Franklin expected to go high in draft

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NEW YORK — Tom Cousineau
appears set for Buffalo and Mike Bell for Kansas City but then the mystery begins today when the National Football League stages its annual college player draft.

The Bills were expected to make Cousineau, the outstanding linebacker from Ohio State, the first selection when the draft began at 10 a.m. EDT today and Kansas City is expected to follow by selecting Bell, a defensive tackle from Colorado

But how the draft will go from there on is anyone's guess. This year's crop of talent is one of the most well-balanced in recent years and there are as many as a dozen running backs who have been classifed as first round material.

There are no Earl Campbells around to overshadow the competi-tion this year and clubs with high picks will be extra careful to avoid

losing four of the first six sets in sing-

les action and it looked like No. 14 Michigan would add another deci-sive loss to Texas A&M's record.

However, the Aggies tightened up

The outstanding Aggie singles win

came in the No. 1 match where Reid Freeman came from behind to defeat

Jeff Etterbeck, 1-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Freeman's win snapped a six-match

personal losing streak in dual match

competition and was his first since

impressed me," said Texas A&M Coach David Kent. "He beat one of

the top ranked collegiate players in the country in Etterbeck. Watching the way he played today, I think this was easily the biggest win of Reid's

Other Aggie singles wins came in the No. 4 match where Max King beat Jud Shaufler, 7-5, 5-7, 6-4, and

in the No. 5 match as Trey Schutz

The way Reid came back really

March 27.

Buffalo earned the right to choose first when the Bills traded star run-ning back O.J. Simpson to San Fran-cisco in 1978 for several draft choices, including the 49ers' top pick this year, and the 49ers finished with the NFL's worst record (2-14) to earn

the No. 1 spot.

Kansas City will be followed by Cincinnati and Chicago, which owns Tampa Bay's first pick. Buffalo is fifth, followed by Baltimore, the New York Giants, St. Louis, Chicago, Detroit and New Orleans.

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Cincinnati, using Washington's pick, is 12th, followed by Cleveland, the New York Jets, Green Bay, Minnesota, Atlanta and Seattle. Los
Angeles, with Oakland's pick, is
19th, followed by San Diego,
Philadelphia, Denver, Houston,
Miami, New England and Los
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Dallas and Pittsburgh, the Super Bowl clubs, complete the first round in the 27th and 28th positions. Four clubs — Buffalo, Chicago,

Cincinnati and Los Angeles — each have two picks in the first round. San Francisco, Tampa Bay, Washington and Oakland do not have first round There are a number of top running backs but none in the class of

The draft will consist of 12 rounds and 330 players will be selected. Four teams — Minnesota,
Pittsburgh, Los Angeles and New
England — forfeited choices because
of competitive violations while two

Minnesota and Pittsburgh will be without third round choices, Los Angeles has lost its fifth round pick and New England its seventh round

The Jets lead all teams with 17 picks and Miami has 16. Buffalo, Dallas and Pittsburgh have 15 each. Washington has the fewest choices

There is a 15-minute time limit for each selection in the first two rounds and a five-minute limit for the re-

backs but none in the class of Campbell or Terry Miller, high picks last year. They include Charles Alexander of Louisiana State, Ted Brown of North Carolina State, Eddie Lee Ivery of Georgia Tech, Ottis Anderson of Miami (Fla.), Steve Atkins of Maryland, Theotis Brown of UCLA, Kenny King of Oklahoma and Tony Nathan of Alabama.

Only two quarterbacks — Jack Thompson of Washington State and Steve Fuller of Clemson — are con-sidered possible NFL starters next season but several others should go early. They are Steve Dils of Stanford, Joe Montana of Notre Dame and Jeff Rutledge of Alabama.

The top wide receivers are Jerry Butler of Clemson, Gordon Jones of Pittle of Market Butler of Clemson, Gordon Jones of Pittle of Market Butler of Clemson, Gordon Jones of Pittle of Market Butler of Clemson, Gordon Jones of Pittle of Market Butler of Clemson, Gordon Jones of Pittle of Market Butler of Clemson, Gordon Jones of Pittle of Market Butler of Clemson, Gordon Jones of Pittle of Market Butler of Clemson, Gordon Jones of Pittle of Market Butler of Clemson, Gordon Jones of Pittle of Market Butler of Clemson, Gordon Jones of Pittle of Market Butler of Clemson, Gordon Jones of Pittle of Market Butler of Clemson, Gordon Jones of Pittle of Market Butler of Clemson, Gordon Jones of Pittle of Clemson, Gordon Jones of Clemson, Gordon Jones of Pittle of Clemson, Gordon Jones of Pittle of Clemson, Gordon Jones of Clemson, Gordon Jones of Pittle of Clemson, Gordon Jones of Clemson, Gordon Jones of Clemson, Gordon Jones of Clemson, Gordon Jones of Clemson, Gor

