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McEnroe, Navratilova rule at Wimbledon

WIMBLEDON, England (UPI) — John McEnroe tightened his grip on the top spot in men's tennis with a stunning 6-1, 6-1, 6-2 triumph over Jimmy Connors Sunday in a sweltering finale to the \$2.2 million Wimbledon Championships. But the 25-year-old McEnroe, who used his racket instead of his sometimes abrasive mouth during the two-week long tournament, sees his third Wimbledon victory in four years as just the beginning.

"I feel I have four or five more chances to win here at Wimbledon and I'm looking forward to it," McEnroe said after dropping just four games against Connors in 102-degree heat.

Both No. 1 McEnroe, a winner in 1981 and 1983, and unstoppable woman's champion Martina Navratilova, who notched her third straight crown Saturday with a convincing 7-6 (7-5), 6-2 win over fellow-American Chris Evert Lloyd, dominated the 107th Wimbledon championships.

For the first time in the history of the world's most prestigious tennis tournament, the defending champions in all five events retained their titles.

In addition to their singles crowns, McEnroe and Navratilova both added some small change to their already bulging bank accounts with victories in their respective doubles.

Top-seeded McEnroe and partner

Peter Fleming held onto their men's doubles crown with a 6-2, 5-7, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3 marathon win over never-say-die Australians Pat Cash and Paul McNamee.

In women's doubles, grand slam champions Navratilova and Pam Shriver stopped the U.S. pair of Kathy Jordan and Anne Smith with ease 6-3, 6-4, on Saturday. And in mixed doubles, Briton John Lloyd, the estranged husband of Chris Evert Lloyd, and partner Wendy Turnbull of Australia, defeated Americans Steve Denton and Jordan 6-3, 6-3.

McEnroe's calm march into Sunday's finale proceeded like clockwork as the New Yorker dropped only one set in six matches. That was a

tiebreaker in his first-round match against McNamee. McEnroe then wiped out American Rod Harmon, Wally Masur of Australia, Americans Bill Scaplon and John Sadri, and giant-killer semifinalist Cash of Australia in straight sets.

He saved the best for last in disposing of the 31-year-old Connors.

Connors' aggressive, attacking style — punctuated by his trademark grunts after each shot — deserted him in the finals against McEnroe, who couldn't do anything wrong while earning his \$148,000 first-prize check.

McEnroe served up 10 aces and allowed Connors to gain a paltry 11 points over McEnroe's 12 service games. Connors stumbled through

five double faults in a match which he admitted he was never really in.

McEnroe, making his fifth consecutive appearance in the finals, found enough angles to confound even Euclid as he became the first American to win the title back-to-back since Budge in 1937-38.

There was no place for Connors to hide, with McEnroe playing the ruthless assassin in the sun.

"I was just thankful I played one of the best matches I have ever played," McEnroe said.

"I got in a good service groove, mixing it up a lot."

