

Wilander defeats Lendl at Open

NEW YORK (AP) — Mats Wilander ended Ivan Lendl's three-year reign as U.S. Open champion and took over his No. 1 ranking with a dramatic five-set victory Sunday in the longest final in Open history.

The 24-year-old Swede, who won the 1988 Australian and French Opens, became the first man since Jimmy Connors in 1974 to win three Grand Slam events in one year by beating Lendl 6-4, 4-6, 6-3, 5-7, 6-4. The match lasted 4 hours and 54 minutes.

Wilander also halted Lendl's bid for a record fourth straight Open title and prevented him from breaking Connors' mark for the longest stretch at the top of the computer rankings.

Wilander, the first Swede to win the U.S. Open, will replace Lendl as the No. 1 player when the new rankings are released Monday. Lendl needed to remain at the top until Oct. 3 to break Connors' record of 159 straight weeks at No. 1.

Last year, Lendl and Wilander played 4:47 in another Open final that featured long and grueling baseline rallies.

Wilander had lost six straight matches to Lendl, five of their eight Grand Slam meetings, and 13 of their 19 matches overall.

But Sunday he forgot the past and concentrated on the present against Lendl, who lives just down the road from him in Greenwich, Conn.

It was the first five-set Open final since John McEnroe's victory over Bjorn Borg in their 1980 classic.

Wilander was also the champion of the French and Australian Opens this year.

The 62-minute first set was typical of the match, featuring long baseline rallies that sometimes lasted more than 20 strokes.

Lendl saved a break point in the eighth game when Wilander netted an easy forehand volley and held serve to make it 4-4.

But Wilander broke in the 10th game to win the set when Lendl made two straight backhand errors. Lendl had saved a set point earlier in the game when Wilander hit a backhand inches wide.

Wilander broke Lendl in the second game of the second set on a lunging stab volley and moved out to

a 4-1 lead. But Lendl regained his form and won the next five games to even the match.

After squandering six break points in the second set, Lendl finally broke Wilander in the seventh game with a forehand winner to pull within 4-3.

Wilander appeared to be thrown off stride at 30-all when chair umpire Jay Snyder gave him a warning for stalling on his serve. Lendl won the next two points with a forehand volley and a forehand winner.

Wilander took a 30-15 lead in his next service game, but Lendl hit backhand on the next point that nicked the net and skipped past Wilander for a winner.

After Wilander made two forehand errors to lose the game, Lendl served out the 58-minute set at love.

There was only one break in the 46-minute third set, and it belonged to Wilander. He broke Lendl at 15 in the second game on a crisp forehand volley.

Wilander, not known as a powerful server, lost only four points on his serve the rest of the set.

One of the key points in the set was a muffed overhead by Lendl at in the fifth game. He could have taken a 30-15 lead with a successful smash and moved into position to break Wilander back. But Lendl hit the ball straight down on his side of the court, then missed two backhands to drop the game and fall behind 4-1.

The players held serve in the fourth set until Wilander broke to take a 4-3 lead. Lendl led the game 30-0, but Wilander came back to win it as Lendl made three unforced errors.

Lendl broke back with a perfect backhand lob in the next game and broke again in the final game with a forehand volley that landed on the line.

At set point, someone in the stands threw two balls on the court that bounced just in front of Wilander as he was about to toss up a second serve. Because of the distraction, Snyder gave Wilander two serves. After returning a second serve, Lendl rushed the net and hit the winning volley.

Baseball Wrap-up

Deshaies, Biggio lead Astros over Giants 4-1

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Pitcher Jim Deshaies and rookie catcher Craig Biggio staged turnarounds Sunday, helping the Houston Astros to a 4-1 victory over the San Francisco Giants.

Deshaies, 1-4 in his previous six starts, threw a four-hitter, pitched his third complete game and yielded only one hit over the final five innings.

Biggio, a .202 hitter with only two RBI in his first 36 major league games, hit a solo homer and a run-scoring double, along with a single and a stolen base.

