

## Evert to retire after Open

NEW YORK (AP) — Chris Evert, who burst onto the tennis scene at the U.S. Open in 1971 when she reached the semifinals as a 16-year-old, says she will retire from serious competition after this year's Open.

"No more maybes. No more probablys. . . . My mind is made up. The 1989 U.S. Open will be my final tournament," Evert wrote in the Aug. 28 issue of Sports Illustrated.

Evert, 34, will still represent the United States in the Federation Cup in Tokyo in October. She and Mar-

tina Navratilova will play exhibition matches this fall and winter, and she may make a cameo appearance at a tournament in Boca Raton, Fla., where she lives.

"But as for Chris Evert, serious competitor, yes, I guess I really am outta here," she wrote.

"I don't feel the same intensity. . . . I know I've lost some confidence, and I just don't want to pay the price any more."

A native of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.,

Evert has won more matches and more tournaments than any other player, male or female. She has won the U.S. Open six times, Wimbledon three times, the Australian Open twice and the French Open a record seven times.

For 13 consecutive years, 1974-86, she won at least one Grand Slam tournament. And she holds the best record on clay of any player for any single surface with a 125-match win streak set from August 1973 to May 1979.

## Pokes release veteran Rohrer

THOUSAND OAKS, (AP) — Jeff Rohrer, a seven-year veteran linebacker, was among seven players released Tuesday by the Dallas Cowboys, the club announced.

Rohrer, a second-round draft choice from Yale in 1982, was attempting to come back from back surgery last summer that forced him to miss all of the 1988 season. He became a starter in 1985, and started all 28 games in 1986 and 1987.

He was listed as the No. 2 left outside linebacker on the latest Cow-

boys' depth chart, but only because Garry Cobb has been sidelined with a knee injury. Rohrer recovered a fumble but had no tackles Saturday in a 27-20 victory over the Los Angeles Raiders.

Rohrer said he was thankful that Cowboys coach Jimmy Johnson had released him early in camp, giving him the opportunity to catch on with another team. He added that he had approached Johnson as early as last May about a trade, saying he didn't believe he fit into the team's new de-

fensive scheme.

Everett Gay, a second-year wide receiver from Texas, was also released. Gay caught 15 passes for 205 yards and one touchdown last season.

Five free agents also were released: punter Shaun Burdick of Cincinnati; wide Stacy Hairston of Ohio Northern; running back Shawn Daniels of Bowling Green; cornerback Sean Dykes of Bowling Green; and cornerback Mark Seals of Boston University.

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