



by Bobby Allison

I am driving a Dodge 500 this year and I like it more than any race car I've ever had. I think I can win with it. This year, although I like to compete on all sorts and sizes of tracks, I've decided to concentrate my efforts on the major events. And that means, of course, that I'll have to stay away from the so-called short tracks and stay on the super-speedways.

This is the way you have to go if you're going for the big money. You'll recall that Cale Yarborough, the Timmonsville, S. C. star, did that last year and came out with more earnings than any Grand National driver in history.

Moreover, I have an idea that the tremendous growth of public interest in automobile racing will eventually force the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing to move its Grand National circuit onto the super-speedways and use all its short tracks for the new Grand Touring series. We're going to need many more drivers than now on the rosters to meet this new public demand. The short tracks will have to produce them.

As far as Daytona International Speedway is concerned, I have liked it since my first Grand National race here in 1961. I think I can do 190 miles an hour on it if the conditions are right. Wind, in certain directions and velocities, is bound to have some effect on a speeding car. I have found here, for example, that you are more susceptible to wind when running at 150 - 160 miles an hour than when you are running 170 and up.

The Daytona Speedway with its high 31-degree banked turns is certainly the fastest of all. And therefore, it is a track that must be run precisely. You'll remember that Buddy Baker, during his 188.901 mile an hour qualifying lap, slightly over-corrected while running through the third and fourth corners and was slowed just enough to lose a new world's record. But for that slip he would have beaten Cale Yarborough's mark of 189.222, set in 1968.

In some winds, especially those at your back on the backstretch, you get quite a boost and if you're in the driver's seat that road ahead narrows down until it looks like a footpath through a daisy field.

Buddy Baker and Bobby Isaac Win Pole Positions For "500"

Buddy Baker of Charlotte, N. C., only drove five miles Sunday to win \$5,100 but he earned every single penny of it.

Baker's last lap of 188.901 miles per hour in a 1969 Dodge Charger earned him the pole position for the rich Daytona 500 on Sunday, February 23 at Daytona International Speedway.

But when he pulled into the pits after his two-lap run around the high-banked two and a half mile track, it was discovered that the left rear fender was bent and rubbing against the tire.

"I must have run over something," Baker said. The 28-year-old Charger said the 15 mile per hour wind blowing across the track almost put him into the wall on the east bank during the run.

Baker hit a speed of 188.363 miles per hour on his second lap with the faster of two laps counting as his official qualifying speed.

Ironically, the second fastest qualifier, Bobby Isaac of Catawba, N. C., would have won the pole position had the qualifying

speed been determined on the average of two laps.

Isaac, also driving a 1969 Dodge Charger, hit 188.726 miles per hour on his first lap and 188.609 miles per hour on his second. Although the average of his two laps

was as fast as Baker's speed, his over-all average was faster. Isaac averaged 188.712 miles per hour for the two laps to Baker's 188.631.

Both Baker and Isaac are assured of the front row starting positions in the Daytona 500, which carries posted awards of over \$204,000.

The remaining 48 starting positions will be determined in two 125-mile qualifying races on February 20. Those two events open a big week-end of racing with the Citrus 250 for NASCAR Grand Touring cars set on Friday, February 21 and the Daytona Permatex 300 for late model sportsman cars to be run on Saturday, February 22.

Then on Sunday, February 23, Baker and Isaac will be up front when the Daytona 500 gets the green flag.

In Memory Of

Richard Coats who passed away eight years ago, February 22, 1961.

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The Family Of GUY A. HARDER

Lee Gwendolyn Kessler

Announce Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. James Hewitt Kessler of Andover, New York, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lee Gwendolyn to Mr. Bruce Coleman Gridley, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bronson Gridley of Lake Bluff, Illinois.

Miss Kessler is a graduate of Grove City College and is a candidate for a Masters Degree from the University of Wisconsin. Her fiancée attended Grove City College and is a senior at the University of Wisconsin.

A June wedding is planned.

Announce Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Dean of the Andover Road, announce the engagement of their daughter, Harriet JoAnn to Donald R. Latten, son of Mrs. Robert Ellsworth of the Hallsport Road and Ralph Latten of Whiteman Road, Wellsville.

The bride-elect is employed as a Secretary by the Air Preheater Corporation of Wellsville. Mr. Latten is Assistant Operations Officer with the First Trust Union Bank of Wellsville.

A Fall wedding is being planned.

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