

Sports

Doctor says cocaine killed Bias

BALTIMORE (AP) — University of Maryland basketball star Len Bias died from a dose of cocaine that he had probably snorted only minutes before he collapsed in his dorm room where he was celebrating his new professional career, the state medical examiner said Tuesday.

The cocaine killed Bias by interrupting the electrical activity in his brain, causing the heart to begin to beat irregularly, said Dr. John Smialek.

"This resulted in the sudden onset of seizures and cardiac arrest," he said at a news conference where he released the findings of an autopsy on the 22-year-old All American.

The report was turned over to Arthur A. Marshall Jr., the prosecutor who is investigating Bias' death.

Marshall said after receiving the report that he will look into the possibility of bringing a manslaughter charge against the person who provided the cocaine to Bias.

The autopsy showed that "nothing but the cocaine killed him. The reason he died was cocaine," Marshall said.

Smialek said he couldn't determine how much cocaine Bias took, but said he would not call it an overdose. "I don't think he took a lot of cocaine," he said.

The medical examiner described Bias as very healthy, with no heart disease or damage.

"Len Bias had a large heart, but that was not unexpected considering his superb athletic condition," Smialek said.

He said there was no evidence that Bias was allergic to cocaine, but that he exhibited a sensitivity to the drug.

"This particular concentration might not have killed another individual. On the other hand, some might have been killed by lesser concentrations," Smialek said.

The blood cocaine level was 6.5 milligrams per liter, about average for the 16 deaths from cocaine use recorded in Maryland in the last three years, he said. The autopsy turned up no evidence of alcohol or other drugs.

No adulterants were found in the blood, indicating that Bias had ingested a pure form of cocaine, the medical examiner said. It appeared that Bias had snorted the cocaine, Smialek said, but he added he couldn't be certain.

There had been reports of a delay of as much as 30 minutes before Bias' roommates summoned an ambulance to the University of Maryland dormitory where he collapsed. Smialek said Bias would have required medical care within four or five minutes of the time his heart stopped to save his life.

A teammate gave Bias cardiopulmonary resuscitation before the ambulance arrived.

Smialek said there was no evidence that Bias had used cocaine previously, although he wasn't sure.

Smialek ruled that the manner of death was undetermined, meaning there is no finding whether it was a homicide or accident. He said that question will be left up to Marshall and the grand jury.

Marshall said he wants to know "who brought them (drugs) in" and who was involved in drug use during the early morning hours last Thursday as Bias, some teammates and friends celebrated his selection by the champion Boston Celtics as the No. 2 pick in the National Basketball Association draft.

Marshall he said he met Tuesday with a Prince George's County grand jury and advised the panel he plans to start presenting evidence, probably testimony by police officers, on July 1.

A&M loses 2 prospects to pro clubs

Two top prospects for the Texas A&M baseball team have signed contracts with major league clubs.

Catcher Steve Piskor of Plano signed with the New York Mets, while outfielder Carl Sullivan of Brenham signed with the Chicago White Sox.

A&M Head Coach Mark Johnson, who signed the two players to letters of intent, said the losses of Piskor and Sullivan will not decimate the squad.

"We're not going to panic," Johnson assured. "We feel fairly comfortable (with the squad we have)."

Piskor, an All-Metro catcher with Plano East high school, was a sixth-round draft pick by the Mets. He signed last week.

Sullivan, who led his ballclub to the class 4A state championship Saturday, signed with Chicago Monday.

"(Both) got a good offer and decided they couldn't turn them down," Johnson said. "There are two pluses there. We feel college is a bigger plus (than the pros)."

Johnson now has some decisions to make with the two extra scholarships.

"We're looking around right now. We can help some of our own returning guys more."

Connors, 4 other top seeds ousted in first-round action

Seguso's service too strong for two-time champion

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Two-time champion Jimmy Connors was unceremoniously dumped out of the Wimbledon tennis championships Tuesday, a first-round casualty to doubles specialist Robert Seguso. He was one of the day's five upset victims.

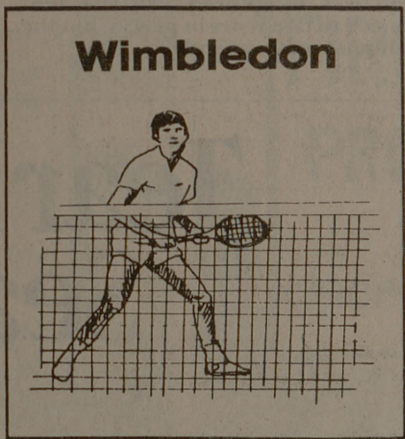
Connors, the No. 3 seed who is credited with having the best return of service in the game, found Seguso's booming serve too much to handle in the world's premier grass-court tournament, succumbing 6-3, 3-6, 7-6, 7-6.

