

# Two challenge for female title

LONDON (AP) — Americans Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert Lloyd are the top seeds in women's singles of the 1983 Wimbledon.

Navratilova is trying to become the first repeat champion in women's singles since she won in 1978 and 1979.

The woman she defeated for both those titles and for the coveted silver plate last year, was Lloyd.

Lloyd won the 1982 titles in the United States and Australian opens and was victorious in the French Open last month.

Navratilova was to take on Beverly Mould of South Africa today, while Lloyd was to meet American Alycia Moulton.

Also scheduled for first-round action today were third-seeded Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia, number three Andrea Jaeger and number four Tracy Austin.

Top-seeded Jimmy Connors of the U.S., who captured this title a year ago, and number two John McEnroe of the U.S., advanced to the second round with straight-set victories Monday.

Connors downed Eddie Edwards of South Africa 6-4, 7-5, 6-3, while McEnroe stopped American Ben Testerman 6-4, 7-6, 6-2.

A winner here in 1981, McEnroe was called five times for foot-faults and Testerman was nailed four times.

Connors, who defeated McEnroe in the championship match last year, was down in the second set before roaring back.

In men's opening-round shockers, Nduka Odizor of Nigeria edged fourth-seeded Guillermo Vilas of Argentina 3-6, 5-7, 7-6, 7-5, 6-2; Italian Claudio Panatta ousted number seven Jose Luis Clerc, also of Argentina, 6-1, 6-4, 6-2; and Chris Lewis of New Zealand eliminated Steve Denton of the U.S., the ninth seed, 6-4, 4-6, 7-6, 4-6, 6-3.

Vilas said his concentration has been broken by the one-year suspension from Volvo Grand Prix tennis handed him by the Men's International Professional Tennis Council for the alleged acceptance of appearance money.

Vilas has denied the charges and is appealing the council's action.

"A year out of tennis can ruin a player's career," Vilas said. "It would put me completely out of the rankings and I'd have to qualify for every tournament."

A popular winner was 10th seeded Billie Jean King of the U.S., at 39 the oldest player on the women's tennis tour. King, who has won a record 20 Wimbledon titles, won 7-5, 6-3 over Elizabeth Sayers of Australia.

Other winners included Barbara Potter of the U.S., American Kathy Rinaldi, 1977 Wimbledon champion Virginia Wade of Britain, Kevin Curran of South Africa, and Americans Brian Gottfried, Bill Scanlon, Hank Pfister and Tim Mayotte.

Wimbledon highlights are shown Wednesday at 5 p.m. on First Choice (pay cable 17).

## Soccer explosion



Four cheerleaders and one man suffered third and first-degree burns Sunday at the world youth soccer championship in Mexico City when about 200 gas-filled balloons exploded in Aztec Stadium during the closing ceremony. The balloons were to be released from under a net on the stadium field when they exploded into flames and landed on the cheerleaders and a man attending the net. The victims were held in hospital for observation. Just before the explosion, fireworks were lit along the sides of the field. Brazil defeated Argentina 1-0 to win the tournament.

## City team qualifies in soccer

One team carries the standard of Prince George to the B.C. Interior youth soccer championships this weekend in Penticton.

The aspirations of the last three other local teams still alive in the playoffs were snuffed out during the weekend with losses in the Northern Interior finals, leaving division five's Central Roughnecks, 4-1 victors over Terrace last Saturday, the lone Prince George representative.

Terrace took all four other berths for which Prince George teams compete.

The division one Central Lancers, who won a protest to advance to the Northern Interior final after losing 3-2 to Quesnel (which lost the protest because it used an ineligible player) last week, were dumped 5-2 in Terrace.

In division six, the Nechako Whitecaps lost a heartbreaker to Terrace Saturday at John McInnis Secondary School, falling 5-4 in overtime after leading 4-2.

The division seven Central Roughnecks were equally heartbroken, losing 4-1 to Terrace after beating Quesnel 1-0 in the semi-final.

The division three Lakewood Kickers, were eliminated last Saturday with a 4-1 loss to Quesnel in the semi-final.

## Spruce Caps still strong

The Prince George Spruce Caps women's soccer team remains unbeaten in its brief existence.

The visiting Spruce Caps turned aside the Country Kings Stingers of Quesnel 2-1 in exhibition play Sunday.

Shirley Smith and Collette Fauchon scored for Prince George, which beat Rudy's Strikers 3-2 earlier in the week in its first official game.

