

Men resume play Thursday

Shriver meets Lloyd in semis

United Press International
WIMBLEDON, England — Pam Shriver hopes to end her second jinx within a 48-hour span today when the women's semifinals are played at the \$650,000 Wimbledon Tennis Championships.

Shriver scored her first victory over American Tracy Austin Monday to reach the semifinals and today, the No. 7 seed aims to overcome another player she has never beaten, Chris Evert-Lloyd, and reach Friday's finals.

To offset that all-American semifinal, the other matchup is an almost all-Czechoslovakian clash; second-seeded Hana Mandlikova, who still lives in her native Prague, meets self-exiled Czech Martina Navratilova, the No. 4 seed who says of her nationality, "I don't know what I am."

Seventh-seeded Shriver's task is immense; she has played Evert, the top seed and two-time champion, seven times and has never even won a set.

She surprised the third-seeded Austin — whose baseline game is a copy of Evert's — by playing the right game, and she will aim to repeat it Wednesday.

"I played almost the perfect match against Tracy," she explained.

However, Evert attributed Shriver's success to Austin's nervousness and said she was looking forward to playing the 18-year-old from Baltimore.

"I have never lost to Pam, and I enjoy playing against a serve and volley player," she said.

Right-handed Mandlikova, 19, meets the powerful 24-year-old left-handed Navratilova, a powerful serve and volley player.

Although seeded two places below her opponent at No. 4, Navratilova has plenty of experience to help her through. She won the title in 1978 and 1979, and

reached the last four in 1976 and 1980.

But Mandlikova currently holds both the Australian and the French titles. She scored a major upset when she ended Evert's remarkable run of 125 clay-court games without defeat in the semifinals in Paris — Evert's only defeat this year.

The men wait until Thursday to challenge for places in the final. Five-time champion Bjorn Borg faces old adversary Jimmy Connors, the third seed from Belleville, Ill., while last year's beaten finalist, John McEnroe, seeded No. 2, takes on unseeded Australian Rod Frawley.

Connors had the toughest fight to reach the last four Tuesday,

having to rally from two sets down to beat unseeded Indian Vijay Amritraj in a 3½-hour Center Court duel.

The 28-year-old American needed his best passing shots to beat the lithe Indian, 2-6, 5-7, 64, 6-3, 6-2.

Borg was troubled in the first set, when Australian Peter McNamara's serve and volley game was at its best. But after taking that opener in a tiebreak, the Swede swept through the match in an hour and 46 minutes, 7-6, 6-2, 6-3, to preserve his record of not dropping a set at this year's tournament.

McEnroe was up and down during his match. The first set was embarrassingly one-sided, with

the American taking it 6-1. But after running up a 4-0 second-set advantage, he allowed South African Johan Kriek to take the next five games.

McEnroe regained his composure and went on to a 6-1, 7-5, 6-1 triumph.

McEnroe's opponent, Frawley, ended a "dream" first Wimbledon for current NCAA champion Tim Mayotte, 20. The Springfield, Mass., native aimed to emulate McEnroe's 1977 performance of reaching the semifinals on his first appearance.

But his young nerves could not stand the strain of the big points and he went down, 4-6, 7-6, 7-6, 6-3.

Carpenter still wants out

United Press International
HOUSTON — For the first time in four years, Rob Carpenter has hired an agent. And for the first time in four years, he feels like he's had to.

On Jan. 7 the Oiler halfback demanded to be traded and what has followed has been months of bitter negotiations.

For the past three years, Carpenter has played behind NFL rushing king Earl Campbell. It was a bitter experience for someone who gained 652 yards in his NFL rookie year of 1977, before Campbell arrived.

"I just realized Rob Carpenter is not going to accomplish a whole lot talking to the Houston Oilers," Carpenter said. "I was getting nowhere. I don't know whether it was me or them, but now someone else is trying."

He agreed earlier this month to

let Steve Earhart of Boulder, Colo., do his bidding.

Carpenter refused to say whether he would go to training camp in San Angelo July 22 if no deal was worked out.

So far his threatened jump from pro football to private business in his native Ohio has not happened.

Carpenter said Earhart was talking to other NFL teams and working up a deal which would be offered to the Oilers.

