#### COLLEGES

### NU makes a moving commitment to get better in football

Laugh now at Northwestern, because the Wildcats are putting the pieces in place to get the last laugh.

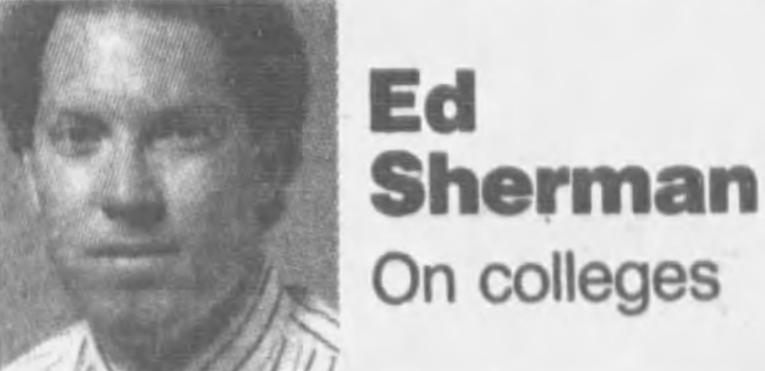
Two big off-season developments have the football folks in Evanston thinking they've turned a major corner toward respectability. At the very least, the Wildcats will look and sound better in 1988.

They are merrily in the process of moving into their new \$3.1 million football complex, located next to McGaw Hall. One of the items that will be moved is a radio, which will be permanently tuned to WGN-AM (720), the new outlet for NU broad-

"We've made some significant changes," said third-year coach Francis Peay. "It's possible to turn around any program, but it's more probable in ours."

The football facility is state of the art. The first floor includes a large weight room and a 120-seat team meeting room. The second floor features Peay's office, which overlooks Dyche Stadium. Plans also are in the works for new locker rooms and a possible indoor practice bubble.

Such toys haven't been found on the Northwestern campus in the past. For Peay, the new facilities represent more than just concrete and brick.



"So many people feel that academics was a big part of our problem here," he said. "That's not true. The problem has stemmed from the lack of a facility and a commitment from the university. Northwestern always has had great appeal to student-athletes, but they haven't seen the commitment. The athlete wants to know that he's going to be appreciated.

"This new facility makes quite a bold statement. It gives definition to the word commitment. It indicates that the university is behind the football program."

Peay and the Wildcats still are beaming over their new association with WGN. For the first time in years, Northwestern will have 50,000-watt exposure.

Last year, the Wildcats were on low-profile WCZE-AM (820), a 5,000-watt outlet, which left them a on standout offensive tackle Tony few watts short when it came to Mandarich, who currently is ineligi-

carving a niche in the Chicago area, especially in that all-important department of recruiting.

The Wildcats jumped when WGN came calling. They have a four-year agreement with the station, with Joe McConnell and longtime Wildcat loyalist Tim Weigel

set to handle the broadcast duties. "We're talking about a 38-state coverage area," Peay said. "I'm not exactly sure if I still fully understand and comprehend the scope. We're talking about 50,000 watts. That's considerably more than 5,000. It means we're going to be able to reach some people we've never reached before. It'll be a big plus for our program."

Following the Cubs' lead, Northwestern also will be breaking from its daytime tradition. The Wildcats have scheduled their Sept. 3 opener against Duke for 6 p.m. in Dyche Stadium. It'll mark their first night game at home since 1943 and only the third in NU history.

The Wildcats are bringing in lights for the contest. The evening also will feature a big pregame tailgate party.

Michigan State is anxiously awaiting a verdict from the NCAA ble because he inquired in May about the National Football League's supplemental draft in June. He later withdrew his request, but the NCAA still found him guilty of a rules infraction.

Mandarich is appealing to the NCAA, and if precedent applies, he should be in Spartan green again. Last year, in a far more severe case, the NCAA reinstated Pittsburgh free safety Teryl Austin.