## Leafs capture softball title

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont. (CP) — The Toronto Maple Leafs won the Molson-National Hockey League slo-pitch tournament Sunday with a 21-3 victory over the defending champion Los Angeles Kings.

The three-day charity competition featured the largest off-ice gathering of NHL players ever.

## HEART NOT GOOD

# Surgery for Ashe?

NEW YORK (AP) — Arthur Ashe, who underwent a quadruple heart bypass operation in 1979, might be forced to undergo additional surgery.

His condition forced him to miss the Tournament of Champions at Forest Hills, N.Y., in early May; the French Open, won by his protege, Yannick Noah of France, and is keeping him away from Wimbledon, which began Monday.

"I had a major setback six weeks ago," Ashe said Friday.

The former tennis star, who is expected to step down as captain of the U.S. Davis Cup tennis team, had a heart attack July 31, 1979, after appearing at a tennis clinic. He began a rehabilitation program but suffered renewed chest pains in December, 1979.

Tests at that time revealed Ashe had blockage around four of his arteries, necessitating the three-hour bypass operation Dec. 13, 1979,

performed by a team of surgeons headed by Dr. John E. Hutchinson.

"The purpose of the bypass was to get blood around the blocks," Hutchinson said at the time. "I anticipate now a normal flow of blood to the heart and that it can be stressed to a significant degree."

Ashe made the revelation Friday at a news conference held to announce details of a tournament which will be held June 20 to 26 at the U.S. Tennis Centre at Flushing Meadow, site of the U.S. Open, and which will bear his name.

The second-largest tournament in the United States, surpassed only by the U.S. Open, the Ashe Tennis Classic will have more than 300 participants and \$10,000 in prize money for competing professionals. The first-place prize for the U.S. Tennis Association-sanctioned event will be \$3,000.

Proceeds from the tournament go to the United Negro College Fund.

## Moto lead Voldeng's after races

Dale Voldeng stretched his lead in the Northern Interior Moto-Cross Series with a victory Sunday over a bog-like track in Prince George.

Voldeng, with his second victory in two weeks, finished ahead of Doug Klein in the depleted 125 senior cc class.

Entries in all classes were low because of the rain, which turned the Airport Hill track near Ritchie Brothers Auctioneers to mud. Several vehicles turned back, because they couldn't get through the access road and two four-wheel drives were stuck attempting to do so.

Of those that did race, Duane Nelson maintained his lead in the 80 cc class with a victory and Todd Scott won the 125 junior division ahead of Mike Antal.

Toby Haiste finished ahead of series-leader Warren Wartig in the 150 and open junior class and Darren Jacobs opened up his lead in the 250 and open senior class with another win.

Don Herdman, who dominated racing in the early part of the season before missing the last race because of work commitments, returned to finish second.

The next race on the series circuit is Sunday in Mackenzie.

The Prince George Motorcycle Club has a meeting tonight at 7 at 5289 Thompson Dr. For more information, call Gunnar Christensen at 964-9352.

## THEY'RE DOWN TO LIMIT

# Six imports cut by Lions

VANCOUVER (CP) — The B.C. Lions released six imports Monday, including two acquired in trades, to get down to the Canadian Football League limit of 50 after two exhibition games.

Released were defensive backs John Willis of Central Washington and Henry Harris of Arkansas State, defensive linemen Ray Coley of Alabama A and M and Effley Brooks of Kentucky, wide receiver Delbert Allen of Texas-El Paso and running back Kyle Stevens of Washington.

Coley was acquired three weeks ago in a trade with the Saskatchewan Roughriders after Canadian linemen Rick Klassen and Nick Hebler suddenly announced their retirements in contract disputes. Both Canadians have rejoined the team.

Stevens came to the Lions during the off-season

from the Hamilton Tiger-Cats for future considerations. Holdover John Henry White and veteran Obie Graves, acquired from the Toronto Argonauts, were retained ahead of Stevens.

The Lions, with wins over the Edmonton Eskimos and Winnipeg Blue Bombers, continue the exhibition schedule Thursday against the Calgary Stampeders with more than 45,000 tickets sold for the first football game in the new domed stadium at B.C. Place.

B.C. still has four quarterbacks on the roster, with Roy Dewalt designated number one by new head coach Don Matthews. Competing for the backup position are Joe Paopao, John Fourcade and rookie Tim Cowan.

