

# Nystrom trips Becker in U.S. Open

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Sweden's Joakim Nystrom knocked off Wimbledon champion Boris Becker Monday, advancing to the quarterfinals of the U.S. Open Tennis Championships and dashing the anticipated meeting between Becker and top-seeded John McEnroe.

McEnroe, the defending champion, fulfilled his part earlier in the day by stopping 16th-seeded Tomas Smid of Czechoslovakia 6-3, 7-5, 6-2.

But Nystrom, seeded 10th, eliminated the 17-year-old, eighth-seeded "wunderkind" with his relentless, accurate ground game. Becker, however, did not go down without a fight, staving off five match points before succumbing 6-3, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

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— Boris Becker on his U.S. Open loss

And the baseliner opened up his full barrage of passing shots and lobs.

"The surface here helped me," Nystrom admitted, then added: "Boris didn't play so well."

"Of course I'm unhappy," Becker said. "I wanted to face McEnroe in the quarterfinals."

"Joakim is a good player. He beat McEnroe this year. So far, every match I've lost has been good for me. Hopefully I'll return for the '86 Open and do better."

The strawberry blond from Leiman, West Germany, unleashed his powerful forehand for numerous spectacular winners. But most of the time he was sputtering with unforced errors — 64 of them for the

match — off both sides. Nystrom, on the other hand, had only 20 unforced errors, with only six coming off the forehand.

"The first two sets I wasn't even on the court," Becker said. "And then in the third and fourth sets, it was a close match."

"I didn't play tennis the first two sets."

McEnroe stomped and pouted about the line calls in the first set when he seemed to match Smid's unforced errors. But whenever he needed to, he pulled out a superb serve, finishing up with 15 aces and an additional 18 service winners.

## Oiler bad 'Luck' hits hard again at quarterback

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Houston Oilers' backup quarterback Oliver Luck suffered a slight fracture of the left ankle and will be out three to four weeks, Coach Hugh Campbell said Monday.

The injury to Luck, suffered in the third quarter of Saturday's 20-10 loss to the Dallas Cowboys, leaves the Oilers with only starter Warren Moon available for Sunday's National Football League opener against the Miami Dolphins.

Moon suffered a thumb injury against the Cowboys.

The Oilers earlier cut third-string quarterback Brian Ransom and would be forced to use wide receiver Tim Smith off the current roster if Moon could not play.

Campbell said the Oilers likely would re-sign Ransom prior to Sunday's game.

"I fully expect that's what we will do," Campbell said. "We'll be watching the waiver wire and unless someone came along we just couldn't pass up that's what we'd do."

Moon left the Dallas game in the second quarter with a torn thumb nail on his passing hand and did not return. Campbell said Moon's injury had improved Monday and that he would start against the Dolphins.

When the Oilers made the decision to carry only two quarterbacks, Smith was designated as the emergency quarterback. Smith, the team's leading receiver, was a high school quarterback.

Luck said he was injured while diving for extra yardage. He felt the ankle give way, but remained in the game because of Moon's injury.

"I noticed Warren throwing on the sidelines and it was obvious he was in pain," Luck said.

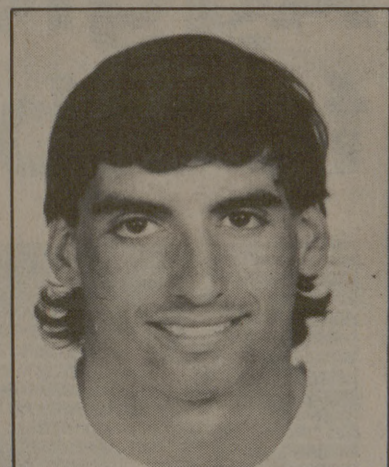
Luck said if the Oilers had had a third quarterback on the roster, he would have taken himself out of the game.

The Oilers also placed running back Dwayne Crutchfield and wide receiver Steve Bryant on injured reserve and waived linebacker Todd Seabaugh and defensive end Jerome Foster.

The removal of Foster cleared the way for No. 1-draft choice Ray Childress from Texas A&M to move into the starting defensive end position only one week after ending a lengthy contract holdout.

The club earlier waived starting defensive end Mark Studaway.

"It was an emotional thing to cut Jerome because he is a good football player," Campbell said. "I feel certain that he will be picked up by another team."



Oliver Luck

## A Different NFL?

Games will be faster, some rules to change

Associated Press

NEW YORK — It was just a preseason game, yet fans were in midseason form over this play at Denver's Mile High Stadium:

Clint Sampson, a Broncos wide receiver, streaked up the sideline with New York Giants' rookie Herb Welch running next to him. Sampson and Welch made contact, Sampson fell and John Elway's pass continued on a harmless trajectory downfield.

