## McEnroe nears win in Europe on clay

| From Chicago Tribune wires <br> John McEnroe moved into the semifinals of the $\$ 495,000$ Italian Open Friday with a $6-1,6-7(7-3)$, Open Friday with a 6-1, 6-7 (7-3), $6-3$ victory over unseeded Claudio Mazzadri of Switzerland in Rome. <br> McEnroe, attempting to win a European clay-court tournament for the first time, will play Sweden's Mats Wilander, the second seed, in Saturday's semifinals. Wilander won his quarterfinal match Friday 6-1, 7-6 (7-3) over Ecuador's Andres Gomez. <br> Wilander has not dropped a set in his four matches, but has lost six of his 11 matches against McEnroe. Wilander has beaten McEnroe in two of their three meetings on clay. <br> "I have a very good chance of beating McEnroe, even though he is always a danger on clay," Wilander said. "I have seen in him trouble in a lot of matches here in Rome, but he always manages to pull out something. <br> Wilander beat McEnroe in straight sets in the semifinal of the 1985 French Open, McEnroe's last clay-court tournament in Europe. <br> Another Swede, 15 th-seeded Joakim Nystrom, will meet Argentina's top-ranked player, Martin Jaite, in the first semifinal. <br> Jaite defeated unseeded Paolo Cane of Italy 3-6, 7-6 (7-3), 6-4. <br> Nystrom, who eliminated Ivan Lendl in the third round, also had to rally after he lost the first set to beat fellow Swede Kent Carlsson 5-7, 7-5, 6-1. <br> McEnroe, who is playing doubles in Rome with Cane, has received vocal support from the noisy Italian crowd. <br> It was unbelievable the reception I got from the crowd, espe-, cially playing against an Italian," McEnroe said. |
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## ROUNDUP

Mezzadri, born in Locarno o
Italian parents, wanted to play Italian parents, wanted to play
Davis Cup tennis for Italy but has
decided to play for Switzerland. Women's International-Steffi
Graf of West Germany routed Graf of West Germany routed
Nathalie Tauziat of France 6-2, 6-1
to post to post her 30th consecutive vic-
tory and advance to the semifinals
in Berlin. Graf, 17 , the defending champi-
on, won the quarterfinal match in on, won the quarterfinal match in
52 minutes. Shell play Sandra Cec-
chini, the Italian who beat Louise Field of Austraiai 6-2,6-2. Claudia
In the other matches, Cohde-Kilsch of West Germany
Kohe Kohde-Kilsch of West Germany
beat Raffaela Reggi of Italy $7-5,6$
3 , and Patricia Tarabini of Argen-
tina downed Nicole Provis of Australia 6-2, 6-1.
Graf took a 5 -0 lead in the second set, then made a rare slip
when she missed two matach points
in the next game. She ended the in the next game. She ended the
match by holding serve after
break point in the seventh game. NCAA women-Top-seeded
Florida breezed past ninth-seeded Florida breezed past ninth-seeded
Northwestern in a quarterfinal
match at the NCAA Division 1 match at the NCAA Division 1
women's championships at the Los
Angeles Tennis Center. Florida won five of the six singles
to move into the semifinals withto move into the semifinals with-
out having to play doubles. The
Gators will meet Stanford, a $5-1$ Ginors will meet Stanford, a $5-1$
winer over UCLA, and Georgia
will pay Southern Methodist in Sa-
turday's semifinals. will play Southery
turday's semifinals. After NU's Diane Donnelly de-
feated Shaun Stafford 6-1, 5-7, 6-3 in the No. I singles match, Florida
swept the rest of the singles. Ka-
trina Adams lost at No. 2 singles, trina Adams lost at No. 2 sing
$6-1,6-3$ to Jill Heatherington.

