

# Marcus Pulls Week's Upset

If anyone on the Rice campus should be getting over-time pay, it should be freshman tennis player Neal Marcus. For in the period of three days, from Sunday to Tuesday, Marcus played a total of eight matches, lost only two, upset the nation's number two junior tennis player Chuck McKinley in straight sets, 6-3, 6-4, to gain the finals of the River Oaks Junior Tournament, and then in the third round of the senior division of the 25th annual River Oaks Tourney, Marcus pulled the upset of the week by defeating top-seeded, third ranked nationally Barry McKay 6-1, 6-4.

## Upset Champ

Marcus began his phenomenal play on Sunday when he played a total of five matches before losing in the finals to Jack Kamrath of Lamar High School. In the doubles competition, Marcus also placed second when he and his teammate DeEdward Greer were defeated by Chuck McKinley and Butch Buchholz. Monday Marcus qualified for the senior tournament by downing Adan Lopez 6-2, 1-6, 7-5 and top Texas freshman Mac White 6-4, 4-6, 6-2. The stage was then set for Marcus to upset defending champion Barry McKay Tuesday in only 45 minutes.

Also qualifying for the tournament along with Marcus was sophomore Paul Como. Como qualified by taking victories over Al Driscole and Al Santos. Robert Dopson and Doug Bashrum, failed to make the grade when they were defeated in the second round.

## Fisher Dark Horse?

Top Owl stars Ronnie Fisher and Art Foust were among the 16 top-seeded players who did not have to qualify in the first two rounds of the tournament. Local sports writer, Jerry Rib-

nik, has picked Fisher as the tournament dark-horse, citing Fisher's famed temper as his biggest problem. In his first action of the tournament Fisher defeated Neil Unterseher of Lincoln, Nebraska 7-9, 6-2, 6-3. Teammate Art Foust, on the other hand, was not so fortunate as he went down to defeat at the hands of Lamar Tech's Armando Ferla 7-5, 5-7, 6-3. Neither was the other remaining Owl, Paul Como. Como was defeated in straight sets by third-seeded Luis Ayala 6-1, 6-2.

The two remaining Owls, Fisher and Marcus, will continue to play one match a day, until they are eliminated, in an attempt to gain the tournament finals this weekend.