It was a 2-1 game until the ninth, when Buddy Bell's 200th major league homer and Biggio's double gave Deshaies a three-run cushion.

"I breathed a little easier after we scored those two runs," said Deshaies, 10-12. "I didn't want to go into the bottom of the ninth with a one-run lead and Will

Clark leading off."

Biggio, 22, hadn't been playing much lately because of Alan Ashby's return to action. Yet he made the most of his opportunity.

"I'm just happy to have the chance to come off the bench and contribute," Biggio said. "I haven't been playing much, so I just wanted to go out, play hard, and keep a high intensity level."

The victory kept the second-place Astros within five games of National League West-leading Los Angeles.

"I'd like to be where the Astros are," said Manager Roger Craig, whose fading Giants lost for the 14th time in 18 games.

Billy Hatcher hit his fifth homer in the second inning off Atlee Hammaker, 7-8. Biggio led off the third with a 400-foot homer to center, his second. Bell connected for his sixth homer in the ninth.

Sierra, pitchers lead Rangers past Angels

ARLINGTON (AP) — Charlie Hough and Ed Vande Berg combined on a seven-hitter and Ruben Sierra drove in four runs as the Texas Rangers beat the California Angels 8-3 Sunday.

The teams had played 5 hours and 30 minutes the night before with Texas winning 3-2 in 17 innings.

Hough, 13-15, allowed four hits before leaving with two out in the sixth when he aggravated a muscle pull in his left hip. Vande Berg, the winning pitcher Saturday, earned his second save.

Sierra hit a sacrifice fly in the fifth and a three-run homer, his 21st, in the eighth.

The Rangers scored two runs in the first against Terry Clark, 6-4. Jerry Browne walked, Cecil Espy singled and Pete O'Brien singled to load the bases with none out.

One run scored when Clark threw a wild pitch and Mike Stanley drove in another with a sacrifice fly.

Texas made it 4-0 in the fifth on Sierra's sacrifice fly and Stanley's RBI single. California scored twice in the sixth on Johnny Ray's RBI single and Brian Downing's sacrifice fly.

Espy had an RBI single in the eighth. Bob Boone had an RBI single for the Angels in the ninth.

Dodgers win on 9th-inning homer off Franco

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jeff Hamilton hit a two-run homer in the ninth inning off Cincinnati relief ace John Franco, capping a three-run rally helped by two errors and the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Reds 5-3 to maintain a five-game lead in the National League West.

Tom Browning held Los Angeles to four hits for eight innings before Franco, 5-6, entered to start the ninth.

Kirk Gibson singled with one out for his third hit. John Shelby followed with a hard grounder for an infield hit that third baseman Chris Sabo smothered. But Sabo threw wildly past first baseman Dave Concepcion for an error and Gibson scored when Concepcion's threw wildly to the plate.

Hamilton then hit his fifth home run.

McReynolds keys Mets 3-0 win over Expos

MONTREAL (AP) — Bob Ojeda pitched a five-hitter and Kevin McReynolds drove in all three runs with a homer and single as the New York Mets beat the Montreal Expos 3-0 Sunday.

Ojeda pitched the Mets' 22nd shutout this season and second straight over Montreal. New York swept the three-game series and

held the Expos scoreless in the last 22½ innings.

Ojeda, 10-13, did not walk a batter and struck out eight in his fifth complete game, all of them shutouts.

Dennis Martinez, 15-12, lost for the fifth time in six decisions. Montreal has scored only three runs in those five losses.

Graf Grand Slam probable next year

NEW YORK (AP) — It took 18 years for tennis to get another Grand Slam winner. The next wait could be much shorter.

Minutes after Steffi Graf completed the Slam with a victory over Gabriela Sabatini at the U.S. Open Saturday, some people were predicting the 19-year-old West German might sweep the four major tournaments again next year.

"It's a tough assignment, but she's such a good player and she's so strong and determined that it's definitely possible," said CBS commentator Tony Trabert, who won five Grand Slam tournament singles titles in the 1950s.

