

McEnroe bows out early in U.S. Open

NEW YORK (AP) — There was no fire in John McEnroe's game Tuesday, no temper tantrums, no arguing with spectators. Now, there is no John McEnroe in the U.S. Open Tennis Championships.

"I felt like I was in a reasonably good frame of mind," said McEnroe, the ninth seed who was appearing in his third tournament since taking a seven-month sabbatical from tennis, after being stunned by fellow New Yorker Paul Annacone 1-6, 6-1, 6-2, 6-3. "I felt like I gave a pretty good effort and was trying the best that I could do."

It wasn't enough, as Annacone overpowered the man who has won America's premier tennis event four times, who has captured Wimbledon three times and who until a year ago was ranked No. 1 in the world.

"I just hoped that I would go out and then I'd have a chance. Fortunately, I got a lot of chances."

McEnroe became the first finalist to lose in the first round of the next U.S. Open since Tom Okker of the Netherlands lost to Britain's Mark Cox

in the first round in 1969. In 1968, Okker lost to Arthur Ashe in the title match.

Last year, McEnroe fell to Czechoslovakia's Ivan Lendl in the men's singles final. On Tuesday, Lendl followed McEnroe onto the Louis Armstrong Stadium Court and crushed Glenn Layendecker 6-3, 6-2, 6-0.

"It doesn't affect me at all," the top-seeded Lendl said of McEnroe's shocking defeat. "I mean I have to play (Robert) Seguso in the second round."

"Eventually I could have played McEnroe in the quarters, but it's a long way there for me and for him. For him it would be too long. I hope it doesn't prove to be too long for me."

Argentina's Guillermo Vilas, who won the tournament in 1977 when it was played on clay, was ousted by Paul McNamee of Australia, 7-5, 5-7, 2-6, 6-1, 6-3. Later in the day, David Pate upset 12th-seeded Thierry Tulasne of France, 3-6, 6-3, 6-1, 5-7, 6-4 and Kathy Rinaldi, the women's No. 10 seed, fell to Michelle Torres 6-1, 6-4.

Defending women's champion Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia and top-seeded Martina

Navratilova easily moved into the second round. Mandlikova, the fourth seed, cruised past Marie-Cristine Calleja of France, 6-2, 6-2 and Navratilova defeated Czechoslovak Andrea Holikova 6-4, 6-2.

It was Annacone, a hard-serving right-hander, who was dominant on this day as McEnroe constantly found himself out of position or committing unforced errors.

The match ended when McEnroe, once almost untouchable at the National Tennis Center, hit a volley wide when he had most of the court to aim at.

"I'm sorry that he lost," Annacone said of McEnroe. "I want to see him come back because I think he's great for tennis."

"I'm not sorry that I won, but it feels kind of awkward beating him."

With the defeat, McEnroe dropped to at least 21st in the world computer rankings, his lowest ever. Sixth-ranked Jimmy Connors is now the lone American ranked in the top 10.

Annacone finished with 23 aces to only three for McEnroe.

Roster cuts

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had his best years with the New York Jets.

Arnold, who averaged 44.9 yards a kick to lead the NFL in 1984 but slipped to 41.2 last year, was cut by the Kansas City Chiefs, who will go with rookie Louis Colbert. The Chiefs also dropped offensive lineman Bob Olderman and fullback Bruce King, who began last year as starters.

Kozlowski, who had started just seven games in three years with the Dolphins, was primarily a nickel back and kick returner.

His best performance came in a 1983 game when he intercepted two

passes by the New York Jets' Richard Todd and returned them 35 and 38 yards for touchdowns. Todd was cut Monday by the New Orleans Saints.

Among others cut Tuesday were quarterback Scott Brunner and wide receiver Earnest Gray, a former playoff passing combination with the Giants. They were let go by the St. Louis Cardinals, who also released one-time starting linebacker Thomas Howard and veteran defensive back Jeff Griffin.

A former Cardinal, 10-year linebacker Kurt Allerman, was cut by the Detroit Lions and the Denver Broncos waived a future trivia question — running back Tony Boddie. Boddie, a former member of the USFL's Los Angeles Express, out-

gained Herschel Walker in that league's first nationally televised game with 77 yards in 13 carries to Walker's 16 for 65.

The Philadelphia Eagles cut guard Steve Kenney, a starter since 1981 and placed offensive lineman Kevin Allen, last year's top draft pick, on the reserve-non-football injury list.

Minnesota cut defensive back John Turner, a nine-year veteran and Pittsburgh cut a five-year man, linebacker Bob Kohrs.

The Giants cut veteran place-kicker Bob Thomas, who was picked up last week and kicked two field goals in last week's win over the New York Jets. The Giants said their regular kicker, Ali Haji-Sheikh, had re-

covered from a pulled groin muscle.

New York also released veteran tackle Gordon King, their top draft pick in 1978, along with five-year tight end Vyto Kab.

Cleveland cut fullback Johnny Davis, an eight-year veteran, along with kick returner Glen Young, who led the AFC last season with an average of 25.7 yards per return. The Browns also released defensive end Casey Merrill, acquired last week in a trade with the Giants.

Quarterback Babe Laufenberg, cut and re-signed last season, was among seven players cut by the Washington Redskins.

Tight end Cliff Benson, who started 14 games last season, was cut by Atlanta.

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