

Men more exciting than women at Wimbledon

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WIMBLEDON, England — The difference between men's and women's tennis was made quite obvious at Wimbledon Tuesday, and there's no denying that the men put on a more popular show.

While Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert Lloyd emphasized again how one-sided the women's matches can be, the top men players toyed with disaster.

Of the seven seeded men in action, four were forced to five sets and two others went four sets. All, however, managed to survive.

In sharp contrast, the top six women's seeds breezed through their opening round matches, losing a total of 13 games between them. Only two players were forced to a deciding third set.

No one injected any more drama into their first round match than 14th seed Bill Scanlon and Eric Korita, who battled valiantly for four hours and nine minutes before Scanlon persevered, 7-6, 6-7, 6-2, 3-6, 13-11.

In the 23rd game of the final set, Scanlon held at love and then made the decisive break with three backhand passes in a row and a forehand service return.

Scanlon, the man who stunned John McEnroe in the fourth round of the U.S. Open last September, was just pleased to be moving on.

"I'm happy to have survived,"

Scanlon said. "You just play the best you can play. You know it's going to end pretty soon."

Also put to a severe test were No. 4 Mats Wilander of Sweden and No. 5 Jimmy Arias of the United States, making his Wimbledon debut.

Wilander, so troubled by an injured right wrist that he hesitated to hit the ball hard, needed two hours and 40 minutes to subdue American Sherwood Stewart, 6-4, 6-4, 6-7, 7-5.

Arias, so nervous that he started to get leg cramps in the fourth set, overcame South African Bernie Mitton, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.

Extended to five sets along with Scanlon were 12th seed Johan Kriek, No. 13 Tomas Smid and No. 15 Vitas Gerulaitis. Kriek edged Briton Michael Westphal, 6-3, 6-0, 2-6, 6-7, 7-5; Smid beat Larry Stefanki of the United States, 6-4, 6-7, 0-6, 6-4, 6-2; and Gerulaitis subdued Tony Giammalva, also of the United States, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4, 6-7, 7-5, in 3 hours and 13 minutes.

Navratilova, in quest of her fifth Wimbledon crown, needed one set to regain her bearings and then swept through the second set in 14 minutes to beat Peanut Louie, 6-4, 6-0; Evert Lloyd, a three-time Wimbledon champion, crushed Sabina Goleis of Yugoslavia, 6-1, 6-1, in 54 minutes; and third seed Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia

defeated Elene Elisenko of the Soviet Union, 6-1, 6-0.

Continuing this one-sided domination, fourth seed Pam Shriver defeated Eva Pfaff of West Germany, 6-0, 6-4, fifth seed Zina Garrison was a 6-0, 6-0 winner over Rina Einy of Britain, and No. 6 Kathy Jordan breezed past Heather Ludloff, 6-1, 6-1.

Also winning in straight sets were No. 8 Kathy Horvath, No. 9 Wendy Turnbull, No. 12 Claudia Kohde, No. 13 Barbara Potter, No. 14 Helena Sukova and No. 15 Andrea Temesvari.

Requiring three sets to win were 10th seed Jo Durie, who beat Kim Shaefer, 6-2, 6-7, 6-0, and No. 11 Lisa Bonder, a 2-6, 6-3, 6-3 winner over Jo Louis.

Arias, a clay court specialist, said he worked hard for the last two weeks on his grass game, which he calls his least favorite surface, but still was hesitant to serve and volley in the early going.

"I knew his shoulder was hurting," the 19-year-old Arias said of Mitton. "I kept waiting for his big serve but he kept sending in bloopers. I started going to the net after the first set. He was serving so slow I figured I should take advantage of it."

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grabbed him and embraced him said everything.

To some, that might've seemed a bit strange. Those would be the ones who usually have heard Griffith described as "stingy" and "penny-pinching," the tightest owner in the big leagues with a buck.

They don't know the real Calvin Griffith. They never saw him at work. They never saw the avalanche of solicitations that come in to him regularly, requests for contributions in every possible form, that sometimes ran as high as \$10,000 or \$15,000 a week. Many of the requests are disguised as charity dinner invitations and they come from all sections of the country.

More often than he likes, Calvin Griffith has to take his pen in hand

and write on the invitation: "I'm sorry I don't have enough money to buy a table."

And then he signs his initials. But he has never turned down an invitation from the state of Minnesota.

"How could I?" he says. "Those people supported me."

Admittedly, it's a little hard to get too worked up about team operators who own franchises, in baseball or out, because I've never heard of one who ever had to have a benefit run for him. But Griffith, it seems to me, has taken a lot of criticism he didn't deserve.

