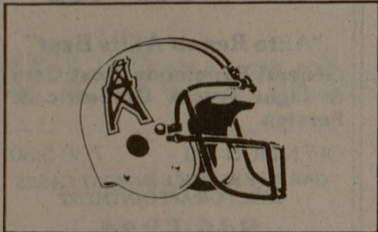


# Sports

## Moon, offense shine in opener as Oilers humble Packers, 31-3

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Houston's new winning attitude spilled into the regular season Sunday, as quarterback Warren Moon carried the Oilers to a 31-3 NFL season opening victory over the Green Bay Packers.



"We're going to have a real good year," declared Jerry Glanville, in his first full year as the Houston coach. "I think we're for real."

The Oilers and Moon certainly looked real to the Packers, who never quite found a way to stop the Houston offense on third down.

The Oilers converted third downs into first downs 79 percent of the time, helping them jump to a 14-3 lead at halftime and a 24-3 lead entering the final quarter.

Moon, the former Canadian Football League quarterback in his third National Football League season, completed 14 of 21 passes for 218 yards and two touchdowns — of 29 and 44 yards. Moon's passes were set up by a solid running attack that gained 157 yards; Mike Rozier led all rushers with 83 yards.

"That's our philosophy — to grind it out then go over top," said Moon, who also ran three yards for a

touchdown with two seconds left in the third quarter.

"The offense is pretty simple," added wide receiver Drew Hill, who caught six passes for 97 yards, including the 44-yard pass from Moon.

"I guess we're going to keep using it until people stop it," he said. "What we do, we do well."

While the Houston offense shined, the defense did OK too — holding Green Bay to 224 yards. Quarterback Randy Wright was intercepted once, and the Packers lost one fumble.

Moon threw a first-quarter interception, but came back to toss a 29-yard touchdown to running back Butch Woolfolk in the second quar-

ter that helped the Oilers to a 14-3 halftime lead.

His 44-yard TD pass came with 9:52 left in the fourth quarter and put the game out of reach of the Packers. Moon picked a bad shotgun snap off the turf on third-and-10 and fired a bomb to wide receiver Drew Hill, who beat Tim Lewis down the left sideline before being tackled in the end zone.

Green Bay cornerback Mark Lee picked off Moon's pass in the first quarter and the Packers started from their own 36 and drove to the Houston 9-yard line. The Houston defense held, and Del Greco kicked a 26-yard field goal with 6:42 left in the first quarter for the 3-0 lead.

In other games in the first week of the NFL season:

**Bears 41, Browns 31**

The Chicago Bears, winners in the last Super Bowl and losers in the first use of an instant replay official in NFL history, started defense of their championship by beating Cleveland.

The game was in its third play from scrimmage when the Browns' Al Gross was credited with a touchdown after a bad snap from center

by the Bears bounded into the end zone.

The officials on the field did not call a safety or a touchdown until they got the word from the replay booth that it was a touchdown.

But the Bears got right back into the game when Dennis Gentry returned the ensuing kickoff 91 yards for a touchdown, then relied on all-time leading rusher Walter Payton, who gained 113 yards and scored two touchdowns.

**Rams 16, Cardinals 10**

Eric Dickerson ran for 193 yards and two touchdowns on a career-high 38 carries, leading Los Angeles over St. Louis, ruining Gene Stallings' debut as Cardinals coach.

**49ers 31, Bucs 7**

Joe Montana, recovered from an injury-plagued preseason, completed 32 of 46 passes for 356 yards and one touchdown and San Francisco intercepted Tampa Bay quarterback Steve DeBerg seven times to give the 49ers an easy victory.

**Redskins 41, Eagles 14**

Jay Schroeder threw for two touchdowns and ran for another,

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## A&M volleyball team grabs tourney victory

The Texas A&M volleyball team had its difficulties getting out of Norman, Ill., Sunday — its bus on the way to Chicago's O'Hare Airport broke down — but had little trouble getting past its opponents in the Illinois State Invitational Volleyball Tournament this weekend.

The Aggies swept Miami of Ohio, 15-8, 15-12 and 16-14, in the final round of the round-robin tourney to grab the tournament championship.

In the championship match, Stacey Smith and redshirt freshman Kelli Kellen hit .285, while senior Margaret Spence added 17 kills.

The Aggies defeated host Illinois State in Friday's opening round with tough defense for a 15-11, 5-15, 15-7, 15-4 win.

In the second round, A&M handed Utah a 15-10, 15-8, 11-15, 15-9 defeat. Outside hitter Gildner again led the team with 19 kills. Smith followed with 11 kills and Spence had 10.

A&M Coach Al Givens said the team was adhering to plans set at the start of the year.

"The kids were getting better

every time they got out on the court," Givens said. "That's been our goal — every opportunity we compete we want to play better."

"The greatest thing you can say about us is that we're a very balanced team. We had some good individual performances. Stacey Gildner did a nice job for us defensively."

"Margaret Spence came in and had a great match against Miami. Kelli Kellen had a really good defensive performance up at the net and Laura Hoppe is just a real mainstay for us on defense."

Another thing is that (setter) Chris Zogata led the team with 10 service aces. She also set a real smart tournament for us."

The victories give the Aggies a 3-0 start and they will put that perfect record on the line when they host Southwest Texas State Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

"Now we just want to continue to play better each time we get on the court," Givens added. "We want the team that plays Southwest Texas State to be a better team than the one that beat Miami."

## Lendl, Navratilova roll to singles victories in U.S. Open

NEW YORK (AP) — Ivan Lendl, rolling along at the top of his game, easily crushed fellow Czechoslovak Miloslav Mecir 6-4, 6-2, 6-0 Sunday to capture his second consecutive U.S. Open men's singles title.