## FOOTBALL

## Ex-SMU student admits scandal hoax


 slush fund used to pay football prayers while the school was
probation for other violations. Three members of the $10-\mathrm{mem}-$
ber committee recommended that SMU become a Division III II
school and offer no scholarships. "We desire to continue the best possible athletic program," said committee chairman Eugene
Bonelli. "But that does not necessarily mean winning. It is only one
goal and should not be allowed to dictate all standards and pro-
cedures. We think the integration of athletics into the academic life
is important, but what is more imis important, but what is more, in
portant is academic integrity." The committee agreed al
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the thass and have at least an 800 on
clater class and have at least an 800 on
the Scholastic Aptitude Test. The
minimum NCAA standards are a minimum NCAA standards are a
700 on the SAT and a 2.0 gradeAs for the site of games when
football is resumed, the committee urged SMU to reject ""values, ssso-
ciated with Texas Stadium" and return to Ownby Stadium, which
in on campus. Texas Stadium, in is on campus. Texas Stadium, in
Irving, is a 65,000 -seat facility also National Football League. Ownby
Stadium seats about 30,000 . "What we're talking about is strong internal content William
interim President
Stallcup. "We want the dog to Stallcup. "We want the dog to
start wagging the tail."

## Rozelle: Payton has ownership potential

NEW YORK-Walter Payton million. Payton has said he warts dled for an hour Friday and the feeling good Bear running, back left owning a team.
"If he can come up with the fi-
nancing, 'Id say he'd have as good "I think a lot of owners would love to see a
own a franchise.
Payton said raising the money
would be "the least of my wor-
"He's probably as well set financareer as any great player," Rozel-



The NFL is expected to appoint The league would like to add more, Oakland, Memphis, Phoemingham, Ala., the top prospects. Payton said he wouldn't care
where his team would be located. "I've played the game all my
life, and there are some things I'd
like to see changed," Payton said "As a player I can't do that. I
think the player-owner relationship

## Corrections and clarifications

Photo captions in some editions of the Sports scction of the May 15
Tribune incoriecty identified Ohio State Athetic Director Richard Bay as sports agent Norby Walters, and the Bears' Mike Tomczak as Jim Har-
baugh. The Tribune regrets the errors.


## Upstart Sonics ready to face powerful Lakers

 Sonics, the surprise of the Nation-
al Basketball Association playoffs, are confident they can pull off an-
other upset. The Sonics head to Los Angeles
to open the best-of-seven Western to oper the best-of-seven Western
Conference finals Saturday against tonerence finals aaturday against
the Lakers. Los Angeles finished
the regular season $65-17$, tops in the league. Seattle was $39-43$, sev-
enth best in the "We, feel we can compete with
them," said Dale Ellis, who scored

36 points. Thursday as the Sonics of the six regular-season games.
beat the Houston Rockets $128-125$ The Sonics beat the Rockets in double overtime to take that se-
ries $4-2$. "We're, not going to concede
anything." said Tom Chambers,
who had 37 points The who had 37 points Thursday.
The Sonics shocked in a first-round series befor nnocking off Houston. A full-court press has been the cornerstone of the Sonics' postseason run. "We have to be ready for
those tactics." said baker coach
Pat in regulation.
Xavier McDaniel hit from second overtime. Xavier McDaniel hit from the ol ol
key with 46 seconds to go, and
polins had a three-point play with shots. 25 seconds remaining.
Houston's Ralph Sampson hit a free throw with five seconds left in He missed the second free
throw. Akeem Olajuwon got the throw. Akeem Olajuwon got the
rebound, but missed an eight-foot jumper as time expired The Sonics beat the Rockets in $\begin{aligned} & \text { Ellis put the Sonics ahead with a } \\ & \text { Game } 6 \text { by coming from five } \\ & \text { points down with } 55 \text { seconds left } \\ & \text { layup with } 52 \text { seconds left in the } \\ & \text { second overtime. }\end{aligned}$ Elis had a thre-epoint play with shots,
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Olajuwon finished with 49
oints, 25 rebounds and 6 blocked "I'm big enough to take the biame, said Sampson, who also
missed a jump shot in the final
minute of the second overtime. "I had an second overtime. "I had an opportunity to win
the game. It's something IIII have
to live with for a long, long time."

