

Rookie ends Sampras' hopes for Wimbledon title

WIMBLEDON, England — Defeated and dethroned, a somber Pete Sampras lingered at his court-side chair, engulfed by cheers that weren't for him.

With no trophy to collect, the seven-time champion instead picked up three sweaty towels, stuffed them into his tennis bag and slung it over his shoulder. Then, head down, Sampras slowly followed Roger Federer toward the exit, making his earliest departure at Wimbledon in 10 years.

Federer showed his former idol the door in a stunning upset Monday, winning 7-6 (7), 5-7, 6-4, 6-7 (2), 7-5. The fourth-round thriller ended Sampras' remarkable reign — at least for the moment.

"You know something so great isn't going to last forever," Sampras

said. "Today I just came up a little bit short."

Sampras had won 31 consecutive Wimbledon matches and 56 of his last 57. The defeat, his first at the All England Club since a quarterfinal loss to Richard Krajicek in 1996, ended his bid for a record-tying fifth consecutive title.

The result also marked a breakthrough for the 19-year-old Federer in his Centre Court debut. The Swiss youngster has been considered a potential Grand Slam champion since winning the Wimbledon juniors title three years ago.

Sampras, who turns 30 next month, hasn't won a tournament since Wimbledon last year and hasn't reached a Grand Slam quarterfinal in 2001. The latest defeat will be cited as further evidence of his

decline, but he dismissed the suggestion retirement might be near.

"Let's not get carried away," he said. "I plan on being back for many years. There's no reason to panic and think that I can't come back here and win here again. I feel like I can always win here."

The departure of the top-seeded Sampras creates an opening for Andre Agassi, Patrick Rafter and Marat Safin, who all advanced to the quarterfinals. Wednesday's pairings are set, excluding one unfinished fourth-round match. American Todd Martin led Britain's Tim Henman 7-6 (3), 6-7 (5), 6-4 when play was suspended because of darkness.

The winner will face the 15th-seeded Federer, suddenly a title threat. The highest-seeded player left in his half of the draw is Safin at No. 4.

Although 32 of the world's best players were in action on a warm, muggy day, there was little excitement until Sampras and Federer took the court.

Sampras held a set point in the opening tiebreaker, but Federer erased it with a service winner. Sampras lost the set four points later when he dumped an easy backhand into the net, and the battle was on.

Wearing a bandanna and ponytail, Federer looks nothing like Sampras but plays with the same stylish ease and seems comfortable at the net, which is unusual for a teenager. Much of the time the Swiss youngster had the better serve, and he confidently closed out the third set with three consecutive service winners and an ace that kicked up chalk.

Sampras played his best tennis in the final two sets, cranking serves up to 136 mph and looking like the champion of old at the net.

At 4-4 in the final set he held two break points, but Federer erased one with a volley and the other with a sizzling forehand. That was Sampras' last chance to pull out a victory.

Serving in the final game, he misplayed two volleys and fell behind 15-40. Federer then cracked a return winner — something he had done repeatedly over the previous three hours — and fell to his knees with glee before keeling over onto the turf. Soon he had tears in his eyes.

"This match will give me as much confidence as I can get," Federer said. "This is the biggest win of my life."

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up the closer butte. About a quarter mile into the hike, a trail junction guides users to the different options.

If you choose to approach Eagle's Rest, watch out for mountain bikers descending the trail. The trail travels through rolling terrain for the first three to four miles until it crosses Goodman Creek, where it climbs rapidly toward Eagle's Rest and becomes too steep to bike. The trail eventually joins the Hardesty Mountain Trail that starts at the trailhead for Mount June, also off Highway 58 but farther west. With a shuttle, this is a good way to avoid the out-and-back nature of the Goodman Creek Trail.

Overnight

For those with reliable transportation and a day or two to spend, Central Oregon and the playgrounds of the high desert are two to three hours east of Eugene.

Smith Rock, about 30 miles north of Bend on Highway 97, attracts climbers, hikers and mountain bikers year-round. There are nearly 1,000 known rock-climbing

routes at Smith Rock, ranging in difficulty from level 4 to 5.12.

With a desert climate and mostly sunny weather, Smith Rock is dry even when the Cascades are soggy or snowed over.