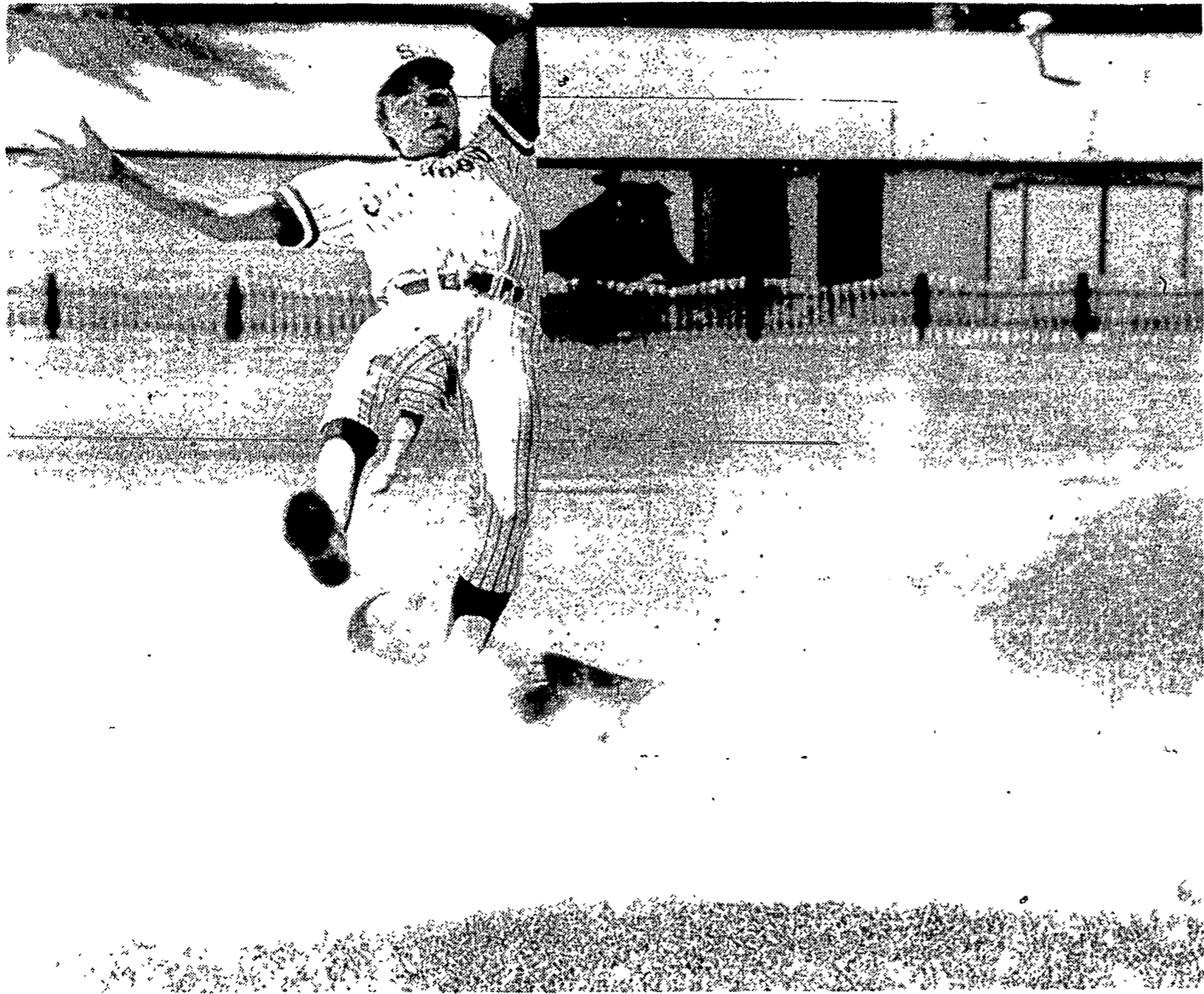
Connors said that despite the one-sided score, "I was doing the best I could at all times. Days like this

arise."

"My head will not drop," added Connors, who defends his U.S. Open title beginning next month in Flushing Meadows, N.Y. "It hasn't for 31 years."

McEnroe, who has now beaten Connors in their last six meetings and holds a 15-12 career edge, admitted he was not certain of victory until the last point, recalling how he led Czechoslovakia Ivan Lendl two sets to love in the French Open final three weeks ago only to suffer his only defeat in 54 matches this year.

Connors, playing in his sixth Wimbledon final in 10 years, said McEnroe's performance was the best he had ever encountered on grass.



Bee/Mark Nelke

A NOT-SO-ROUTINE PLAY--Sandpoint B third baseman Brad Keegan soars high in the air to snag a throw, and is upended in the process, by a sliding Barry Burgess of Sagle. Burgess stole third on the play, and Keegan, once he came down, joined Burgess in the cloud of dust. Sagle's men's hardball team went on to score 11-3 and 13-4 wins over the Lakers' B team, Sunday afternoon at Memorial Field.

Sagle bashes Laker B's twice again

Both teams displayed offensive punch in the early innings, but it was Sagle's men's hardball team which maintained its hitting prowess throughout each game Sunday afternoon.

The Yankees scored 11-3 and 13-4 victories over the Sandpoint Laker B team in a rematch doubleheader at Memorial Field, completing a four-game sweep of the American Legion club in their home-and-home series.

The previous Sunday, Sagle won by even more lopsided scores (14-0 and 24-4)—and currently is 11-4 on the season and riding an eight-game winning streak. The Laker B's are 1-7.

Sagle waited until the middle innings to put the opening contest away. The Yanks broke from a 3-3 deadlock after three innings, scoring twice in the fourth and fifth innings, and adding four more runs in the top of the sixth to support a three-hitter by Jeff Andrews. Andrews, the ex-Laker who

1st Game									
Sagle	201	224	0-11	7	2				
Sandpoint B	111	000	0-3	3	4				
Hits—Sagle, Gordon Rhiane, Barry Burgess 2; Rich Turnbull 3, Doug Hahn, Sandpoint, Bill Hawkins 2, Brad Keegan 3B—Rhiane, Turnbull, Plaster (1-1).									
2nd Game									
Sagle	044	300	2-12	15	0				
Sandpoint B	200	000	2-4	9	7				
Hits—Sagle, Gordon Rhiane 3, Jim Hawkins 3, Barry Burgess, Rich Turnbull 2, Dale Reed 2, Jed Turnbull 3, Jeff Andrews, Dave Jacobson, Doug Hahn, Sandpoint, Paul Crossingham, Sean McGovern 2, Brad Keegan 3, Dave Bohrn 2, Bryan Clark 2B—R. Turnbull, Bohrn 3B—Burgess, Hitt, Keegan (1-1).									

one-hit Sandpoint's B's last week, struck out 18 batters in his route-going seven-inning stint. Andrews fanned four in the second inning, as Laker Dean Plaster missed strike three but

reached first when the ball eluded the catcher, then motored to third on a throwing error. After Plaster scored on a passed ball, Andrews whiffed the next three hitters.

