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By JANA THIEME ith the help of Reid Freeman, Texas A&M University tennis hopes to do well in the upcomconference tournament and players qualifying for the A Tournament.

eeman, a freshman electrical ineering major played high ol tennis at Highland Park in s. He received the following rs in high school: number one e state his sophomore year in 16 and under age bracket; per one his junior year in the 18 mder age bracket; and number his senior year in the same cket. Freeman also won the Farlin Award, a sportsmanship ard which is the highest award a under 18 years of age can re-

ted Gary Plock, an all-American sity of Arkansas, the University of is player from the University of Houston, and Texas Christian Uni-

University of Houston.

Freeman likes to travel and has been in such places as Ohio, Michigan, California, Kansas, Oklahoma and all over Texas competing in strokes tournaments.

The conference tournament is next week in Corpus Christi. The nine conference teams will play their number one players against each other. The number two players will play against each other and so on. Whoever wins the tournament will qualify for the NCAA Tournament, held later this spring.

The A&M team is currently in sixth place in the conference. The top five teams in the Southwest Conference are among the top 20 teams in the nation. Those teams reeman has also done well in his are Southern Methodist University, ollege season. Recently, he de- the University of Texas, the Univer-

freshman rated number one at the in the nationals are Trinity University and Pan American University. Freeman said he practices three

'I almost always let the ball

run for his shots."

said.

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Freeman said he admires the top-ranked Swede, Bjorn Borg, team player has," Freeman said. whom he feels is everything a tennis player should be. "He's got a good attitude, dedication, the desire and

has the best overall game of any player I know," he said. Freeman said he likes playing both singles and doubles and that each has their advantages. "Doubles are a lot more fun," he said, "but in singles you get a lot more recognition

Crowd attendence is important in any college sport, tennis included. Because of the new tennis court

Texas and Nduka Odizar, a versity. Other top rated Texas teams construction going on, the team has "That's what helped the top five dance at the matches has been low crowd participation. bours a day, six days a week, and his strategy basically consists of ground strokes. The matches has been low clower participation. The new Texas A&M tennis to the publicized enough. "They just do not know about the matches, "he

bounce on the court before I hit it," he said. "I like playing in the backcourt and making my opponent run for his shots." According to Freeman, college crowds are rowdier than crowds at professional matches. "The more rowdy the home crowd is, the more According to Freeman, college

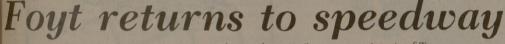
been playing at the Oak Village Raquet Club in Bryan. The atten-national top 20. They had such great

station XXX some recognition. He hopes to turn professional someday.



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By MARK PATTERSON review of the Indianapolis 500 Thirty drivers are entered in the rld Speedway outside of town. he Coors 200, one of the final os for the Indy-type cars before May 28th race, will be run rday with race time scheduled than 1.8 miles per gallor 3:30 p.m. Practice will being at a.m. with qualifications to at 12:30.

With the Indy date closing in, t of the top drivers will be in dence in an attempt to work inal problems before the May Such notables as A.J. Foyt, o Andretti, Bobby and Al Un-Johnny Rutherford and Gordon ncack will fire up their engines a make a run for the cham-onship and first place points to-ards the Citicorp Cup Cham-

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The drivers Saturday will attack world's fastest speedway in an empt to break Mario Andretti's ed record of 214.15 m.p.h. set in a for a single lap around the o-mile oval. The record for a -mile race is held by Gary Bet-hausen at a speed of 181.91 a.h. set also in 1973.

ocal hero A.J. Foyt from Houswill be going for his 60th chamship racing victory when he she track Saturday. Foyt took a tory home his last start at the eedway, the Aggieland 250 this at March 12th. With his experice on the fast track, Foyt feels the eed record held by Andretti ght be broken this weekend.

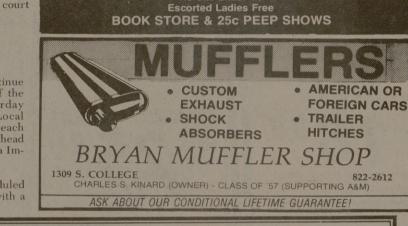
His (Andretti) record is well thin reach of this field of drivers, Foyt. "With the cars and the stments that have been made y, I wouldn't be surprised to see ds near 228.

But with those speeds, I'll probscare the hell out of myself 10

most parts of Texas or 20 times during this race. The racing weekend will continue into town this weekend, with how being held at the Texas one of the 22 starting spots availa-base being held at the Texas one of the 22 starting spots availa-base being held at the Texas one of the 22 starting spots availa-base being held at the Texas one of the 22 starting spots availa-base being held at the Texas one of the 22 starting spots availa-base being held at the Texas one of the 22 starting spots availa-base being held at the Texas one of the 22 starting spots availa-base being held at the Texas one of the 22 starting spots availa-base being held at the Texas one of the 22 starting spots availa-base being held at the Texas one of the 22 starting spots availa-base being held at the Texas one of the 22 starting spots availa-base being held at the Texas one of the 22 starting spots availa-base being held at the Texas one of the 22 starting spots availa-base being held at the Texas one of the 22 starting spots availa-base being held at the Texas one of the 22 starting spots availa-base being held at the Texas one of the 22 starting spots availa-base being held at the Texas one of the 23 starting spots availa-texas one of the 24 starting spots availa-texas one of the texas one of texas on night following the race. Local Each car is alloted 360 gallons of bands will compete against each

gas to complete the race. Broken other for a chance to go head to head down, each car must average more with last year's winner, Hidden Imthan 1.8 miles per gallon over the age, on Sunday afternoon.

The Coors 200 will be carried live nationally on the CBS Sports Spec-taculuar, but will be blacked out in 2:30 starting time.







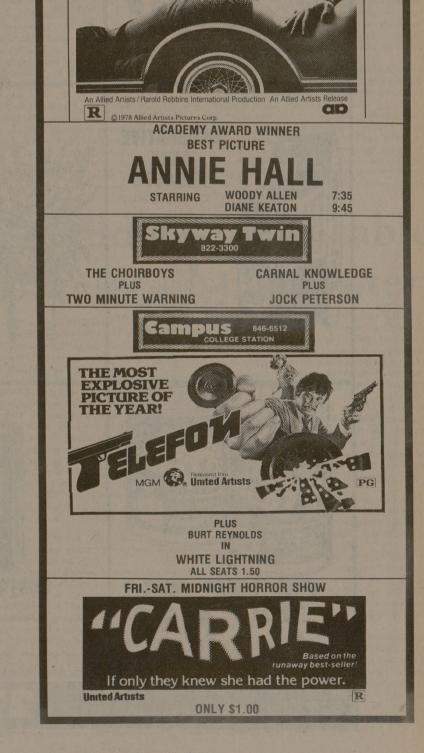
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