Heavy use of Smith Rock has forced park officials to create and enforce an elaborate set of user rules and regulations, as well as collect day-use fees.

Not a climber? Fly fishers are attracted to the pristine Metolius River, just east of Santiam Pass on Highway 126. The area features a trail that meanders along the river, which provides fishers with excellent river access. When not too heavily used, this is a welcome alternative to the commercial feel of hatcheries.

Among many other Central Oregon highlights, the Three Sisters Wilderness, with its sparkling lakes and blooming alpine meadows rising from the tree line, should attract mountaineers, campers and day hikers alike.

The South Sister — the third-tallest peak in Oregon at 10,358 feet — is a 5.5-mile hike that is easy for the inexperienced hiker. The Middle and North Sisters and Broken Top are more techni-



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Many fun and functional plants await those who venture past Eugene's city limits for a hike along one of Oregon's many trails.

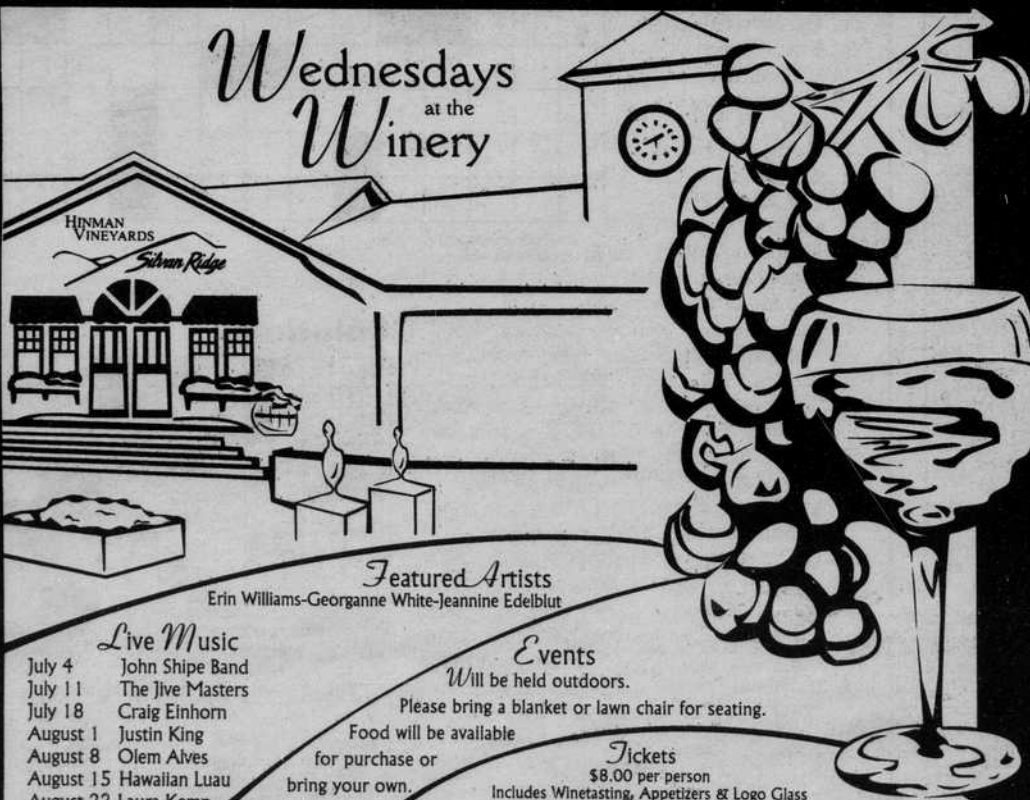
cal to scale and require mountaineering gear. Still, solo mountaineers have ascended all these peaks in one day.

When traveling in the back country, everyone should carry enough gear to survive bad weather and unexpected experi-

ences, no matter how short or long the trip is. Necessary gear includes: extra food and water, a first-aid kit, matches in a sealed container, warm clothes, a rain coat, a water filter or purifier, topographic maps, a compass and a can opener.

All vehicles, as well as mountain bikes and motor boats, are off-limits in wilderness areas. Users need to buy trail passes, which are available at any ranger station, all U.S. Forest Service stations and at several sporting-goods stores.

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