"I think her biggest potential

threat is Wimbledon. Grass is her least-favorite surface because she takes such a big swing and because of the bad footing."

Billie Jean King, who won 12 Grand Slam tournament singles titles, also thinks Graf can become the first player to win consecutive Grand Slams.

"She has the determination to be a great champion, the potential to be one of the best ever," King said.

"Steffi beat all the top players in all four tournaments. And she looks like she might be able to do it some more."

King said Graf's feat was more difficult than the first five Slams: Don Budge in 1938, Maureen Con-

nolly in 1953, Rod Laver in 1962 and 1969, and Margaret Court in 1970.

"It's more impressive now because all the best players go to all the Grand Slams," King said.

"When I was playing, you would skip the Australian a lot and not even go to the French all the time. The clay courts were so different for us, and Australia meant going away for three months."

Graf only lost two sets while sweeping the big four tournaments — the first set to Martina Navratilova in the Wimbledon final and the second set to Sabatini at the U.S. Open.

In fact, Navratilova and Sabatini are the only players who have beaten Graf in the past two years.

Graf's record over that period is 135-4. The only losses were to Navratilova in the 1987 Wimbledon and U.S. Open finals, and to Sabatini at two Florida tournaments this spring.

But King said she saw Graf's potential greatness when she was 15.

"You could see it back in 1984 at Wimbledon when she was hitting the ball all over the stands, looking like Bambi, and everybody was saying, 'Ugh! She'll never be any good.'"

"But I said, 'Look at her feet. Look at how she moves. She has the feet of a champion.'"

Late Pinkett TD puts Houston past L.A.

HOUSTON (AP) — Running back Allen Pinkett, starting for injured Mike Rozier, scored his third touchdown of the game on a 6-yard run with 31 seconds to play as the Houston Oilers rallied for a 38-35 NFL victory over the Los Angeles Raiders Sunday.

After the Raiders had taken a 35-31 lead on a 1-yard touchdown run by Marcus Allen with 2:59 left, Houston's Cody Carlson, who threw two touchdowns, directed the Oilers downfield in a 12-play, 79-yard drive.

Pinkett capped the drive, taking a pitch from Carlson and diving into the end zone. Pinkett also scored on 3- and 1-yard runs in the first half.

The Oilers comeback helped nullify a 21-point second quarter for the Raiders when Steve Beuerlein completed three second-quarter

touchdown passes of 42 yards to Willie Gault, 4 yards to Tim Brown and 9 yards to Steve Smith.

Carlson, starting his first NFL game, completed touchdown passes of 16 yards to Drew Hill and 12 yards to Ernest Givins.

The Raiders capitalized on two costly turnovers by Carlson in the second quarter en route to their 21-point surge. Carlson fumbled at the Oiler 5-yard line and defensive end Howie Long returned an interception 73 yards to set up a pair of scores.

Houston is now 2-0 and the Raiders dropped to 1-1.

Carlson, starting for Warren Moon who is out for six weeks with a shoulder injury, made his first NFL start an impressive one, completing 21 of 34 passes for 276 yards.

Carlson completed 12 of 15 passes in the first

half and then rallied the Oilers in the fourth period after completing only one pass in the third quarter.

Beuerlein completed 10 of 24 passes for 129 yards and directed the drive that put the Raiders ahead for the final time with 2:59 left. Beuerlein completed a 19-yard pass to Gault and then threw an incomplete pass to Gault in the end zone. But Patrick Allen was called for pass interference giving the Raiders a first down on the Oilers' 1-yard line.

Pinkett gained 70 yards on 22 carries as a replacement as Rozier missed the game with shoulder and ankle injuries.

Givins caught nine passes for 108 yards for the Oilers.

The Oilers overcame 15 penalties for 184 yards.

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I was just about ready to put in for a room transfer when she reached into her leather backpack, pulled out a can of Suisse Mocha and offered me a cup. Okay, I decided I'd keep an open mind.

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