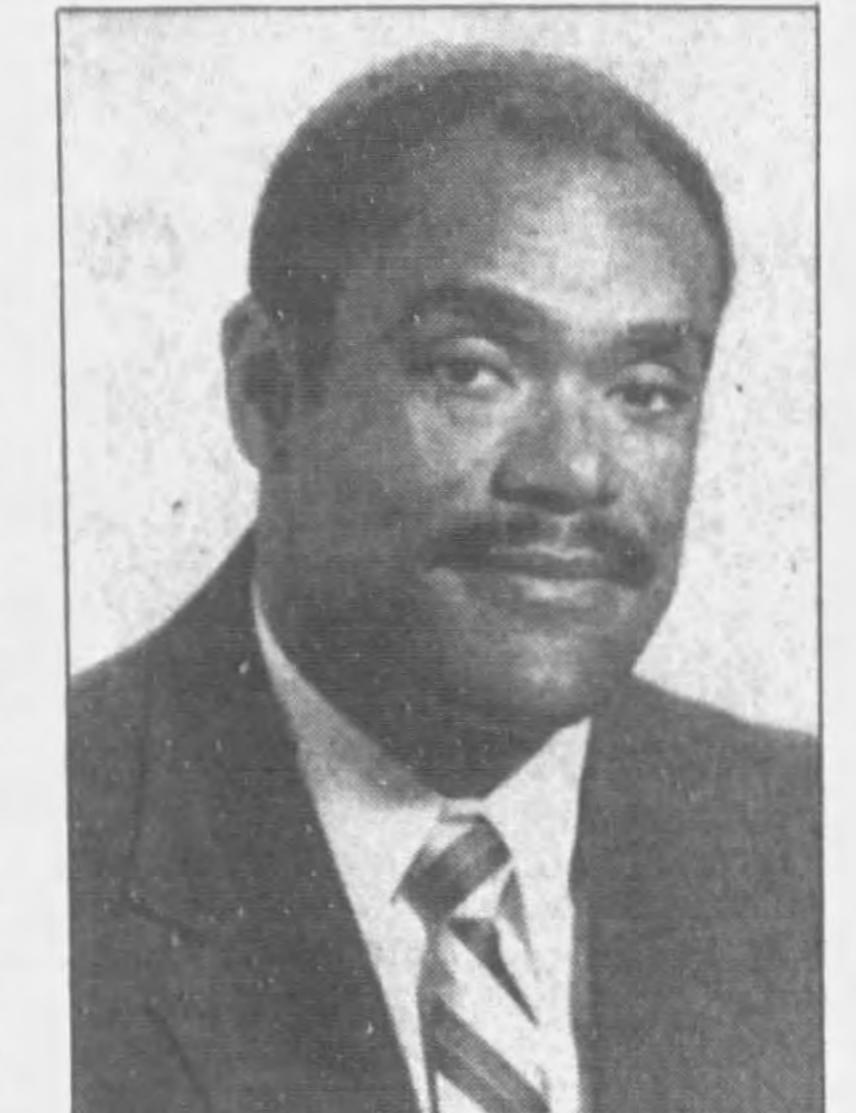
Austin admitted accepting money from agent Norby Walters but regained his eligibility after agreeing to repay the \$2,500 he received.

Mandarich simply wrote a letter to the NFL. Spartan officials insist he did not contact an agent. A ruling is expected this week.

"The question is whether there was any negotiation or contact with the agents," said Michigan coach Bo Schembechler. "If there wasn't, I'd venture to say he'd play again."

The Orange Bowl is next in line to jump on the corporate bandwagon. The Cotton Bowl took the plunge last week, hooking up with Mobil Oil. The association will put an estimated \$2 million in the bowl's pockets.

The Orange Bowl is seeking a larger payday from a corporate signing a 13-year, \$100 million sponsor, and with good reason. The agreement with ABC.



Francis Peay

prime-time event has staged four national championship games in the last 10 years.

The leading candidate to hook up with the Orange Bowl is none other than Minute Maid. The connection might be too much for the company to turn down.

