

Sleeper for Connors

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FOREST HILLS, N.Y. — Jimmy Connors sailed to an opening round victory without a tantrum or an ugly display Wednesday but warned followers to look for no halos around his head in the ensuing days of the U.S. Tennis Championships.

Connors, still a louse — and I always have been — the 23-year-old ace from Belleville, Ill., after crushing Bob Hewitt of South Africa 6-3, 6-3 on the center court of the West Side Tennis Club.

Connors may have changed my manners on the court but I am still nasty on the court. You guys called me a louse when I was 15 and so I decided to be like I like it now and it brings in customers.

Connors didn't use the word "louse." The expression was an error not normally used in family papers.

Connors' center court appearance highlighted first day activities before a crowd of about 10,000, lured by a hot sun and a cool breeze.

Connors' Tanner, the hard-serving blunder who upset Connors in last year's Wimbledon, upheld his 11 seeding with a 6-3, 6-4 triumph over bearded Mike Estep of

Dallas. Vitas Gerulaitis, the Bjorn Borg look-alike from Kings Point, N.Y., easily ousted Bruce Manson of Los Angeles, 6-4, 6-1.

The only thing resembling an upset was the defeat of Italy's Paolo Bertolucci, one of the up-and-coming young players, at the hands of Gene Mayer of Mendham, N.J., who had to qualify. The score was 6-4, 6-1 — a surprise rout.

Connors, who will be 24 today, looked sharp as he outthit Hewitt in a baseline duel but he lost his service four times — three times in the second set — against the balding South African.

Hewitt, 36, renowned for a trigger temper himself, lacked the speed and power to match the aggressive Connors.

"You have to pick this guy to win the tournament," Hewitt said afterward.

Billy Martin, a tournament toughened kid of 19, beat 10th-seeded Harold Solomon and took some of the lustre off favorite Jimmy Connors' first-round victory Wednesday in the U.S. Open Tennis Championships.

Young Martin, a former junior titleholder, blunted Solomon's renowned clay court steadiness with indefatigable retrieving for a 7-5, 6-4 shocker.

Solomon of Silver Spring, Md., runnerup for the French title this summer and only last Monday night beaten by Sweden's Bjorn Borg in a four-set, 3½-hour battle for the U.S. Open Professional Championship at Brookline, Mass., was a bitter loser.

"It was ridiculous that I had to come back and play with only one day's rest," he said. "Borg didn't have to play. It was unfair."

Mike Blanchard, the tournament chairman, denied it.

"We had no request from Solomon for a respite," he said. "The Association of Tennis Professionals rules are that a man need get only one day's break between tournaments."

Arthur Ashe, 1975 Wimbledon champion and seeded No. 7, was pressed in a 7-6, 6-3 verdict over John James of Australia.

Guillermo Vilas, of Argentina, seeded No. 3, beat David Schneider of South Africa 6-4, 6-4. Borg, seeded No. 2, the reigning Wimbledon, WCT and U.S. Pro champion, makes his debut tonight.

Date tickets on sale Friday

Boardwalk to Kyle Field

By KATHY YOUNG

The fall semester at A&M means football and football to most students means standing in line for tickets.

The instructions this year read like the rules to a Monopoly game. The student starts by walking to the Kyle Field Ticket Booth sandwiched between DeWare Field House and Kyle Field. There he may pick up a coupon book by presenting that golden piece of paper, the fee slip and an I.D. card.

If however, the student did not pre-register and pay for his coupon book with his fees, don't panic. You probably won't have to miss a turn and go to jail if you can pay the "fine" of \$16.50.

The game progresses by rolling the dice to see who gets to move first in picking up game tickets. The name of this square is called classification. Seniors roll a four, the best in the game by showing the number of hours

on the fee slip or by I.D. number. This means graduate students and seniors pass go and collect tickets on Mondays on the week of the game.

