

Tennis Stands at Love-40; Losing by 'Double Fault'

By JEFF PRUGH

Big-time tennis appears doomed to self-destruction.

The game is at love-40. Rival promoters are frantically trying to fight off match point while they fight off each other. The autopsy will reveal an overdose of incompatibility, death by "double fault."

But the real loser will be the paying spectator.

Open tennis, effective Jan. 1, will be laid to rest in infancy, only 3½ years from the date when the game's brightest names — pro and amateur — were finally allowed to appear on the same marquee at the world's prestige stops: Wimbledon . . . Forest Hills . . . Paris . . . Los Angeles.

Only an 11th-hour settlement will keep the Rod Lavers, the John Newcomers and the rest of tennis' leading men on center stage at open tournaments in 1972. Such a reconciliation appears highly unlikely.

Struggle Strips Top Stars

At war are the International Lawn Tennis Federation (ILTF) and multi-millionaire Lamar Hunt's World Championship Tennis Tour (WCT).

Their bitter struggle for power already has stripped America's two richest tourneys — the U. S. Open and the Pepsi Pacific Southwest Open — of several top players, including Laver, Ken Rosewall, Roy Emerson, Fred Stolle and Cliff Drysdale. And the list of absentees will become more conspicuous next year.

A resolution passed by the ILTF last summer will bar Hunt's 33 contract pros — including Laver, Newcombe, Arthur Ashe, Ken Rosewall, Emerson, Tom Okker and Drysdale — from Wimbledon, Forest Hills and all other tournaments organized by the 93 nations affiliated with the ILTF.

The issues are varied and complicated.

Among them are guarantees for the contract pros, rules of competition, sponsorship, TV contracts and scheduling conflicts.

The upshot of the war will be a situation tantamount to a U. S. Open golf tournament without Arnold Palmer or Jack Nicklaus.

Tennis fans will be deprived of seeing the Lavers and the Newcombes in the game's most glamorous tournaments, including the 1972 Pepsi Pacific Southwest Open at the L. A. Tennis Club.

Money Problem 'Not Easy'

The promoter of that tournament, Jack Kramer, argues that the Pacific Southwest — and the other opens sanctioned by the ILTF — cannot afford to pay the more than \$200,000 in express which Hunt is seeking for his players at each tournament.

"If we make a deal with Lamar," he said, "then how much can we afford to put up in prize money? If you guarantee him \$200,000 a week, you've got to make this up—and that's not easy."

Kramer accused Hunt of trying to "take over all of tennis" at the expense of numerous traditional independent tourneys by forming his own tour with highly salaried pros.

"Lamar is like the NFL long before the merger," said Kramer. "If the kids playing tennis today want the big money, they go to him."

In response, Kramer last year tried to make the ILTF events more attractive financially to everybody — contract and independent pros. He introduced the Pepsi Grand Prix, in which players could accumulate points in each tournament toward a \$200,000 bonus pool, with a \$50,000 Masters Tourney at the end of the year.

But Hunt countered this year with a \$1 million circuit,

consisting of 20 tournaments exclusively for WCT players (each event with at least \$45,000 in prize money). The championship match will be played Nov. 26 in Dallas on national television — with \$50,000 going to the winner.

"The game has a choice to make," he said. "The people who run the independent tournaments in the cities either continue going it alone or they are bought up by Lamar. It is my feeling that tennis still needs these independent tournaments."

Kramer says his quarrel with Hunt is not personal. ("He's a nice, very pleasant guy"), just philosophical. He contends that Hunt "is more interested in control than money since money is no object with him."

"Of course, it's a free country and Lamar is entitled to

run his business," said Kramer, "but we should have the right to put him out of business, too! Who ever heard of anybody owning a complete sport? How would anybody like it if one man owned every team in the NFL? Or if every horse in all the races at Hollywood Park was owned by one man?"

Kramer says Hunt's inroads into tennis will stifle the game's growth and cripple the independent tournaments.

He strongly believes tennis should pursue a course similar to professional golf, with a PGA-type organization as a bargaining agent.

"We need such things as a Tournament Directors' Association and a commissioner for tennis," he said. "I want the tennis player to be able to make his own choice, like the

golfer does — to have his own union, to bargain with Wimbledon and Forest Hills."

For a compromise solution, Kramer has proposed a 33-tournament schedule composed of the following:

- 10 tournaments owned by Hunt
 - 10 tournaments under control of the ILTF
 - 10 tournaments under control of both factions.
- The so-called "big three" Wimbledon, Forest Hills and the French Open, which would be operated independently.

