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A. J. Foyt, who won an unprecedented fourth Indy 500 last weekend, peers ominously from his Indy car before a race at Texas World Speedway. Foyt, the defending champion and 42 other drivers will vie for the purse of the fifth Texas 500 this Sunday.

Defending champ A. J. Foyt returns

Texas 500 held Sunday

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Sunday, June 5 at Texas World Speedway is the date for the hottest race in Texas, the Fifth Annual Texas 500.

Forty-two stock cars have been entered for the time trials at the two-mile College Station oval. These 42 entrants will begin practicing Friday afternoon, June 3. Time trials to determine the 33 starting

positions for the Texas 500 will take place Saturday, June 4. Fans with Texas 500 tickets will be admitted free to the grandstands on Saturday to take pictures of the cars and drivers.

Eight drivers and 10 cars from Texas have entered the fifth annual race.

A. J. Foyt heads the list of drivers and is the defending Texas 500 winner from last year. A. J. could very well make it two-in-a-row after his

unprecedented fourth Indy 500 victory last Sunday.

Other Texans vying for a starting position are H. B. Bailey, John Haver, Tim Duke, and Ricky Otts of Houston, Joe Sturdivant and Keith Green of Waco and Ken Jai of Beaumont.

In addition, two Texas cars, one owned by Joni Jai of Beaumont and the other owned by JoAnn Bailey of Houston will be driven by two out-of-staters.

Tom Harrington of Cincinnati, Ohio will wheel the second Bailey entry while Indiana's Dave Dayton will drive the other Joni Jai Chevrolet.

"The large number of Texas entries is a good indication of the growth and importance of auto racing in the state of Texas," said R. C. Conole, President of Texas World Speedway. "This is a big increase over the number of Texas entrants in last year's Texas 500 and represents 25 per cent of those cars trying for the 33 starting positions. We are pleased to see more Texans challenging the world's greatest drivers."

Other driving greats expected to race in this the biggest event of the year for these United States Auto Club (USAC) stock cars are Kevin Housby, Ramo Stott, Sal Tovella, Bay Darnell, Charlie Glotzbach, Ron Hutcherson, Jerry Sifford and Roger McCluskey.

"We have a great field of competitive cars and drivers and we expect this to be a very competitive and exciting race," said Conole.

Tickets for the fifth running of the Texas 500 will be \$15 and \$20 for general admission and \$25 for reserve seats and can be obtained at all major ticket outlets and at the Texas World Speedway ticket office.

Foyt's fourth Indy victory helped along by Lady Luck

United Press International

INDIANAPOLIS — Win by luck and lose by luck. A. J. Foyt won an unprecedented fourth victory in the annual Indianapolis 500 mile auto race Sunday, but it was not the result of devastating driving.

Foyt won because Gordon Johncock, trying for a second triumph and his first over 500 miles in the event, had the misfortune to blow an engine with 15 laps to go.

Johncock sat dejectedly in the infield as Foyt roared by and then let up on the throttle to win the 61st Speedway championship, and some \$275,000, coasting home about 28 seconds ahead of Tom Sneva.

Foyt was clocked unofficially at 3 hours and 5 minutes 57.70 seconds for the 500 miles for an average speed of 161.331 miles per hour.

Johncock had the race wrapped up, barring misfortune, which occurred. Foyt and Johncock were the leaders most of the way, and Johncock took over from the 97th

lap until the 179th when he pitted and Foyt went in front, boosting his lead to 24 seconds.

At 182 laps, Foyt pitted and Johncock went ahead. He led by six seconds before misfortune struck with 16 laps to go. Then Foyt scooted to victory.

Never before has a driver won the 500 four times. Wilbur Shaw and Louie Meyer won three. Tommy Milton, Mauri Rose, Al Unser, Bobby Unser and Johnny Rutherford won two.

It was one of the best races in the 61-year history of the event. It was also one of the safest. The yellow caution light, slowing the field to 80 miles per hour, was on five times, for 36 minutes 58 seconds.

That was enough to ruin the record chance. Al Unser was at record speed after 10 laps and Johncock and Foyt after 20 and 30 laps. Then Lloyd Ruby hit the wall, the caution light came out, and the speed of the field dropped under 150 mph.

Only 30 seconds . . .

Janet Guthrie learned quickly what separates boys, girls

United Press International

INDIANAPOLIS — Less than 30 seconds after starting out in her first Indianapolis 500 and three hours before A. J. Foyt won his fourth one, Janet Guthrie found out first hand what it is about the race that separates the men from the boys, and the boys from the girls.

It happened in the very first turn where one of the boys played a little rough, rougher than Guthrie felt gentlemen should.

Janet Guthrie's place in auto racing history already is assured. The fact she was the first woman ever to compete in the race Sunday guarantees her some share of immortality.