Once the Orange Bowl makes its corporate hookup, the Rose Bowl will be the only Jan. 2 game without a sponsor. That game is hardly hurting for money after recently

# Irish expect Rice will be eligible

From Chicago Tribune wires

NOTRE DAME, Ind.—Notre Dame officials said Saturday they would be surprised if quarterback Tony Rice isn't academically eligible.

South Bend television station WSBT reported Friday that Rice would be ineligible.

But academic adviser Mike De-Cicco said, "In all honesty, 'that's not very factual. In fact I know it isn't, but nothing is certain until the grades are entered with the registrar." A final report from the registrar's office is expected Monday.

"As far as I know, and what I've been told unofficially, he will be in good academic standing," DeCicco said. "He told me what two of the three grades were."

"Everybody, from Tony Rice to [coach] Lou Holtz to [Athletic Director] Richard Rosenthal to Mike DeCicco, thinks he's okay," said Associate Sports Information Director John Heisler. "There's every indication that we have that the kid's going to be okay. There will be a lot of surprised people if he isn't."

#### TENNIS

# Kids cheer McEnroe's antics

### They pay attention, too, during clinic at Hardcourts

By Bill Jauss Chicago Tribune

INDIANAPOLIS—John McEnroe stood on Stadium Court and deliberately smashed tennis balls up into the stands.

McEnroe also dropped his racket onto the court and flashed his infamous exasperated glare that umpires and linesmen around the world have learned to dread.

The crowd greeted these antics with wave after wave of applause and cheers.

McEnroe was showing another side of his personality, the antithesis of the tempestuous brat whose tantrums frequently appear on the evening news.

He was conducting a clinic for some 1,300 boys and girls before his match in the U.S. Hardcourt championships. The balls he tapped into the stands were souvenirs for young fans. He dropped his racket and glared in mock anger when a 10-year-old girl across the net from him stroked a forehand that struck the cords and plopped over to his side.

Standing at midcourt, mike in hand, McEnroe concluded his clinic with a question-and-answer session. Some of the kids asked what people who regularly face reporters call "tough questions."

"How many rackets have you thrown, Mr. McEnroe?" yelled a boy some 25 rows up in the bleachers.

"As of yesterday," McEnroe answered without delay, "it was 7,233. But I broke only 100 of

"What's your weakness?" cried a girl with a blond pony tail.

"I never let people know that," McEnroe answered. "There are too many smart people around who want to jump on any little tidbit they find."

"When is somebody going to beat Ivan Lendl?" hollered another

"Anyone here ever hear of this guy Lendl?" McEnroe responded. Then, growing serious, he said, "It is just a matter of time, ladies and gentlemen, before that event takes

That reply drew applause. So did McEnroe's answer to a question regarding the Davis Cup.

"Our next Davis Cup match is in January 1989," McEnroe said. "We're four matches away from winning the Davis Cup. If the doubles team of Ken Flach and Robert Seguso plays at the level it has for the last few years, we have a good chance to bring the Davis Cup back to the United States of America."

Seguso, standing nearby at courtside, drew a chiding from his Davis Cup teammate a moment later when a youngster asked McEnroe what one tennis tip he deemed most important.

"If I had to pick one thing,"

McEnroe answered, "I'd say make sure to hit the ball in front of you. Take as little backswing as possible. Seguso, of that great doubles team mentioned, sometimes gets lazy and disregards this, despite his enormous talent."

McEnroe fielded and answered questions regarding his own oncourt behavior, his drive to regain the No. 1 ranking, flashy teenager Andre Agassi and how kids should learn tennis. Examples:

Q—Why don't you play doubles anymore?

A—Because I got tired of playing at 1 a.m. Doubles is a great game, though. I encourage everyone to play doubles. It can only help your