"This way," he said, "Lamar would be able to keep the peace. He'd be a hero to the game and he'd make money, too. But there's no way he should be entitled to a piece of the action in these independent tournaments."

First Canadian to Win Award

'Bargaining Power' — Jenkins

WINDSOR, Ont. (AP) — Winning the Cy Young award as the National League's outstanding pitcher is like having "a big star up there beside my name" for Ferguson Jenkins.

The Chatham, Ont., native today became the first Canadian to win a major baseball award when he was named the Cy Young winner by a panel of baseball writers.

Jenkins said in an interview here the award should strengthen his bid for a \$100,000 salary when he begins contract negotiations with Chicago Cubs.

"It gives me all the more bargaining power," he said.

"I can't blame the club owners for trying to keep a young player's contract down. If you pay him \$100,000 now, in two or three years you might have to pay him \$200,000.

"Bob Gibson didn't make \$100,000 until he was in the league for 10 years or so; neither did Ted Williams nor Willie Mays. I've only been in the league seven years."

Jenkins was a 20-game winner for the fifth straight year in 1971. But he feels the Cubs' failure to win a pennant in that span has cost him recognition.

"It means a lot to get into a World Series. Everything is centralized in a World Series and therefore there is a lot of national recognition. People put a lot of stock in World Series performances."

It is Jenkins' belief that the 1971 season was his finest.

"I had a lot more runs

scored for me this season, but I still could have won five or six more games with just one more run.

"It was my best season for wins, productive wins, inning pitched and control. The biggest things for a pitcher are control and concentration and I had both this year."

Jenkins says conditioning and a potent bat helped him pitch so many innings.

"I have never had a sore arm. Near the end of a season your arm becomes tired and you become tired mentally, but my arm has never been sore.

"I stay in a lot of games because of my bat. I won eight games last year with my own hits."

Jenkins plans to spend the winter in Chatham, where he used to be a first baseman, with his father, his wife, Kathy, and two baby daughters.

Jenkins sets his personal goals for the future high.

"Warren Spahn won 20 games six years in a row on two occasions and had 13 21-game seasons in his career. It would be a great accomplishment to surpass a super ball player like Spahn."

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Super-Star Price War

CALGARY (AP) — Scotty Munro, executive vice president of the city's franchise in the World Hockey Association, said Tuesday night he is convinced there will be a price war with the National Hockey League.

However, he said it likely would only develop where the NHL has established teams in areas the WHA has awarded franchises.

The World Association, which has scheduled its opening game for Oct. 14, 1972, in Miami, Fla., has awarded franchises to Calgary, Winnipeg, Edmonton, Miami, New York, Chicago, St. Paul, Minn., San Francisco, Los Angeles and Dayton, Ohio.

The NHL has teams in

New York, Chicago, Oakland, Los Angeles and Minnesota.

"The price war would develop over NHL superstars under one-year contracts," Munro told a news conference. "The junior player picture should be a clean situation."

Munro said two player agents attended a WHA meeting in New York and reported that more than 50 NHL players were interested in the new professional league.

Munro, coach and general manager of Calgary Centennials in the Western Canada Hockey League, said WHA teams are seeking "no more than eight and no less than five NHL players on their roster."

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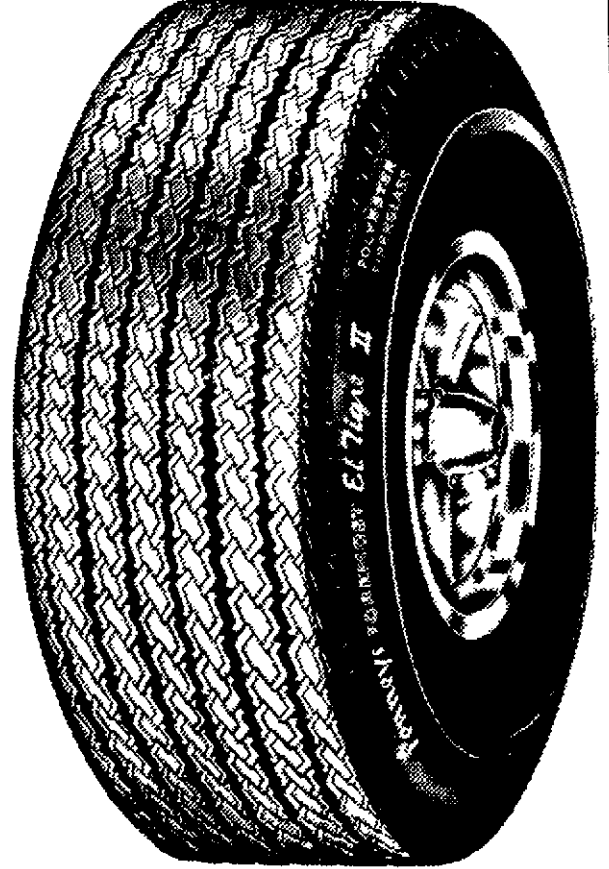
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Harriers Anticipate State Meet

