muster be-

fore a 10,000 standing-room only crowd was an 18-16 first half edge in rebounding.

Three of the Indiana starting five, which did not include a senior player, hit for double figures. Sophomore Ray Tolbert added 18 and junior Butch Carter hit 11.

Texas Tech was paced by freshman forward Jeff Taylor with 15 points — 11 of them in the second half. Senior Geoff Huston added another 14 for the Raiders, now 19-11 for the season.

The Hoosiers took the floor in the second half and ran off nine unanswered points to increase the margin to 48-19.

With 5:25 remaining, Indiana led 71-40 in a game that was not as close

ALTERATIONS
IN THE GRAND TRADITION OF OLD TEXAS WHERE MOTHER TAUGHT DAUGHTER THE FINE ART OF SEWING — SO HELEN MARIE TAUGHT EDITH MARIE THE SECRETS OF SEWING AND ALTERATIONS.
AT WELCH'S CLEANERS, WE NOT ONLY SERVE AS AN EXCELLENT DRY CLEANERS BUT WE SPECIALIZE IN ALTERING HARD TO FIT EVENING DRESSES, TAPERED, SHIRTS, JEAN HEMS, WAIST POCKETS, ETC.
"DON'T GIVE UP — WE'LL MAKE IT FIT!"
WELCH'S CLEANERS
3819 E. 29th (TOWN & COUNTRY SHOPPING CENTER)
"WE'RE JUST A FEW BLOCKS NORTH OF FED MART."

Sun Theatres
333 University 846-9808
The only movie in town
Double-Feature Every Week
Open 10 a.m.-2 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
12 Noon - 12 Midnight Sun
No one under 18
Escorted Ladies Free
BOOK STORE & 25c PEEP SHOWS

TEXAS HALL OF FAME
BUILT TO BE THE BEST, DESTINED TO BE THE BIGGEST.
presents
FRIDAY NIGHT
Jess Demaine and Austin
\$2/person
SATURDAY NIGHT —
Blue Sunset
\$3 person 8-1

MANOR EAST 3
THESE ARE THE ARMIES OF THE NIGHT.
THE WARRIORS
7:20-9:45
Paramount Pictures Presents A Lawrence Gordon Production "THE WARRIORS"
Executive Producer Frank Marshall. Based Upon the Novel by Sol Yurick.
Screenplay by David Shaber and Walter Hill. Produced by Lawrence Gordon.
Directed by Walter Hill.

HE CAME HOME FOR HALLOWEEN
7:25-9:40
PANAVISION METROCOLOR A COMPASS INTERNATIONAL RELEASE
1978 FALLON INTERNATIONAL PRODUCTIONS

HEAVEN CAN WAIT
7:30 9:50
A PARAMOUNT PICTURE
WARREN BEATTY JULIE CHRISTIE JAMES MASON
CHARLES DYAN BUCK GRODIN CANNON HENRY
VINCENT — JACK GARDENIA — JACK WARREN BEATTY
SCREENPLAY BY ELAINE MAY AND WARREN BEATTY
PRODUCED BY WARREN BEATTY
DIRECTED BY WARREN BEATTY AND JACK HENRY
Read the Ballantine Paperback. A PARAMOUNT PICTURE

SKYWAY TWIN
EAST
INVASION OF BODY SNATCHERS PLUS
AUDREY ROSE
WEST
SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER PLUS
ONE AND ONLY
FRI. NIGHT DUSK TO DAWN
5 MOVIES FOR \$2.50
WALKING TALL PLUS
THE HONKERS PLUS
DIRTY MARY, CRAZY LARRY PLUS
CARRIE PLUS
CAR WASH

CAMPUS
Every Which Way But Loose

PLITT Southern Theatres
UNIVERSITY SQUARE SHOPPING CENTER 846-6714 & 846-1151
CORNER OF UNIVERSITY & COLLEGE — COLLEGE STATION
\$1.25
CINEMA I
Confounding!
Sherlock Holmes unraveling the clues, Sigmund Freud unraveling the motives... on the fiendish trail of the Baron with a weak backhand, the Pasha with a penchant for Redheads, the Overcoat with a small man inside. THIS STORY IS TRUE. Only the facts have been made up.
ALAN ARKIN as Sigmund Freud
VANESSA REDGRAVE as Lolo Desveraux
NICOL WILLIAMSON as Sherlock Holmes
ROBERT DUVALL as Dr. Watson
From the #1 Best-Selling Novel
THE SEVEN-PERCENT SOLUTION
FRIDAY & SATURDAY MIDNIGHTS
Tickets go on sale at 10:30

PLITT Southern Theatres
UNIVERSITY SQUARE SHOPPING CENTER 846-6714 & 846-1151
CINEMA I
Fri 5:45 7:45 9:45
Sat & Sun 1:45 3:45 5:45 7:45 9:45
Adult 3.50
Child 1.50
Starring ROBBY BENSON
and introducing LYNN-HOLLY JOHNSON as "LEXIE"
ICE CASTLES PG

PLITT Southern Theatres
UNIVERSITY SQUARE SHOPPING CENTER 846-6714 & 846-1151
CINEMA II
Fri 5:30 7:30 9:30
Sat & Sun 1:30 3:30 5:30 7:30 9:30
Adult 3.50
Child 1.50
A Terrifying Love Story
MAGIC R
JOSEPH E. LEVINE PRESENTS
MAGIC
ANTHONY HOPKINS ANN-MARGRET BURGESS-MEREDITH ED LAUTER
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER C.D. ERICKSON
MUSIC BY JERRY GOLDSMITH
SCREENPLAY BY WILLIAM GOLDMAN, BASED UPON HIS NOVEL
PRODUCED BY JOSEPH E. LEVINE AND RICHARD P. LEVINE
DIRECTED BY RICHARD ATTENBOROUGH