She did everything in her power to finish the race, but finally had to drop out after 27 laps because her mechanics couldn't fix the ignition trouble in the white-and-green Bryant Heating and Cooling Special she was driving.

Seven times she was forced to stop in the pits. Ultimately, there

was nothing else to do but withdraw.

She got out of the car and peeled off her gloves. The crowd gave her a tremendous ovation for the extraordinary patience and persistence she had shown roaring back out on the track after each lengthy delay in the pits.

The 39-year-old physicist listened to the cheers and for a moment or so it seemed as if she might cry, but she didn't. She took off her helmet, set her lips in a tight little line and then suddenly broke into a smile as the people in the stands continued showing their appreciation for her efforts.

"Atta' girl, Janet," some of them called out to her. "You did the best you could. You have nothing to be ashamed of."

She looked up at them, still smiling. "Next year," she said. "I'll be back again."

When she returned to her garage,

there was only one thing she wanted.

"I'd like for some way to get a shower because my skin is killing me," she said to Rolla Vollstedt, manager of the Bryant Racing team and the man who made it possible for her to drive in the 500.

Finding a shower for Guthrie presented a problem.

The only shower in the area always was used before only by men and no provision was made so that a female could shower. So what Guthrie's crew did was guard the entrance and close off the shower so she could use it.

"In the process of changing a fitting on the car, we had a big alcohol spill," Vollstedt explained. "It spilled all over Janet, methanol they call it, and it can be terribly uncomfortable."

When she finished showering, Guthrie came out in a blue blouse, gray slacks and black sandals.

"I'm very disappointed we were unable to finish," she said. "I'm cer-

tain everything possible that could be done to try and correct what was wrong, was done."

Guthrie said her chief mechanic, Phil Casey, and his assistant, Chuck Looper, were two of the best around but actually they appeared baffled from the start. Each time they'd make some correction, she'd go out again and then limp back in the pit after going around the track once, the trouble still uncorrected.

She was more than 50 laps behind

at one point, hopelessly out of contention, yet when someone asked her how she felt about continuing she said, "Well, if they fix the car, I'll get back in the race and run like I never was out of it."

"There was a lot of monkey business going on in turn one," Guthrie said. "Some guy dodged right in front of me, got inside and slammed on his brakes. I thought there was going to be trouble."

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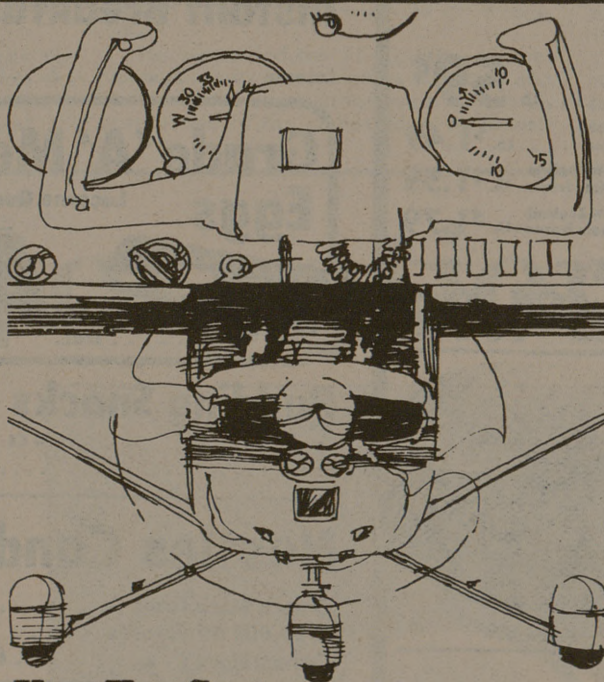
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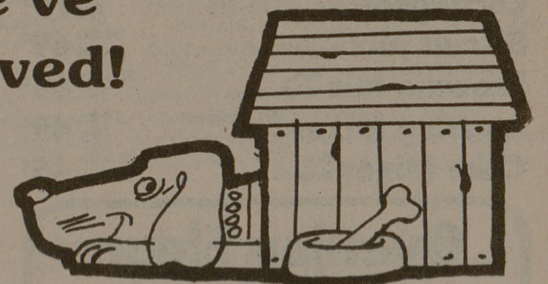
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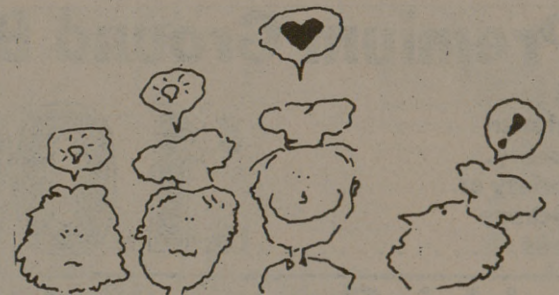
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Sincerely,
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