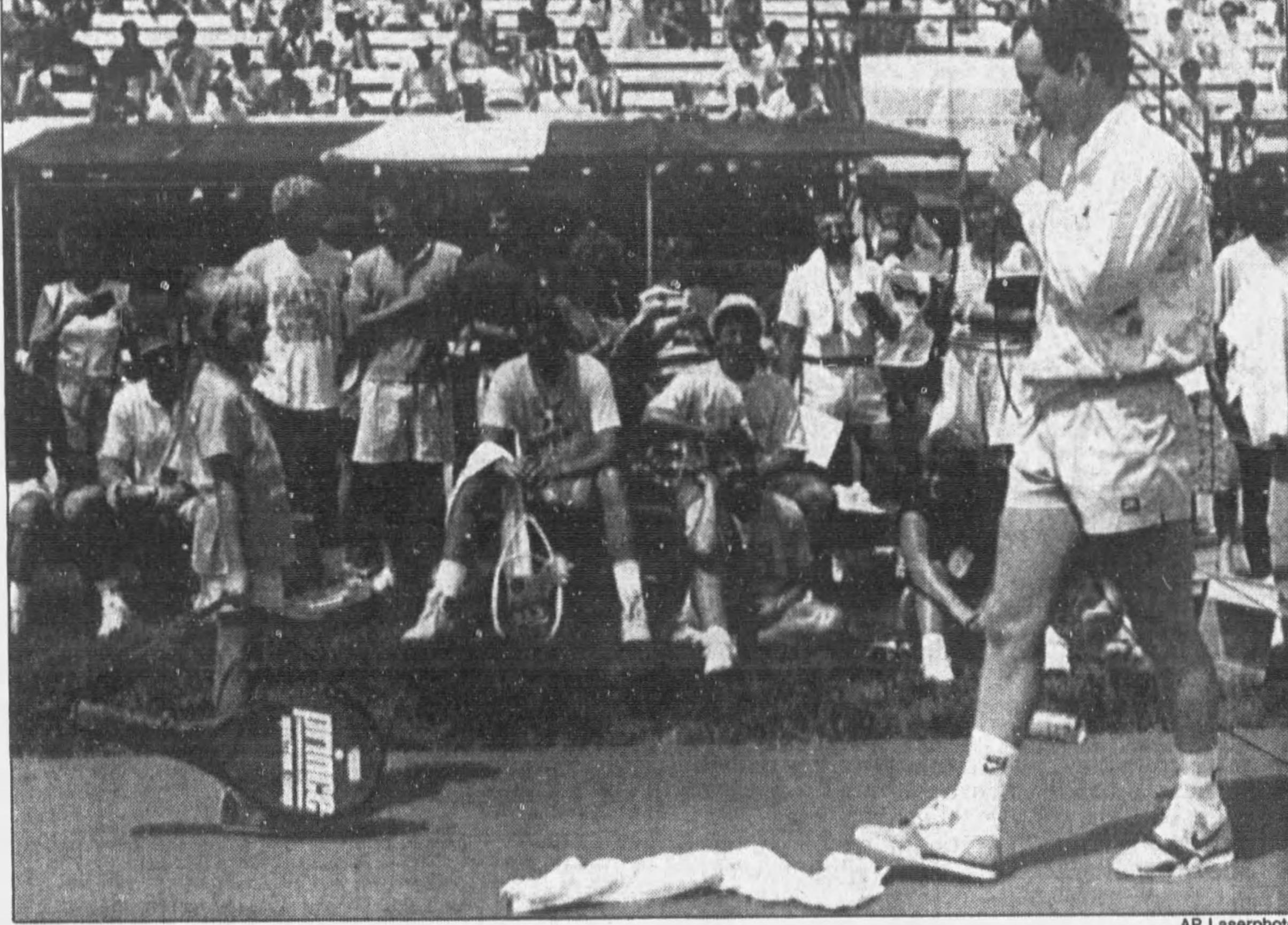
Q-How old were you when you started tennis?

A-I started when I was 8 years old. But don't rush into it too early. And keep practice to a minimum. One or two hours a day is enough. I encourage you to play other sports until you're 16 or 18. Other sports are great conditioning tools for tennis. Don't put all your eggs in one basket.

Q-How good is Andre Agassi? A-Agassi has tremendous talent. He's destined for greatness. But he'll have to wait a couple of

Q-How are you playing? Will you be No. 1 again? Q—(From a 10-year old girl)

A—I hope so, partner. I'm feeling and playing pretty good now,



John McEnroe answers a question from Marcy Hora during a clinic at the U.S. Hardcourt Championships.

and next year I'll play better than I'm doing now.