"I hope that if Steve got a trade worked up the Oilers would look at it realistically," he said. "But I know that for the Houston Oilers to consider it, it's going to have to be a great trade for them."

Meanwhile, Oilers offensive coordinator Jim Shofner said Carpenter's situation "really doesn't affect my thinking. I feel like I know what we need to do offensively. There are other guys on the team who can do the job."

Last year Carpenter rushed 97

times for 359 yards, paltry sums in comparison to Campbell's 373 carries for 1,902 yards, and Carpenter complained that former head coach Bum Phillips had failed for two years to make good a promise of more playing time.

Phillips was fired Dec. 31 and replaced by defensive coordinator Ed Biles.

Leaving one negotiating session with Herzeg this spring, Carpenter slammed an office door so hard that it broke a window.

In April he criticized Phillips and the team's owner, K.S. "Bud" Adams Jr.

"Bum always told me to stick around because we were Super Bowl contenders, but I look around now, and on paper, they're not Super Bowl contenders. I felt the Oilers had the talent the last three years to win the Super Bowl, but financially I really don't think they were trying to."



Game winning connection

Jim Brannon of the Sex Pistols connects for a base hit to score the winning run Monday night as the intramural softball finals came to an end. Brannon led his team to an 8-7 win over Aps for the men's Class B title. In the men's A final Tom's Bar-B-Q defeated

the Roughnecks 8-1. The Jokers won the women's A title by virtue of a 13-0 win over the Looney Tunes, and Royder's defeated the Dubbers 22-3 for the women's B title.

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Baseball talks schedule as strike enters 20th day

United Press International
NEW YORK — Major league baseball negotiations resume today with the players beginning to feel the pinch of the strike where it hurts most — in the wallet.

Federal Mediator Kenneth Moffitt called representatives of the owners and players together for a meeting at 2 p.m. EDT, in an effort to resolve the compensation issue that brought about the strike that has shut down the nation's big league parks since June 12.

Today marks the first full payday missed by the players since they went out, but at least eight players are claiming they should be getting paid in spite of the strike and have asked the Players Association to file default notices on their behalf.

The eight are Joel Youngblood of the New York Mets, Steve Ro-

gers and David Palmer of the Montreal Expos, Bill Madlock of the Pittsburgh Pirates, Larry Hise of the Milwaukee Brewers, John Montefusco of the Atlanta Braves, Bert Blyleven of the Cleveland Indians and Bruce Robinson of the New York Yankees.

Under terms of the uniform player's contract, once a default notice has been filed, a club has 10 days in which to remedy the default. If it doesn't, the player can become a free agent.

The eight players who have filed notices of default did so because they either are on the disabled list, have guaranteed contracts with no exceptions, or claim the money they received before the season based on their salary payment schedule should not

have been taken out of 15 pay.

Today's negotiations the first in four days declined to say if either indicated it had a new offer. However, there is a new proposal presented by one side since the Association recently had no interest in meeting there was something to discuss.

Thus far, there have been games wiped out by the prospects are now due July 14 All-Star Game for Cleveland, will be

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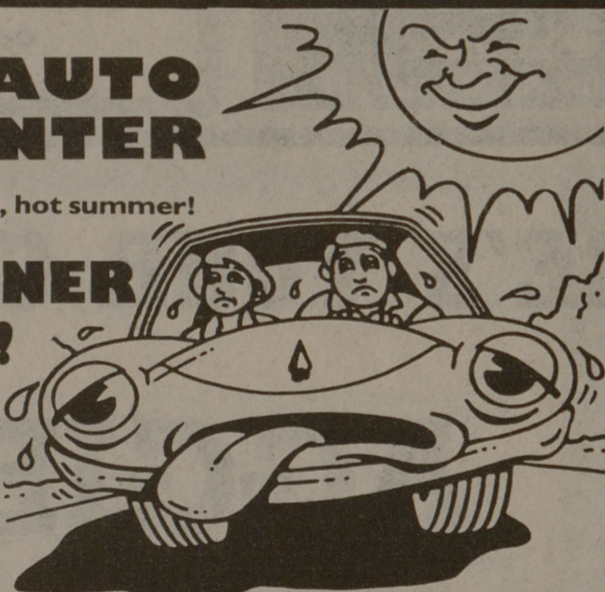
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