Pittsburgh, Robert "Spider" Gaines of Washington and Ernest Gray of Memphis State. The leading tight ends are Kellen Winslow of Missouri, Mark E. Bell of Colorado State and Ronnie Lee of Baylor.

The leading offensive linemen are tackles Kelvin Clark of Nebraska, Keith Dorney of Penn State, Bill Dufek of Michigan and Matt Miller of Colorado, guards Pat Howell of Southern California and Greg Roberts of Oklahoma and center Dave Huffman of Notre Dame.

Defensive linemen expected to be drafted quickly include Bell, Willie Jones of Florida State, Marty Lyons of Alabama, Al Harris of Arizona State, Rich Dimler of Southern California and Don Smith of Miami (Fla.). The leading linebackers behind Cousineau are Jerry Robinson of UCLA, Barry Krauss of Alabama and Bob Golic of Notre Dame. Among the top defensive backs are

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Ags battle Wolverines to the end Texas A&M managed to follow up its surprising play in the singles with singles match, Max just didn't have Kent said he can so BY KURT ABRAHAM Battalion Sports Staff Outmanned and outgunned once an equally unexpected win in the enough energy left to go a full three again, the Texas A&M tennis team I doubles match, as Freeman sets in the doubles.' and Alberto Jimenez teamed up to defeat Michigan's Etterbeck and In finishing its season, Texas A&M refused to surrender Wednesday, as it lost its final season match at home chalked up a final 6-5 record at home, while going 57-42 in total home matches. On the road, the Ag-Matt Horwitch, 6-3, 6-3. The team of Etterbeck and Horto the University of Michigan Wolhome matches. On the road, the Aggies were not quite as successful, as they compiled a 5-6 record and won better team next year." Facing a nationally ranked team for the 12th time in 22 matches this season, the Aggies fell behind early,

witch had ranked as the runnerup for top honors in No. 1 NCAA doubles competition. The win was the second upset of nationally ranked doubles team for Freeman and Jimenez who had earlier beaten Southern Illinois' Juan Farrow and Arjun Fernando. Before losing to Texas A&M, Farrow in the next sets, and by the time singles play ended, A&M found itself tied with Michigan at three matches and Fernando had been the No. 1 doubles team in the country.

That win caused considerable ex-

citement in the stands as the Aggies pulled ahead of Michigan for the first time with the score standing at 4-3. However, the fans' enthusiasm proved premature as Wolverines Shaufler and Mike Leach disposed of Schutz and Mike Moss in two sets,

That left the outcome of the day's action to be decided by the No. 3 doubles match between Aggies King and Jim Grubert and Michigan's Osler and Neinken. After dropping the first set, 6-4, King and Grubert fought back to win the next set, 7-5, but they weren't able to keep up the pace and lost the final set and match,

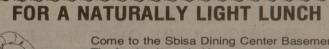
"I think Max just ran out of gas in that last set," said Kent. "It hasn't been that long since he came back from being ill and he really isn't at 9

Kent said he can see the Aggie tennis program turning the corner towards becoming a winner. "The way we played today was very encouraging, and the players we have returning next year along with

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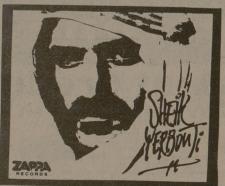
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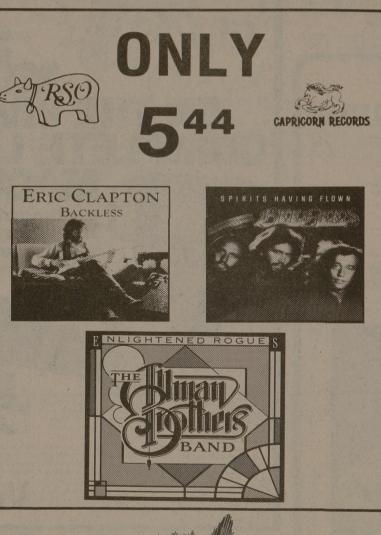
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