Q-Why do you argue line calls?

A-It's not me who makes the bad line calls. I'm the one who think. makes the right calls.

How should I condition myself for

feel-type game. I like good control A-Playing tennis is good conditioning. Swimming at times is with my hands. good, as well as running through the beautiful parks of Indianapolis. You're too young to lift weights, I

Q-How tight do you string

your racket? A—About 48 to 53 pounds. I like stringing them loose. I play a

Q-What's your favorite tournament? A—You mean besides Indianap-

olis? There's no point talking about any other, is there? Oh, I suppose, New York. I grew up there. New York [U.S. Open] is always fun for me.

ered No. 6 Halle Cioffi with six

aces and several overhead slams in

a 7-6, 6-4 victory in the semifinals

"Fitness is still a problem," Pot-

ter said. "I'll go all-out on only a

few games. Hopefully by the U.S.

Open, I can put more pressure on

the server and make less return er-

Cioffi said she was trying to go

to Potter's forehand volley and at-

tack her serve, but the strategy

Potter said Cioffi didn't seem

Beth Herr and Candy Reynolds

defeated Carling Bassett Seguso

and Terry Phelps 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 in a

Austrian Open-Defending

champion Emilio Sanchez and

third-seeded Kent Carlsson ad-

vanced to the final in Kitzbuehel.

Sanchez, seeded fourth, ousted un-

seeded Luis Mattar 6-3, 6-4.

Carlsson outlasted second-seeded

Guillermo Perez-Roldan 6-4, 2-6,

Prudential-Bache Grand

able to handle Potter's serves.

ROUNDUP

in Mason, Ohio.

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doubles semifinal.

# Becker, McEnroe to meet for U.S. Hardcourt crown

By Bill Jauss Chicago Tribune

INDIANAPOLIS—Boris Becker relied upon a Prussian-type stubbornness and stuck to his netrushing game plan when it appeared to be crum-John McEnroe relied upon some psychological

warfare his beaten opponent, Robert Seguso, criti-

cized as "going nuts on every point, complaining on every call, because he felt threatened." These tactics clicked here Saturday. So did booming serves by both famed pros. This set up a

Becker-McEnroe showdown Sunday in the finals of the \$415,000 GTE/U.S. Hardcourt tournament. No. 1 seeded Becker, the two-time Wimbledon champion from West Germany, kept rushing the

Witsken, the crowd favorite from nearby Carmel, McEnroe, the controversial No. 5 seed, reacted sharply to Seguso's charges after McEnroe's 7-5,

net and won 6-1, 4-6, 6-4, over unseeded Todd

6-3 semifinal victory. "He started it," said McEnroe of his Davis Cup teammate Seguso. "Everyone clearly heard Robert

call the umpire [Paulo Pereira] a wimp. "I was just standing up for my own rights," said McEnroe. "The umpire hit me with a warning [for unsportsmanlike conduct] for throwing water on my racket. Why didn't Robert get a

warning?" McEnroe and Seguso exchanged words and threatening gestures after the fifth game of the final set when McEnroe broke Seguso's serve to provide him with his eventual winning margin.

"I don't know what's in John's mind," said Seguso, "but when he feels threatened, he blows up and tries to throw you off your game.

"I couldn't believe what John was doing, complaining on every single call," said Seguso. "Yes, I got frustrated."

Was McEnroe deliberatly trying "gamesmanship" to psych out Seguso, a tough foe who kayoed No. 2 seed Jimmy Connors from this field? McEnroe would not deny the charge.

"That's part of sports," said McEnroe. "A ballplayer argues with an umpire. Sport is 80 or 90 percent psychological. Take that away, and everyone is turned into a robot."

Psyching aside, McEnroe, like Becker, relied on

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his serve to carry him into the finals.

In the first set, McEnroe won 25 points while serving, and 17 of them came directly off the serve. In the second set, his serve was even better. It accounted directly for 17 of his 20 winning service points. Six of these 17 were aces.

