

Lendl

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German coming from the crowd, Becker held serve at 15 to begin the second set, the final two points coming on his fourth and fifth aces of the match. He then broke Lendl's service — only the second time Lendl's serve had been broken during the tournament.

Becker raced to a 3-0 lead when he held at 30, finishing the game with a smash.

Lendl held to 5-3, then broke Becker at 30. And when he held

service in the 10th game, they were tied 5-5.

Becker had a set point at 30-40 in the 12th game, but Lendl crushed his sixth ace, pulling to deuce. And, two points later, he had forced the set into a tiebreaker.

Becker began the tiebreaker with a double-fault, but Lendl gave the mini-break right back when the German hit an inside-out forehand deep into the corner for a winner.

It was the last point Becker would win in the tiebreaker and Lendl was just one set away from the third Masters title of his career.

With both players racing around the court, retrieving seemingly impossible "gets," making what looked to be sure winners, Becker dove to his right and volleyed the ball into an open court. But Lendl, somehow, raced at full speed and, just before the ball bounced a second time, whipped a forehand that sailed over the net and over the prone Becker for the winner.

The crowd stood and cheered. The fans stood again when, on the final point of the third game, Becker raced after a winning volley that he couldn't reach, but his momentum

took him through the railing surrounding the court.

Still fighting, he came back, breaking Lendl in the fifth game and holding service in the sixth to pull even. But he would not win another game.

Lendl held in the seventh game at 30, broke Becker at 30 in the eighth, then closed out the match with a love game.

"I've given my best all three sets long," Becker told the crowd after the match. "I had a chance to win in the second set, but that's tennis."

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