Earlier, Martina Navratilova stopped another Czechoslovak, seventh-seeded Helena Sukova, 6-3, 6-2 to win the women's singles crown for the third time in four years.

The champions collected \$210,000 each, the largest purse in tennis. The runners-up each pocketed \$105,000.

Navratilova also teamed with Pam Shriver on Sunday to win the women's doubles title, defeating Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia and Australia's Wendy Turnbull 6-4, 3-6, 6-3. The winners split

\$72,800, with the losers sharing \$36,400.

The Lendl-Mecir battle was a chess game between two Czechoslovak masters as much as it was a tennis match. They probed and tested each other from the baseline, changing spins and pace, looking for any kind of opening.

And when it was over, Mecir had learned what many before him had discovered: Lendl is the best player in the world.

"It felt so great, I wanted to do it again," Lendl said of his repeat performance on the hard courts of the National Tennis Center. "It probably feels better this time."

Lendl tried to assert his dominance right at the beginning, breaking Mecir to begin the set. But the bearded Czechoslovak with the lazy eyes and lazy-looking strokes,

broke right back. He then staved off a break point to hold in the third game.

Lendl began the eighth game with his third ace, then added his fourth of the day as he held at 15 to move out to a 5-3 lead. Mecir saved one set point in the 10th game, but Lendl hauled off and ended the opening set with his fifth ace.

"Once I had the set, I started moving and playing so much better," Lendl said.

Lendl broke Mecir in the third game after two deuces, the final point another backhand passing shot down the line.

Ace No. 6 was Lendl's way of beginning the fourth game, which he won at love.

Mecir, by now being run all over the court by Lendl, fought off a break point before holding to pull to 2-3. It was the last

game he would win as Lendl ripped through the next nine games to finish off his victory in one hour, 53 minutes.

For Navratilova, Sunday's victory was the 15th Grand Slam singles title of her career.

"I expected a closer match today, but I think you got your money out of me yesterday," Navratilova told the crowd at Louis Armstrong Stadium, referring to her tense 6-1, 6-7, 7-6 rain-delayed semifinal victory over West Germany's Steffi Graf.

The world's top-ranked player has won seven Wimbledon crowns, two French Opens and three Australian Opens. In addition to winning Wimbledon this year, she was in the final of the French Open in June, losing the title match to Lloyd.

But she says the U.S. Open is the most important title since the United States is her adopted country.

She ripped off seven consecutive games to close out the first set and grab a 2-0 lead in the second. In the last five games of that streak, she lost only four points.

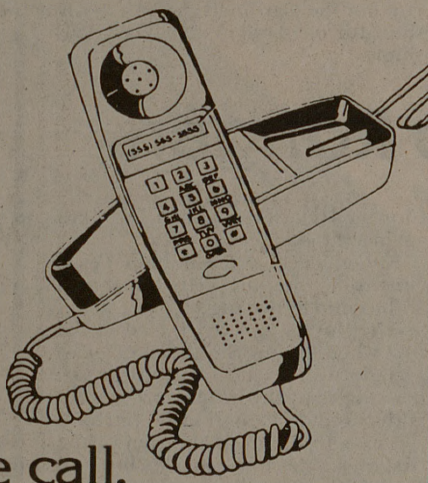
In the end, it was Navratilova again winning the final point, when Sukova's forehand passing shot down the line landed just wide.

Navratilova staved off two break points before holding serve in the sixth game for a 5-1 lead, then held at love in the eighth game to capture the crown.

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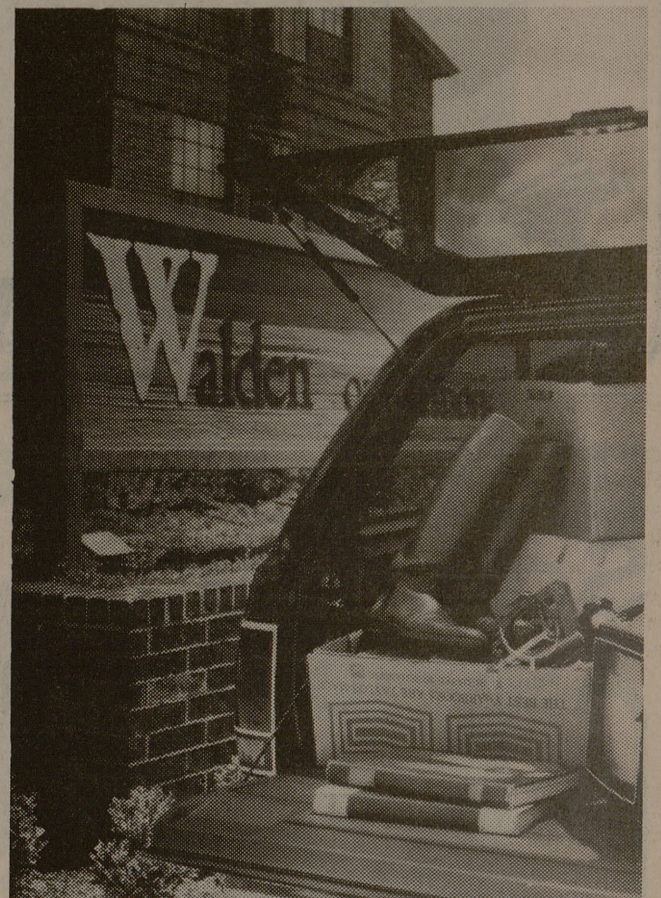
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