It's true, he was economical. So what? He couldn't have survived had he not been. Nobody paid his bills for him.

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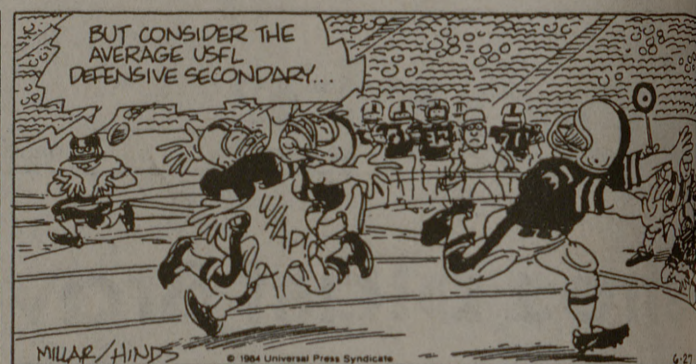
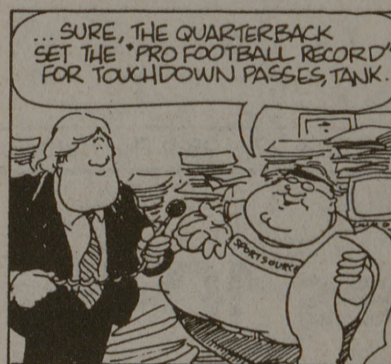
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Angola 'cops out' of Summer Games

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LOS ANGELES — Angola, the last of 142 nations to accept an invitation to participate in the Summer Games, Tuesday apparently reversed its decision and became the 15th country to join the Soviet-led boycott.

Radio Moscow said the reason was that "the United States authorities are turning the Games into an arena of confrontation," according to Olympic Organizing Committee officials monitoring the broadcast.

A statement from the official Angolan news agency gave no reason for the decision. A spokesman for Angola at the United Nations said no senior official was immediately available for comment.

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Parrish wins home run hitting duel

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ARLINGTON — Texas Rangers slugger Larry Parrish hit two home runs and drove in two runs Tuesday night to eliminate California's Fred Lynn in a home run hitting contest.

Last month Parrish knocked Chicago's Ron Kittle from the competition with 16 home runs, including six in the first inning Tuesday, the 30-year-old outfielder broke a scoreless tie in the second inning with four home runs into the left-centerfield bleachers.

Parrish, who recently set a Ranger record with at least one RBI in 11 straight games, followed with three more home runs into the left-centerfield bleachers the third inning to take a 7-0 lead, and added one each to leftfield and dead centerfield in the fourth for a 9-1 lead.

Lynn, who has been in and out of the Angels' lineup recently with back spasms, had to hit with wind blowing from right to left field, which favored the right-handed swinging Parrish.

The lefthanded hitting Lynn, only homer occurred in the fourth inning when he popped one into the right field bleachers.

Each batter was credited with a point for a home run, and an out for each swing resulting in a no-homer, with a five-inning limit imposed.

Earlier, Ranger designated hitter Dave Hostetler outslugged 25-year-old Doug Dalbey, five batters to none as part of a Dale Morning News promotion.

Selling team brings tears to eyes of Twins owner

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What would you do if you suddenly came into \$32 million?

Would you dance, sing or celebrate or maybe take that around-the-world vacation you always wanted?

Calvin Griffith cried.

Not little tears, big ones. You have to remember he's the last of baseball's old dinosaurs. They don't shed little tears. When they cry, they really cry.

He couldn't help himself. It wasn't the money, it was the principals, and in this case, the principals were the ballplayers with his Minnesota Twins.

That needs a little clarification. They were his Twins, his and sister's, Thelma Haynes, until last Friday.

That was when Griffith and his sister sold their 52 percent controlling interest to Carl Pohlad, a Minneapolis businessman, technically, now they are Pohlad's Twins, and that changing of hands terminates the Griffith family's 65-year control of the ball club.

If you want to be like the lawyers and get real technical about it, the Griffiths still own the Twins. No final contract has been signed yet, nor has the American League approved the sale.

Both are mere formalities, though. Griffith and Pohlad signed their names to a letter of intent in a ceremony at home plate at the Metrodome in Minneapolis, the home of the Twins, Friday evening, and that was when the tears began to flow.

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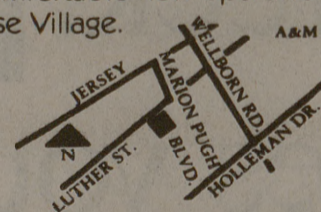


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