No flag. Boooooo! Sorry, folks. It might have been pass interference in 1984, but it isn't in 1985. The rules have changed.

Midway through last season, there were signs the National Football League was in danger of losing its designation as America's League.

While attendance was climbing toward the second highest season average in NFL history, the true barometer of popularity, the television rating, was slipping for the third straight season.

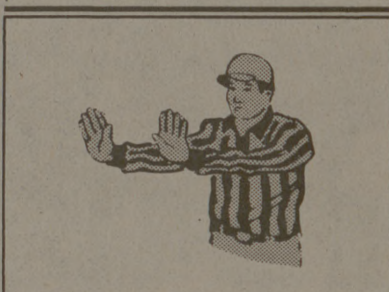
Games were getting longer, finishing the season an average nine minutes over the optimum three hours, and huddles by officials were taking more time than huddles by players.

There was also an image of stagnation, of games dominated by passing and all looking the same, and of situation substitutions that made fewer players and teams identifiable.

So, during the offseason, the NFL used its brainpower to figure out how to put more action and less talk into its product. The result — a potpourri of procedural and rules changes to eliminate nitpicking and to get games back under three hours.

Anyone tuning in for opening day, Sept. 8, will see:

• Fewer made-for-TV timeouts. There will be four per quarter, instead of the five and



six of previous years, and none after kickoffs. Remaining breaks, however, will be longer — 1 1/2 minutes instead of a minute.

• A rules change that restarts the clock after penalties called on running plays or inbound completions, and shortens timeouts in the last two minutes, from 90 seconds to 60. Also, officials have new instructions to put the ball in play more quickly, annoying some coaches who claim they will have too little time to get players on and off the field.

• Forty-five man rosters, an economy move by owners that has all 28 coaches complaining. A side effect may be to produce more identifiable, full-time players. The guy who played only in third-and-long situations likely will be a casualty.

• And, the change that Denver fans noticed so vociferously a few weeks ago.

Gone is the gratuitous pass interference penalty for incidental contact, like the one on San Francisco's Eric Wright in the waning moments of the 1983 NFC title game that led to Washington's winning touchdown.

"If both players are going for the ball, they can tangle legs, bump, go to the ground and it's no call," says Jack Reader, an assistant supervisor of NFL officials.

"It's only pass interference if one player — offense or defense — is playing the man and

keeping him from making the catch."

"It's been the play that's caused problems. Whether it's called or not called, somebody's always upset," says Commissioner Pete Rozelle. "We think that with this rule, there will be fewer calls and clearer direction for officials on whether or not to call them."

The NFL made one more subtle change, taking from the TV networks the power to determine the pace of a game and giving it back to the officials on the field.

For the past 20 years, there has been a minor official on the sidelines who relays from the TV producers when to start commercial breaks and when to resume play. Over the years, replays, chalkboards and other technological wonders have proliferated during commercial breaks, extending them as long as three minutes.

This year the break will be timed by the back judge and will end exactly 1 minute, 50 seconds after it begins. The game will resume, even if color analyst John Madden is still retracing a previous play on a chalkboard.

This all seems to be working so far. The first four nationally televised games ranged from 2:48 to 3:13 in elapsed time and ratings were up. The final verdict, of course, will take awhile.

Rozelle thinks football's TV ratings will improve this season. Among his reasons: the faster game, the season starting a week later and new blood from the United States Football League.

But not everyone's so sure the changes will make a difference.

"I don't think the speedup has anything to do with it," says Terry O'Neil, executive producer of CBS's NFL telecasts.

"I think the ratings are cyclical, but they depend on competition. Will the ratings go up? I think if you have good races for the playoffs, they will."

## Rose set to break hit mark

Not even a curve ball can stand in his way

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Pete Rose talks about THE HIT as if it's just another day at the ballpark.

"The closer I get to the record, there's not going to be pressure, Rose says of chasing Ty Cobb's 4,191 alltime career hits. "If I go into the last game of the season needing an hit, then there will be pressure. The closer I get to the record, the more revved up I'm going to get."

Already scores of reporters and photographers have descended upon this river city, where fans scream "Pete! Pete!" the moment he sets foot on the field at Riverfront Stadium.

It would unnerve many players. Not this one.

"It's fun," says the Cincinnati Reds' 44-year-old player-manager.

"Pete is the best pressure ball player I've ever played with or against, and that's the highest compliment I can give," said former teammate Mike Schmidt of the Philadelphia Phillies.

"He's probably been the center of attention in more memorable moments than any player in history. He doesn't get a hit every time, but he's been in so many situations that he has no fear of failure."