Juniors roll a three picking up tickets on Tuesday for home games and that morning for away games. Sophomores draw Wednesday for home games and Tuesday afternoons for away games. Freshmen, having lost three turns, roll a losing one and proceed to the ticket office for leftovers on Thursday for home games and Wednesday morning for away games.

All students go to jail and lose a turn if the classification is incorrect on the fee receipt. A side trip to the Registrar's office is required for a verification of proper classification. Once a coupon book has been stamped no changes can be made.

Coupon book clasp firmly in hand, the student should advance to the ticket office on the

appropriate day to receive a randomly drawn ticket. Each student may draw ten tickets provided at least half of the coupon books are of the higher classification. Another rule is only one guest ticket per student ticket.

Having traveled boardwalk the student may feel the game is won once he has an actual game ticket in his hand. Second thoughts may arise however when the student realizes the game is still on if he wishes a spouse or date coupon book.

Pass go, and return to the Kyle Field ticket booth today for student spouse season coupon books. Be sure to take with you \$42, fee slip, I.D. card, and two drivers' licenses, one for the student and one for the spouse.


If any of the 1,500 student spouse tickets are left by Friday they will go on sale as student date season coupon books for the same price of \$42.

The ticket game runs from 8 to

5 at the ticket booth until September 10, including student spouse and date season coupon books. Students may have one last chance to play the game if tickets are available on Friday before the game. Individual game tickets can be purchased by showing a fee receipt and paying \$3.50. For \$7 a date ticket may be picked up again if available.

Finally if the student is fed up with the game and decides to go home rather than attend the football game he may give his ticket to another student. The lucky student who receives such a winfall may convert the student coupon to a date coupon by presenting the coupon and \$5 at ticket number 7 at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

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Sports magazine to be published

Three former Texas A&M students, including two former editors of The Battalion, have announced plans to publish a weekly magazine devoted to sports at Texas A&M.

The first issue of The Aggie Sports Weekly will be available beginning Sept. 9, said Mike Walsh, business manager of the new publication.

"We will provide our readers with complete coverage of A&M sports every week," said Walsh. "Every Thursday we will offer a review of the past week's athletic activities and a preview of all upcoming Aggie sporting events."

Walsh also said the magazine will include features, photos and statistics for Aggie fans as well as a special section on the local high school scene.

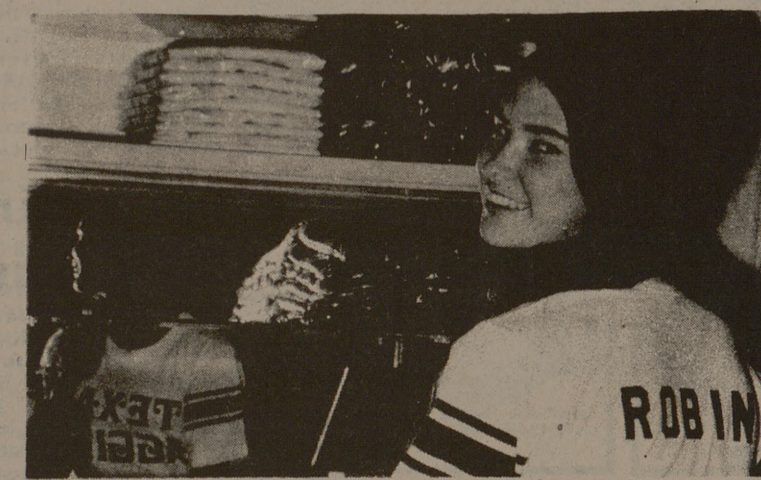
Joining Walsh in the venture are Ted Boriskie, Battalion editor June 1973 to August 1973 and Greg Moses, editor from May 1974 through May 1975.

The trio has plans for extensive local distribution and the magazine will be available on campus at the Memorial Student Center Bookstore. The magazine, to be normally priced at 50 cents a copy, will carry a special introductory price of 25 cents.

Subscriptions are available from The Aggie Sports Weekly, c/o The Brazos News Service, P.O. Drawer U, College Station, Tx. 77840.

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