The Hoosier crowd pulled for 24-year-old Witsken to upset Becker, but Becker said the fans were "quite fair. If you want to see partisan fans, come to Germany."

Becker termed Sunday's finals for its \$50,750 first prize as "a match between a former No. 1 player and one soon to be No. 1, hopefully."

Becker's semifinal victory over Witsken was distinctly divided into three parts. In the first set, the red-haired German blew

away the Carmel kid with the loss of just five service points. In the second set, the hometown favorite drilled nine passing shots past Boris at the net and broke Boris' serve for the only time in the match.

Witsken's second set success followed a pattern. Witsken served. Becker returned deep enough to rush net. Witsken returned to Becker who hit a sharp volley. Then Witsken drilled his passing shot past the lunging Becker at the net.

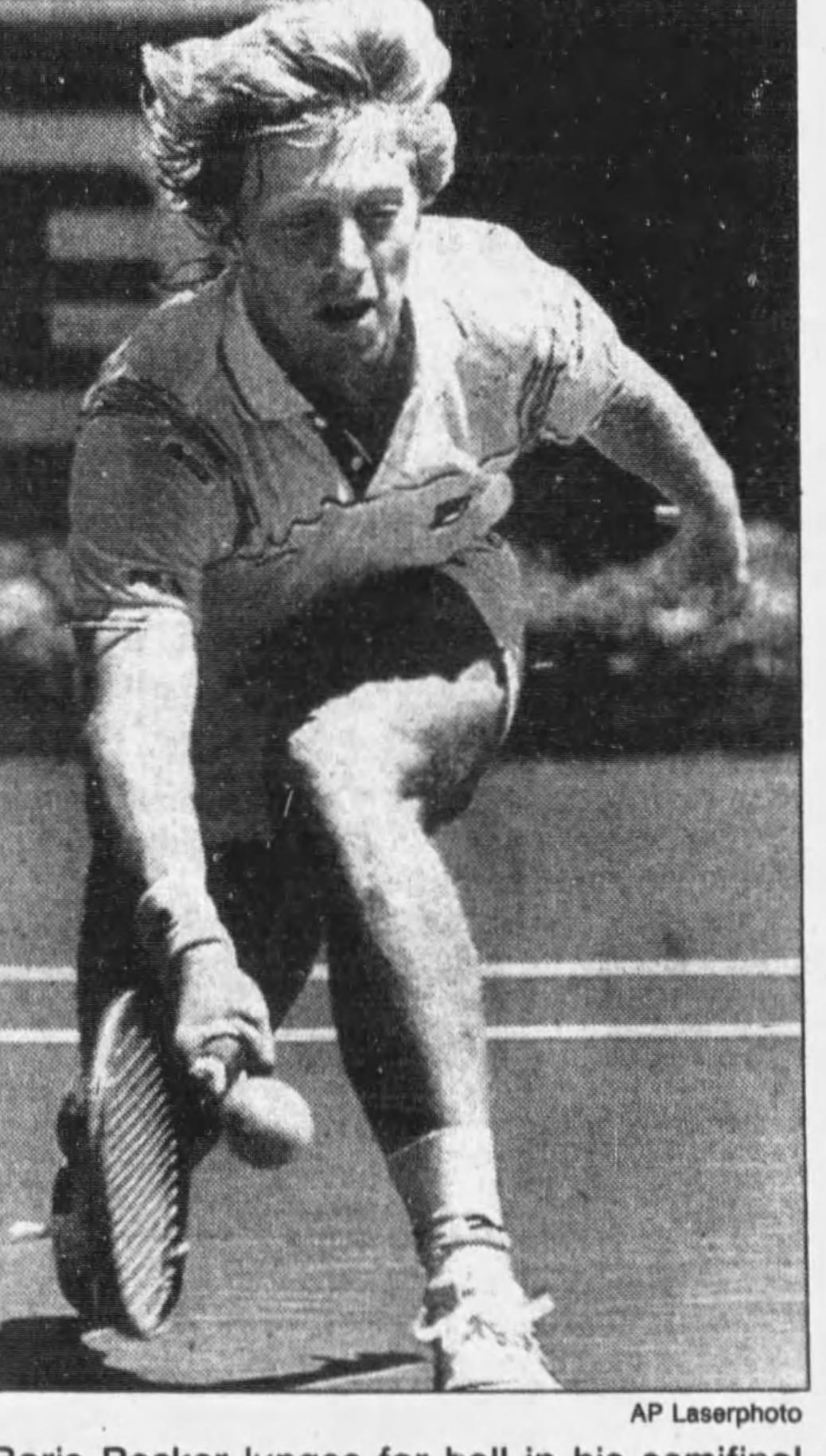
But Becker resisted any urge to change his netrushing tactics. In the decisive third set, Boris cranked up a 20-3 point superiority while serving and was passed at net only three times.