That's how Rose has approached his impending date with baseball history — without fear that fate might throw him a curve and keep him forever in Cobb's shadow.

"I've never dreamed about it. I've never worried about it," Rose said recently. "If you get hurt, buddy, you get hurt. That's all there is to it, and with the career I've had, why should I worry about getting hurt?"

Catching Cobb isn't the only pressure Rose has faced this season. Being the Reds' manager alone is enough to keep him busy.

Rose, who began his career with Cincinnati 23 years ago, is at least partly responsible for boosting game attendance and the Reds' rise in the National League West standings. They finished fifth last year, 22 games under .500 and 22 games back of division winner San Diego; they headed into Labor Day week-end this season in third place, seven games over .500 and 8 1/2 games behind Los Angeles.

Rose, a native of Cincinnati, has said he wants to get the record-breaking hit in his hometown, but he has never said he would bench himself on the road to make that happen.

The Reds open a three-day stand in St. Louis Monday night, and Rose already is joking about the chance that No. 4,192 will be hit there.

"You'll see how good a hitter I am in St. Louis," he said. "I'll just keep ticking off fouls until they walk me."

## Four veteran quarterbacks get NFL ax

Associated Press

Four veteran quarterbacks were among the familiar names cut Monday, while another was sidelined by a fractured ankle as National Football League teams reduced their rosters to the regular season 45-player limit.

Jim Zorn, Jack Thompson, Bob Avellini and Joe Pisarcik all were dropped as teams prepared for next Sunday's openers.

Zorn, an original member of the club, was released by the Seattle Seahawks. Thompson, known as the Throwing Samoan during his college days at the University of Washington, was waived by Tampa Bay.

Avellini was dropped by the New York Jets and Pisarcik was cut by the Miami Dolphins.

Other veterans who did not survive their teams' final cuts included

safety Beasley Reece of Tampa Bay, nose tackle Ken Kremer of Kansas City, linebacker Dan Bunz of the Super Bowl champion San Francisco 49ers and running back Mike Pruitt of the Cleveland Browns.

ATLANTA FALCONS — Waived Bob Holly, quarterback, Emile Harry, wide receiver, Wendell Cason, defensive back, and Sylvester Stamps, running back. Placed Joe Pellegrini, center-guard, on injured reserve.

BUFFALO BILLS — Waived Tom Mullady, tight end. Placed Bo Harris and James Seawright, linebackers, on injured reserve.

CINCINNATI BENGALS — Waived Steve Maidlow, linebacker,

Pete Koch, defensive end, Lee Davis and Sean Thomas, cornerbacks, and Keith Lester, tight end.

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Waived Mike Pruitt, running back, Dwight Walker, wide receiver, Aaron Brown, linebacker, D.D. Hoggard, defensive back, and Scott Bolzan, offensive lineman.

DALLAS COWBOYS — Waived Ron Springs, running back, Duriel Harris, wide receiver, Scott Strassburger, linebacker, and Carl Howard and Ricky Eason, cornerbacks. Activated, then released, Ron Jenkins, wide receiver.

DETROIT LIONS — Waived Ken Jenkins, halfback, John Witkowski, quarterback, and Larry Lee, guard. Placed William Frizzell, safety, and James Johnson, line-

backer, on injured reserve.

GREEN BAY PACKERS — Waived Ray Crouse, running back, and Eric Wilson, linebacker, and Ken Stills, defensive back. Signed Buford Jordan, running back.

HOUSTON OILERS — Placed Dwayne Crutchfield, running back, and Steve Bryant, wide receiver, on injured reserve. Waived Todd Seabaugh, linebacker, and Jerome Foster, defensive end.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Waived Tracy Porter and Waddell Smith, wide receivers, Steve Hathaway, linebacker, Ricky Smith, defensive back, Dallas Cameron, nose tackle, and Ellis Gardner, offensive lineman. Placed Mark Kirchner, offensive tackle, on injured reserve.

LOS ANGELES RAIDERS —

Traded Ted Watts, defensive back, to the New York Giants in exchange for an undisclosed draft choice. Placed Stefan Adams, defensive back, on injured reserve. Waived Dan Reeder, running back, Dwight Wheeler, offensive lineman, and Gordon Jones, wide receiver.

MIAMI DOLPHINS — Signed Jim Jensen, quarterback. Placed Joe Pisarcik, quarterback, on the waived-injured list. Waived John Chesley, tight end, Vince Heflin, wide receiver, Eddie Hill, running back, and Tom Taylor, offensive lineman.

NEW YORK GIANTS — Waived Joe McLaughlin, linebacker, Larry Flowers, safety, and Frank Wright, defensive tackle. Placed Zeke Mow-

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