An error and a passed ball helped Sagle take a 5-3 lead after four, then Rich Turnbull, who had three hits in the game, singled in Jim Hawkins to key a two-run fifth. Barry Burgess singled in Hawkins, Turnbull tripled in Burgess and Doug Hahn singled in Dave Jacobson as part of Sagle's four-run sixth.

Dean Plaster, who pitched well in his 5½ innings of work, took the loss for Sandpoint, evening his record at 1-1. Bill Hawkins had two of the Lakers' three hits, both singles.

Dave Bohrn doubled in Paul Crossingham, and Bryan Clark singled in Bohrn, to give Sandpoint a 2-0 lead after one frame in the nightcap, but it was all Sagle from there.

Gordon Rhiane, who had three hits

and drove in three runs in the second game, slapped a two-run single to help push the Yanks into a 4-2 lead in the second inning. Rhiane and Hahn each had RBI singles to trigger a three-run fourth, which propelled the Yankees to an 11-2 edge. Rich Turnbull's second triple of the day chased home Burgess, and Jed Turnbull followed by knocking in Rich Turnbull with a single.

Sandpoint's Brad Keegan closed the scoring in the bottom of the seventh, slamming an inside-the-park home run to left center, also scoring Sean McGovern, who had singled.

Hahn, helped by a five-strikeout, three-inning relief effort by Rich Turnbull, also recorded his second win over the Laker B's.

Sandpoint's B's are idle until Friday, when the Lakers host the Coeur d'Alene Gems in a 6 p.m. doubleheader at Memorial Field.

Few highlights for Lakers in double loss to Kalispell

It couldn't exactly be called "Getting the homestand off to a flying start."

The Sandpoint Lakers, coming off a pair of drubbings of Kellogg which gave indications the Lakers were coming out of their slump, crashed against the Kalispell Lakers Friday night at Memorial Field.

The scores were 18-0 and 15-5, with the first game stopped after five innings and the second game halted after six. The twin shellings dropped Sandpoint's record to 3-17, and the Lakers will play host to league foe Moscow in a Tuesday doubleheader at Memorial beginning at 5:30 p.m.

"There were no high points at all," said Sandpoint American Legion coach Bruce Menard of the Kalispell killing, "except for gunning down the only two we had."

That happened in the first two innings of the second game, with Laker catcher Paul Crossingham throwing out Kalispell base-stealers in each inning. Defensively, a bright note took place in right field, where Rob Hindberg and then Darrin Gleiser speared line drives in the first game, and fired to second to complete double plays.

Other than that, it was the visitors quickly dominating play, in a doubleheader which sent fans home some two hours earlier than usual. Kalispell banged out 12 hits in the opener and 11 in the nightcap, and took advantage of 16 bases on balls issued by three Sandpoint hurlers.

The Lakers were shut out on five hits by Chad Smith in the first game, then were overhauled after building a 4-1 lead after one inning in the nightcap.

"Offensively we didn't do anything in either game," said Menard, "and offensively they just took it to us."

Kalispell blew the first game open in the second inning, with Randy Russell smashing a two-run triple and Ken Hideman delivering a two-run single in a six-run frame. Justin Mathiason's two-run double was only part of a nine-run uprising in the third which basically put the first game to rest.

An error, a passed ball and a run-scoring single by Brad Keegan, which scored Jerry Hindberg, boosted Sand-

1st Game									
Kalispell	269	10	18	12	0				
Sandpoint	000	00	0	5	5				
Smith and Hideman, Bohrn, Savage 13 and Keegan W. Smith 1, Bohrn 24.									
Hits: Kalispell: Hideman 2, Schulz 3, Russell 2, Simonson, Mathiason 2, Rustic, Smith, Sandpoint, Crossingham, McGovern, Hawkins, Keegan 2, 2B, Mathiason, McGovern, 4B, Russell.									
2nd Game									
Kalispell	11110	003	15	11	1				
Sandpoint	40	0	010	5	9	2			
Maze and Hideman, Hawkins and Crossingham, W. Maze, L. Hawkins, 0-5.									
Hits: Kalispell: Hillman, Mathiason, Russell 2, Simonson, Hideman, Bolla, Hagerman, Vinson 2, Maze, Sandpoint, Crossingham, McGovern, Mar (in 2), Savage 2, Hawkins, Keegan, R. Hindberg, 2B, Simonson, Savage, 3B, Russell, Hagerman, Savage.									

