

'Storm the Butte' run Sunday will swarm Spencers Butte

A first ever "Storm the Butte" run will be staged this Sunday, July 8 at Spencers Butte south of Eugene.

Sponsored by the Oregon Track Club, which hopes the road run will become an annual event, the race will begin at 7 p.m. Registration will be at 6:30 at the bottom of the butte at Spencers Butte Park. An entry fee of 50 cents will be charged.

The competition of storming the butte will not be the emphasis according to the OTC. Rather, getting to the top is. And the runners may storm the butte in any manner possible: up the winding switch-back trail or up the rugged face of the butte.

Upon reaching the summit all runners will be given a "Storm the Butte" T-shirt to wear as they bask in the sunshine atop the butte while recovering from the ordeal of making it to the top.

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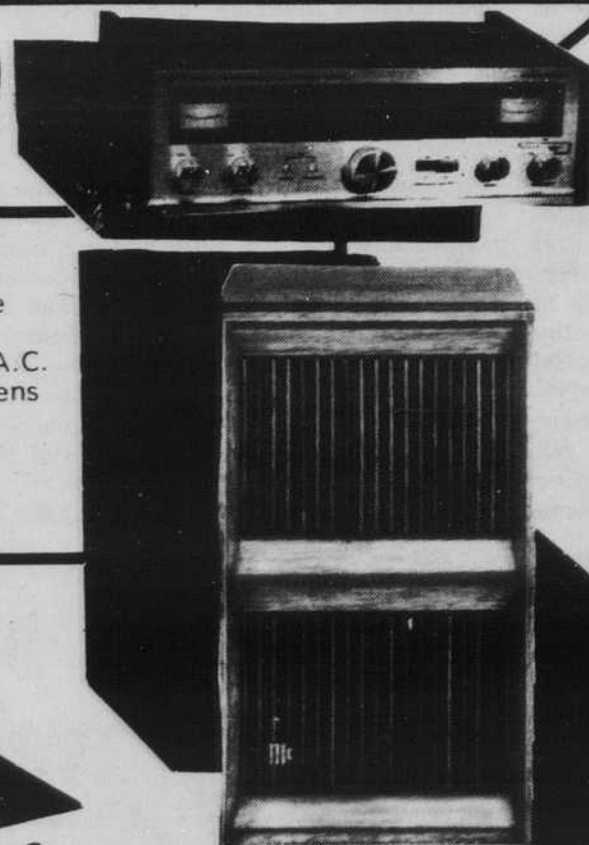


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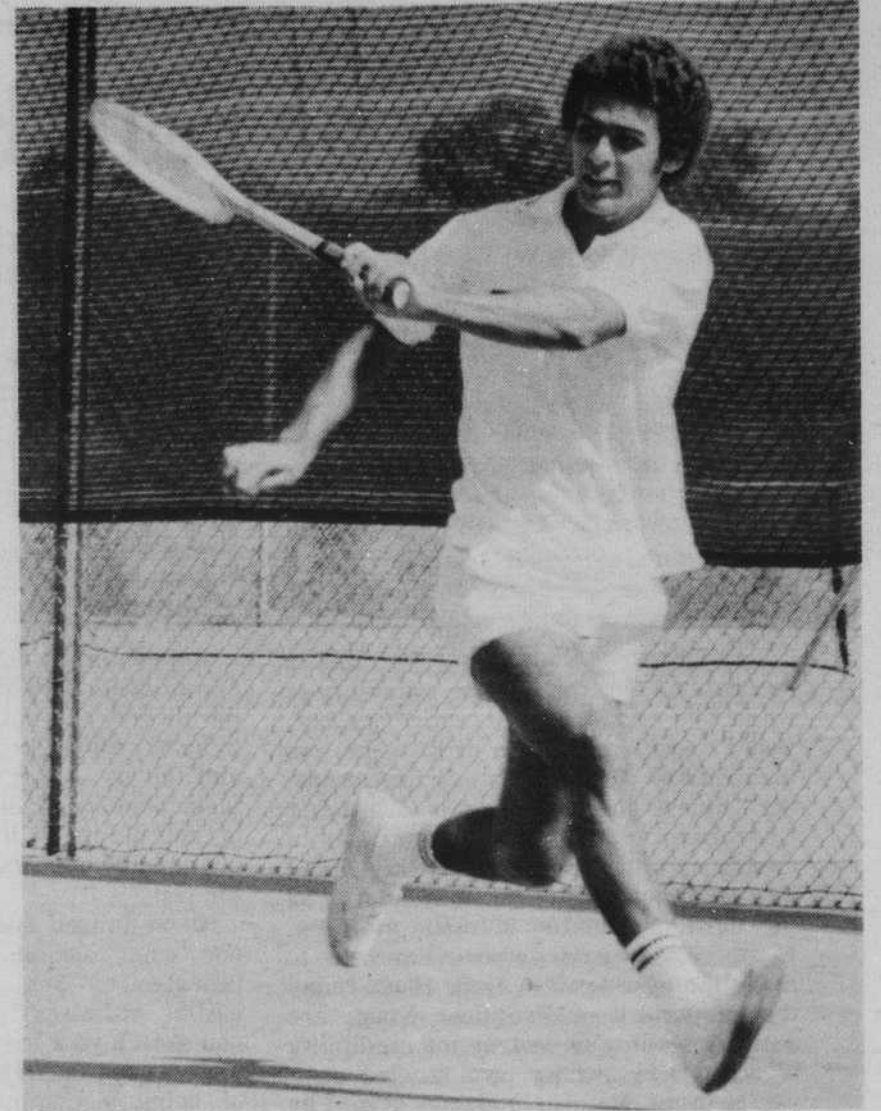


