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Wilander wins Australian title

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the Davis Cup final against the United States.

Wilander, 20, was seeded second, but had to battle for almost three hours against Kevin Curren before Curren picked up a check for subduing the big-serving South Afri-can, 6-7, 6-4, 7-6, 6-2. Wilan

first time in the match to lead 2-1 in burg. the second set.

"I am very pleased to have won it will b the title again," Wilander said. "I matches." think now I have changed my atti-tude to grass. It was a very close Shriver became the first doubles match. He served very good in the beginning and it was really tough."

Wilander's victory, worth \$100,000, was his third in a grand slam tournament. He began his run in 1982 when he beat Guillermo Vilas of Argentina to land the French Open title and then followed it up with a victory over Ivan Lendl in last year's Australian final.

Curren's fierce serve was always going to be the key, but he couldn't keep it going under the intense pres-sure of Wilander's brilliant returns and accurate passing shots.

"I felt I played my best tennis, particularly in the third set," said Curren, the ninth seed. "But he just

raised his game to another level. He MELBOURNE, Australia — Mats was getting more and more on top of Wilander retained the men's singles my serve. I don't think I have played title of the \$1.5 million Australian anyone on grass who consistently Open at Kooyong Sunday, and then makes as many returns as he does left for home to play for Sweden in below the net.

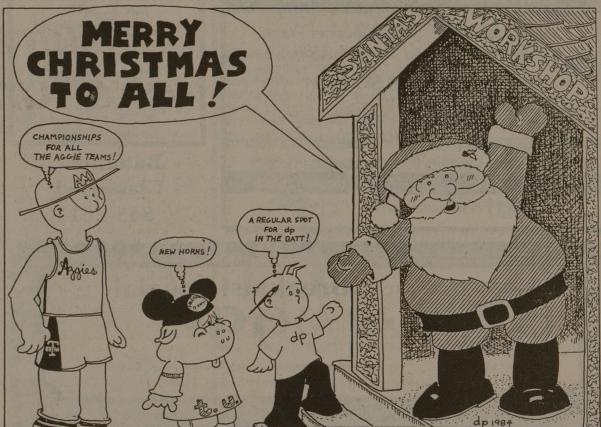
"I felt like the whole time I was

can, 6-7, 6-4, 7-6, 6-2. He lost the first set in a tense tie-breaker, 7-5, after leading 4-0, but then broke Curren's serve for the Get tire in the metch to lead 9. Lie

came back from 3-5 in the third set to win another tie-breaker, 7-3. "It's going to be a very tough match," he said. "They have (John) McEnroe and (Jimmu) Crew (John) it will be tough to win three

> pairing to capture seven Grand Slam titles when they downed Claudia Kohde of West Germany and He-lena Sukova of Czechoslovakia, 6-3, 6-4, in the women's doubles final. Navratilova's attempt at achieving the same record of seven straight Grand Slam singles wins was ended by Sukova in the singles semifinals. Sukova then fell to Chris Evert Lloyd in the final, 6-7, 6-1, 6-3.

"It would have been doubly disappointing had we missed the chance of gaining this record," Navratilova said after the doubles final. "It was a nice end and we made history today. It may be done again. Someone may win seven titles again, but we are the first and that will always feel good."



Raiders, Lions best on national TV

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PONTIAC, Mich. - Motherhood and the flag bring out the Monday night best in the Los Angeles Raiders and what passes for the best in the Detroit Lions

The Raiders are 21-3-1 in games on the Monday night national television showcase, far above even their superlative annual showings. Why?

"For the same reason we have a better record on national television than we normally do," offered Detroit coach Monte Clark, whose Lions are 7-5-1 under national scrutiny. That may not be much, but it's better than the .500 and sub-.500 records the Lions have posted season after

season

"I guess it's because mom and the nation is watching you and you want to do your best," Clark said. There is far less glitter in the game than on the family Christmas tree but there still are items at stake. For Clark it's a matter of possible survival. The wolves are after Clark's scalp and he can't run as fast as he used to. For Los Angeles Coach Tom Flores it's a matter of mathematically clinching a playoff berth (which would also happen if New England loses) and getting his ship into cruising speed for a run in defense of its Super Bowl title.

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