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Will's women stop Kamloops

Will's Plumbing built on a four-run first inning with six runs in the fourth and went on to stop Kamloops 11-1 in women's softball league makeup action Friday night at Jack Stevens Field in Kootenai.

Betsy Hull had two hits and scored two runs for the winners, including an RBI double in the fourth. Diane Hammack followed with a two-run single for Will's, which moved into sole possession of second place.

In men's tourney action over the weekend, Sports Cellar/Oly/Oldaho First placed fourth in a 20-team, Olympic-format tourney in Moscow. SC won its five-team division with a 4-0 record, but in the "Final Four" lost

in the semifinals and then dropped the consolation contest.

The Pub, competing in the same tourney, lost its first game in its division, then won three straight to finish second with a 3-1 record.

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Talent has shifted to American's side, Sparky says

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — The outcome of the All-Star baseball game, once as predictable as a George Steinbrenner managerial change, has suddenly become as unpredictable as the swirling winds that will howl through Candlestick Park in Tuesday night's 55th annual midsummer extravaganza.

Until it was beaten in the 50th anniversary game, 13-3, last season, the National League had won 18 of the previous 19 All-Star contests and had so dominated the show that many fans weren't even bothering to tune in the contest on television.

Ah, but that's all changing now. At least Sparky Anderson says it is and maybe he should know better than most. After all, he did

manage in the NL for nine years with the Cincinnati Reds before taking over as manager of the Detroit Tigers in 1979.

Anderson is a firm believer that the talent has shifted to the AL.

"The American League has simply come up with more talent during the last seven years, and that's where we've passed them," said Anderson. "They had Billy Williams, Willie Stargell, Johnny Bench. But now the American League has the Bretts, the Trammells, the Whitakers, the Parrishes, the Rices, the Coopers, the Younts. And we haven't even mentioned the kids in Toronto."

"No question in my mind the pendulum has swung and the American League will be dominant

for a long time."

The AL will start a team of California's Rod Carew at first base; Detroit's Lou Whitaker at second base; Baltimore's Cal Ripken at shortstop; Kansas City's George Brett at third base; Detroit's Lance Parrish at catcher; and New York's Dave Winfield, Detroit's Chet Lemon and California's Reggie Jackson in the outfield.

Starting for the NL will be San Diego's Steve Garvey at first base; Chicago's Ryne Sandberg at second base; St. Louis' Ozzie Smith at shortstop; Philadelphia's Mike Schmidt at third base; Montreal's Garry Carter at catcher; and New York's Darryl Strawberry, Atlanta's Dale Murphy and San

Diego's Tony Gwynn in the outfield.

AL pitchers, selected by manager Joe Altobelli and league president Bobby Brown, are Jack Morris, Detroit; Phil Niekro, New York; Mike Boddicker, Baltimore; reliever Willie Hernandez, Detroit; Rich Dotson, Chicago; reliever Bill Caudill, Oakland; reliever Dan Quisenberry, Kansas City and Dave Stieb, Toronto.

Chosen to pitch for the NL by manager Paul Owens and league president Charles "Chub" Feeney are Charlie Lea, Montreal; Mario Soto, Cincinnati; Dwight Gooden, New York; Fernando Valenzuela, Los Angeles; and relievers Jesse Orosco, New York, Rich Gossage, San Diego, Al Holland, Philadelphia and Bruce Sutter, St.

Louis Valenzuela replaced Joaquin Andujar, an original choice who had to withdraw because of a hamstring pull.

The AL has the edge in well-rested starters. Morris, Niekro, Dotson, Stieb and Boddicker all will have had three or more days of rest. Stieb, who started last year's game, does not want to start this year, however, because of all the pressure surrounding the starting assignment.

Charlie Lea, who has won 13 games, is the most rested NL starter and may get the nod, although Feeney would like Owens to start rookie strikeout sensation Dwight Gooden. Gooden, however, worked six innings Saturday night.

Although both sides have plenty of talent, talent alone may not be

enough to win Tuesday night's game. Not if the wind is blowing like it often does. Then, luck — and long underwear — may be the deciding factors in the game.

The wind directly affected the only other All-Star game ever played at Candlestick Park on July 11, 1961. It was the first of two All-Star games that year and a record seven errors were made in the contest, including five by the winning NL.

Willie McCovey, a former Giants star, will serve as honorary captain for the NL and Hank Greenberg, who spent all but one season of his Hall of Fame career with the Detroit Tigers, will be the honorary AL captain.