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Brazil pro cut in opener

Joao Soares of Brazil returns a volley against number two seeded Jerry Van Linge of Santa Monica in opening competition at the Eugene Swim and Tennis Club Wednesday morning. Soares lost the Pacific Northwest men's professional singles match 3-6, 6-3, 6-7.

Pro tennis tour hosted in Eugene

This is the week tennis fans normally cast their attention to Wimbledon. The tournament in England is the top tournament in the world. Wimbledon has a sacred place in sports history and annually attracts the world's best men and women tennis players. This year the men's competition is something of a joke because all but a few of the top pros have boycotted the tournament due to the banning of Nicki Pilich of Rumania.

So while Wimbledon is seeing its worst tournament in years, Eugene is seeing the best tennis ever to come to the Northwest. This weekend the Pacific Northwest Lawn Tennis Association Grand Prix comes to the Eugene Swim and Tennis Club.

Although the big names of tennis won't be on hand, tournament director Denby Mackie is extremely happy with the quality of tournament entrants. The Eugene tournament, first of five

northwest tournaments sponsored by Rainier Beer and Wilson Sporting Goods, has attracted top players from around the world. Along with some of the best players in the United States, come players from as far away as Brazil, England, and Spain. Bob Chiene, Mark Weir, Fred LaMothe, Web Hayward, and just graduated Rick Wilson. Also entered in the tournament is Jay Paulson, who is transferring to Oregon from SMU. Paulson sat out this year and is expected by some observers to be the number one player for the Ducks next year.

After a qualifying round to determine the final sixteen seeds on Tuesday, the tournament began with the opening round Wednesday, July 4. The tournament continues today and Friday, with semi-final action Saturday and finals beginning at 1:30 Sunday afternoon. During that time doubles will be played, as well as singles.

Tickets are one dollar for adults, fifty cents for 18 years and under. The Eugene Swim and Tennis Club is at 66 Crescent, off Coburg Road just north of Coburg-Bellline intersection.

Among entrants expected in the tournament earlier this week were:

Dale Knight, a professional from Seattle ranked best in the Northwest. He is a former All-American from the University of Washington and was a competitor in the 1972 Wimbledon tournament. He was also the 1972 New Zealand Doubles Champion.

Jerry Van Linge of Santa Monica, Calif., a professional ranked 55th in the U.S. and holder of many upsets over higher ranking players, including Pancho Gonzales.

All-Comers meets begin

The Oregon Track Club's successful series of All-Comers meets of last summer will be resumed starting this Thursday and Friday at Hayward Field.

Thursday evening, youngsters 12 years old and under will compete while competitors 13 and over will go on Friday evening. The meets begin at 5:30 p.m. each day.

An entry fee of 25 cents will be charged of each competitor and the fee entitles the participant to enter three events.

The meets will run each weekend through the first week of August.