# USFL coach 'scared to death'

by Associated Press Michigan Panthers' coach Jim Stanley has a confession to make.

"I was scared to death," he said, describing his feelings while watching Novo Bojovic prepare for what proved to be a game-winning 18-yard field goal Monday night in the final minute of the Panthers' 27-25 United States Football

League victory over the Washington Federals.

"I had confidence we could get in field-goal range on the last series of downs," Stanley said.

In the only other Monday game, the Philadelphia Stars downed the Oakland Invaders 12-6 in a rain-soaked contest.

Bojovic's field goal capped a 10-play, 73-yard drive that lifted

Michigan into a tie with Tampa Bay for second place in the Central Division.

The Panthers improved their record to 10-6 and set up a showdown with Chicago next week for the Central Division lead.

In Philadelphia, David Trout kicked four field goals — three of which were set up by Oakland turnovers.

The Stars, who clinched the Atlantic Division title last weekend, improved to 14-2 for the season. Oakland fell to 8-8, losing a chance to clinch the Pacific Division title.

Trout kicked a 23-yarder with 9:52 left to break a 6-6 tie. He finished the scoring with 1:43 remaining on a kick from 30 yards.

# Two 76ers all-stars

NEW YORK (AP) — Centre Moses Malone and forward Julius Erving, who led the Philadelphia 76ers to the National Basketball Association championship last season, were named Monday to the official league all-star team chosen by media members.

Forward Larry Bird of the Boston Celtics and guards Earvin (Magic) Johnson of the Los Angeles Lakers and Sidney Moncrief of the Milwaukee Bucks complete the first team.

Malone, Erving and Bird are repeat selections, while Johnson and Moncrief were chosen to the second team in 1981-82.

The second team has forwards Alex English of the Denver Nuggets

and Buck Williams of the New Jersey Nets, centre Kareem Abdul-Jabbar of the Lakers and guards George Gervin of the San Antonio Spurs and Isiah Thomas of the Detroit Pistons.

The voting was done by 75 media members who regularly cover the NBA — three from each league franchise city and six from the national media.

Bird, a first-team member in all of his four NBA seasons, was the only player chosen on all 75 ballots and landed 149 out of a possible 150 points. Only one voter picked him for the second team.

Malone attracted 147 points to lead the centres and Johnson 144 to top the guards.

# Reward huge for coach

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Billy Cunningham has reaped his reward for leading the Philadelphia 76ers to the National Basketball Association championship — a three-year contract making him the highest paid coach in the history of the league.

Cunningham has signed a contract estimated at \$400,000 a year, club owner Harold Katz told a news conference Monday.

His former contract, which guaranteed him \$200,000 a year, expired May 31, the night the 76ers completed their sweep of the Los Angeles Lakers.

Before Cunningham's new deal, Hubie Brown of the New York Knicks was about to become the highest paid coach with a \$300,000 salary next season.

Cunningham directed the 76ers to the best NBA regular season record (65-17), a four-game sweep of the Knicks in the Eastern Conference semi-finals, a 4-1 elimination of the Milwaukee Bucks in the Eastern final and the wipeout of the defending champion Lakers.

He has taken the 76ers to the final three times and has more playoff victories (56) than any other coach.

## RUBBER COMPANY FOLDS

# Puck shortage looms large

TORONTO (CP) — Organized hockey in North America, including all National Hockey League teams, might run out of pucks this coming season.

Viceroy Rubber and Plastics Ltd., which was closed for liquidation Monday in the midst of a labor dispute, was the sole North American manufacturer of pucks, company president Ronald Bruhm said.

"We have a copyright on the formula for the composition of NHL pucks," Bruhm said. "It was developed in our company."

He said an American company is negotiating to purchase the puck divi-

sion, but it would take another company about 10 to 12 months to set up production at the necessary volume to supply the present demand.

Viceroy, which manufactured 22,000 pucks a day, imprinted the team logos of all professional and minor teams on the continent, Bruhm said.

He said he doesn't think the NHL teams have sufficient pucks for next season.

"We usually get orders in the spring and in the fall," he said. "I wouldn't imagine there's enough out there to see them through a season."

The 21 NHL teams use 66,000 pucks

a season during games and many more in practice, Bruhm said.

The company also manufactures plain black pucks sold at retail outlets, which means minor hockey could also be affected.

There is a puck manufacturer in Czechoslovakia, but these pucks are not of the same quality as those used in the NHL and do not respond to the freezing to reduce bounce.

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