"He was just unconscious," Connors said of his fellow American. "He was serving bomb after bomb after bomb. He was serving second-serve aces and going for everything."

What the 23-year-old Seguso got was a victory over the world's third-ranked player, only the second time in his long career that Connors has lost in the first round of a Grand Slam tournament. The first came at the U.S. Open in 1972.

"Nobody's perfect, especially me," Connors told reporters after the match. "I don't like to lose any time. If you don't know that by now, you haven't been around long enough."

Connors earlier this month returned from a 10-week suspension imposed because he walked off the court in a match last winter in Florida, and he had to retire from a grass court tournament in England a little



more than a week ago because of a groin pull. He showed no indication that he was troubled by the injury, however.

The two No. 1 seeds — Ivan Lendl and Martina Navratilova — posted straight-set victories.

But joining the 33-year-old Connors on the list of losers Tuesday were fifth-seeded Pam Shriver of the United States and No. 14 Wendy Turnbull of Australia in the women's singles, and No. 9 Andres Gomez of Ecuador and No. 15 Guillermo Vilas of Argentina, both clay-court specialists.

Nagelsen posted her first career victory over Shriver, who was considered a threat to reach the women's final at the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, in an all-American battle on Centre Court.

Navratilova defeated Amanda Dingwall of Australia 6-3, 6-1; No. 2 seeded Chris Evert Lloyd stopped 14-year-old American Mary Joe Fernandez 6-4, 6-1; No. 3 Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia crushed Britain's Joy Tacon 6-1, 6-1; No. 7 Helena Sukova of Czechoslovakia battered Britain's Denise Parnell 6-1, 6-1; and No. 16 Kathy Jordan downed Tina Mochizuki 6-1, 6-3, in another all-U.S. match.

Lendl, seeking his second consecutive Grand Slam title, completed a 7-6, 6-3, 6-4 victory over Mexico's Leonardo Lavalle in a match that had been suspended by rain on Monday.

But Australian Pat Cash, playing only three weeks after undergoing an appendectomy, ousted Vilas 6-4, 6-2, 6-3, and John Fitzgerald of Australia stopped Gomez 6-1, 3-6, 7-6, 6-4.

Also posting victories Tuesday were three Swedes — No. 5 Stefan Edberg, No. 6 Joakim Nystrom and No. 8 Anders Jarryd — and two American men, No. 10 Tim Mayotte and No. 16 Johan Kriek.

European teams hope to end futility in West

MEXICO CITY (AP) — No European team has won the World Cup when it has been played in the Western Hemisphere. On Wednesday, three teams from Europe will try to climb to the last step on the ladder.

France, the European champion, will play West Germany and Belgium are in the semifinals, along with Argentina, the only Latin American hope remaining. The French play the Germans in Guadalajara and the surprising Belgians take on Argentina at Aztec Stadium in Mexico Stadium today.

European entries have made the finals before in World Cups held in this part of the world, but have never won the championship. In 1978, Argentina beat the Netherlands for the title at Buenos Aires. Brazil downed Italy in 1970 in Mexico, while in 1962, it was Brazil over Czechoslovakia in Santiago, Chile.

With the French and Germans meeting in a replay of their 1982 semifinal — won by West Germany in a penalty-kick shootout — a European entry is guaranteed as a finalist.

"If we play together and stay confident, perhaps we can be in the final," Belgian Coach Guy Thys said. "We should have no doubts about our belonging on the field for the semifinals after such wins (over the

Soviets 4-3 in extra time and Spain 5-4 on penalty kicks)."

Thys has reinforced his reputation as a master tactician with his strategies during this tournament. His use of a zone defense, with six or seven players moving up and back together, worked well against the high-scoring Soviets. That tactic also confused Spain's Emilio Butragueno, who equalled a World Cup record by scoring four goals in the second round against Denmark. He didn't score any against Belgium.

Now, the challenge is Diego Maradona, Argentina's superb striker who almost single-handedly eliminated England in the quarterfinals. If Maradona can dominate the ac-

tion the way he did against England, Thys knows his team is in trouble.

Still, Belgium will not assign one player to shadow Maradona.

That system made Maradona nearly invisible during the opening game of the '82 Cup, when Belgium beat then defending champion Argentina 1-0.

France has been cast in the role of tournament favorite after edging Brazil 4-3 on penalty kicks in the quarterfinals. West Germany, meanwhile, defeated host Mexico 4-1 in a shootout, but has scored only four goals in regulation time through five games.

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