"Todd played extremely well," said Becker, "but didn't consider changing my strategy after the second set. Getting to net is my game. If he can pass me for 2½ hours, then he belongs in the

Becker explained why he thought Witsken had his flush of success in the middle set.

"He played very loose in the second set," said Becker, "and that was good for him. After he lost the first set 6-1, he figured, What do I have to lose?' He smashed a few and won on them and then played very loose."

Becker's one-two punch, the serve and volley, was consistently devastating. In the second set, he won 20 of 22 winning service points on unreturned serves or on quick serve-volley punchouts.



Boris Becker lunges for ball in his semifinal win over Todd Witsken at U.S. Hardcourts.

In the final set, Becker scored 20 winning service points, 15 of them directly off the serve or the serve-and-volley.

For the match, Becker held a 59-21 point edge while serving, and 46 of those 59 points came on rallies when Witsken failed to get back the ball more than once. Becker hit 8 aces, 27 other unreturned serves and had 11 points on serve-volley

Becker's most impressive serving came after he fell down 0-40 on his first serve in the second set. He deuced it with three straight unreturned serves, two of them aces, and won the game when he bombed two more serves that Witsekn could not return.

"It's not as easy as it looks," said Becker. "You have to go into yourself when you're down love-40, and concentrate, and think about your mo-Pringle's Classic-Thirdtion, and hope you hit an ace." seeded Barbara Potter overplow-

# Gomez, Goldie reach final in Head Classic

From Chicago Tribune wires

Top-seeded Andres Gomez and No. 4 Dan Goldie advanced to the finals of the Head Classic in Stowe, Vt.

Gomez beat third-seeded Kevin Curran 6-7, 6-4, 6-3 Saturday. Goldie downed second-seeded Amos Mansdorf 6-4, 6-4. After losing the first set, Gomez

came back to take the second set with a ripping cross-court backhand. He won the first game of the final set with another blazing cross-court backhand winner and never looked back.

"He's always a tough player," Gomez said of Curran. "I was able to pass him more. Perhaps he was a little tired."

Curran is playing in only his sixth tournament this year because of recurring injuries. "At this point, Gomez is more conditioned than I am," Curran said. "I felt my legs were heavy, I was playing on adrenalin."

Curran was bothered by line calls throughout the match, admitting "It takes the wind out of your

Goldie missed an opportunity to close out the match at 5-2 when he double-faulted on match point. He lost his serve on a cross-court forehand winner by Mansdorf.

Mansdorf held serve to get to within 5-4, but Goldie held serve to close out the match.

"Unfortunately, I am losing my serve too many times, and the chances I had to break, I didn't," Mansdorf said. "That's how you lose matches."

"It's always a confidence builder to beat someone of that caliber,' Goldie said.

Champions-Tom Gullikson defeated Stan Smith 6-4, 6-2 to advance to the final in Brewster, Mass. Jaime Fillol downed Hank Pfister 7-6, 6-3. Western Open-Sam Sebastian lost the first set but came back to

defeat Carlos Garcia-Rodriguez for the boys-18 championship in Muncie, Ind. Sebastian defeated Garcia-Rodriguez 3-6, 6-4, 6-3. In the boys-16 class, Joe DeLuna upset top-seeded Joe Gonzales 6-3, 6-3.