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By GEORGE STRODE
Associated Press Writer

1970 Class A team title, rates the best chance since it rolled to the Akron District championship last week.

Toledo DeVilbiss, the Class AAA king a year ago, and Kansas Lakota, the 1970 Class AA champ, could not win their own districts this season.

LARGE FIELD

A field of 440 runners from 176 schools will compete over the two-mile lay-out at the OSU golf course.

The Class A team races

College Gets 'Moving' Letter

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The sports publicist at San Diego State College, Mike Ryan, didn't think twice when he read the letter, which was similar to a hundred others: "Please send me a brochure as I can't get out to your football games anymore."

But when he looked at the envelope to get an address for the brochure, he did a doubletake. The return address read: "Florida State Penitentiary, Raiford, Fla."

starts the competition at 9:30 a.m., followed by the Class AA chase at 10 a.m., the Class AAA event at 10:30 a.m. and the individual race at 11 a.m.

Worthington, one of 20 Class AAA finalists, has made the state meet for the 12th straight year. The Cardinals finished tenth in 1970.

The field will be shooting for the state meet record of 9 minutes and 26.4 seconds set 10 years ago by Andy Schramm of Cincinnati Deer Park.

STATE CROSS COUNTRY MEET At Columbus

TEAM ENTRIES
CLASS AAA — Amherst Steeple, Austintown, Fitch, Bay Village, Cincinnati Eldon, Cincinnati Indian Hills, Columbus Wheelstone, Dayton Belmont, Euclid, Kettering Fairmont East, Lancaster, Mayfield, Parma Radnor, Sandusky Springfield North, Stow, Sylvania, Tallmadge, Wadsworth, Worthington.

CLASS AA — Toledo DeVilbiss, Toledo Archon, Wayne, Bellare, Camfield, Canton Lehigh, Shagrin Falls, Circleville, Cochranton, Graham Local, Kenston, Cincinnati Loveland, Cincinnati Madeira, Marion Elgin, Ontario, Poland, Springfield Shawnee.

CLASS A — Bethel Tate, Bluffton, Caldwell, Columbus Grove, Georgetown Kent State, New Bremen, Plymouth.

Pittsburgh Offer Refused by ABA

NEW YORK (UPI) — The American Basketball Association turned down a bid by Metro Sports Limited, a Washington-based organization, to purchase the Pittsburgh Condors club.

Metro's failure to give proper assurance that it would abide by the league's bylaws, contractual obligations and its constitution was a reason given for disapproving the sale.

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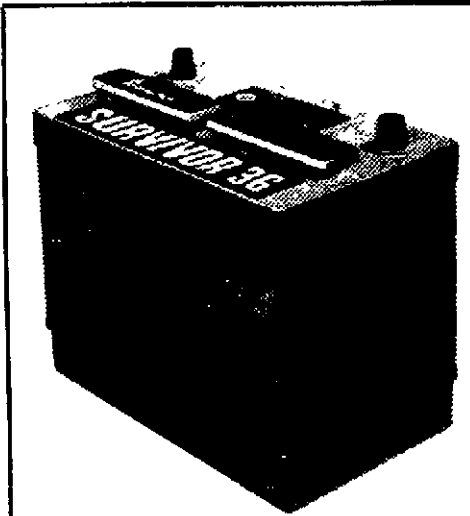
SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Larry Jansen, a former 20-game winner with the Giants, was released by San Francisco after 10 years as coach with the club. Jansen worked with four managers during that span — Alvin Dark, Herman Franks, Clyde King and Charlie Fox.



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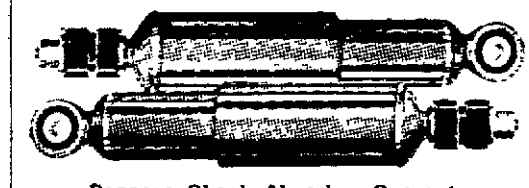


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