

SPORTS BRIEFS

New \$40 million stadium project

The Bengals will be playing football in Cincinnati well into the 21st century, agreeing to contribute more than \$40 million to a project unveiled today by Hamilton County officials.

The agreement ended intense negotiations over the last six months, a period that saw Bengals owner Mike Brown suggest moving the team to several new locations, including Baltimore and Los Angeles.

Raptors sign Marcus Camby

Marcus Camby, the second overall pick in the NBA draft, officially became a member of the Toronto Raptors today with the pressure of bringing a second straight Rookie of the Year award north of the border.

Red Sox C Stanley out for year

The Boston Red Sox lost a major part of their wild-card push today as catcher Mike Stanley was diagnosed with a herniated disk in his neck and will undergo surgery, ending his season.

But they may gain slugger Jose Canseco, who today took batting practice in hopes of returning for the American League pennant race. Canseco, out since late July with back problems, said he would meet with manager Kevin Kennedy and general manager Dan Duquette to set up a timetable for his return.

Jason Bere to undergo elbow surgery

Less than a week after making his first appearance in almost four months, Chicago White Sox right-hander Jason Bere will undergo season-ending surgery on his right elbow, the club announced today.

Boris Becker retires with achy wrist

Boris Becker of Germany, sidelined for 11 weeks, was forced to retire from his first-round match today at the \$467,860 Romanian Open in Bucharest when he aggravated his injured right wrist.

Becker, who entered the tournament as a wild card, was playing his first tournament since he strained his right wrist in a third-round match at Wimbledon.

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SAMPRAS TOPS CHANG, GRAF DEFEATS SELES IN U.S. OPEN

Top seed and defending champion Pete Sampras blasted his way past second seeded fellow American Michael Chang in straight sets today to win the U.S. Open Tennis Championship for the fourth time and retain his number one world ranking.

Sampras needed less than two hours to defeat Chang, 6-1, 6-4, 7-6 (7-3), in the 19th and final men's championship match to be played at Louis Armstrong Stadium at the National Tennis Center in New York.

Earlier, top seed and defending champion Steffi Graf of Germany won her fifth U.S. Open tennis championship, outslugging second seed Monica Seles of the United States, 7-5, 6-4 in a battle between the top two world's women players.

Graf captured her 21st career Grand Slam singles title and her 101st career title as she improved her record this year to 45-3, including a 15-1 record on hard courts. Seles, a nine-

time Grand Slam champion, is now 37-5, with a 19-2 record on hard courts.

Sampras, who takes home home first prize money of \$600,000, won his eighth overall Grand Slam championship.

He also won a Grand Slam title for the fourth consecutive year. Sampras, who had won two Grand Slams in each of the past three years, had been shut out this year.

"This definitely saved my year," said Sampras. "The first two sets — I played about as well as I could. I got off to a great start, set the tone. It wasn't a bad year, but this will definitely make the rest of the '96 season very enjoyable to play."

Sampras said he thought of his former coach, Tim Gullikson, when the match ended. Gullikson died earlier this year at the age of 44 of brain cancer.

"Mike is such a good competitor that I never felt I had him until match

point," said Sampras.

Sampras had 13 aces, seven of them in the opening set, 46 winners and 23 unforced errors.

Chang managed 11 aces but had only 34 winners overall and 18 unforced errors.

Graf broke in the opening game of the second set and Seles could never battle back. Graf went up 40-0 in the final game, surrendered one point and won it on her second match point opportunity.

"I saved the best for last," said Graf. "I served and played incredibly well and I made few unforced errors. I think I played my best today."

"I started to take more time. I was really nervous at the start of the second set and I wanted to calm down and be ready for every point, concentrate where I wanted to hit it, and I did that really well."

Seles said Graf simply outplayed her.

"I think her record speaks for itself — she is a great player. She is constantly winning Grand Slam tournaments. She is still very young, so she has a lot more in her. She is a great player and a great athlete. When you have that combination, it is tough to play against anybody like that."

Seles feels Graf has proven over the last year that she is the dominant player in the world.

"Steffi is clearly number one," said Seles. "Everybody can see that. She has won three Grand Slams. I think who does well in the Grand Slams — those tournaments, in my mind at least, determine who is the number one player. And this year, I think it clearly has been Steffi."

Graf and Seles staged a memorable three-set final last year, with Graf emerging as the winner. Today's meeting was the first between the two since last year's final.

Graf is now 8-4 lifetime against Seles, with Graf winning three of the

last five matches.

Eight of their 12 matches have been in Grand Slam events, with Graf holding a 5-3 edge. They have met six times in Grand Slam finals, with both taking three titles.

Sampras and Chang have met 18 times as professionals, with Sampras now holding an 11-7 edge.

Sampras has been dominant in recent meetings, winning nine of the last 10 matches.

Earlier, Chang crushed 1995 finalist Andre Agassi of the United States in straight sets.

Today's final marked the first repeat of finalists in the U.S. Open since 1983-84, when Martina Navratilova defeated Chris Evert in consecutive years.

It was also the 10th consecutive U.S. Open final in which either Graf or Seles has been involved.

The last time neither was in the final was in 1986 when Navratilova defeated Helena Sukova.

ONE-SHOT VICTORY SENDS HART TO WIN PGA OPEN

Dudley Hart picked up his first career PGA Tour victory with a one-shot victory today at the weather-shortened \$1.5 million Canadian Open at the Glen Abbey Golf Club in Oakville, Ontario.

Hart, who was a four-time All-America at the University of Florida, fired a final-round 2-under par 70 to finish at 14-under 202.

Hart, who earned \$270,000 for the victory, posted his second top-10 finish of the year in only his ninth tournament. He is the 10th first-time winner on the Tour this season.

David Duval carded a 3-under 69

to finish at 13-under for his sixth top-10 finish this year.

Hart entered the final hole one shot ahead of Duval, who had completed his round with a three-foot birdie putt on the par-5, 508-yard 18th hole. Hart two-putted to within 25 feet of the cup and sank a three-foot par putt to preserve the victory.

Hart had a bogey-free round, with birdies on the eighth and 16th holes.

"On 18, I knew David (Duval) had birdied, so I didn't want to do anything stupid," said Hart. "I knew par would win. Once I had the lead, it didn't affect me. I don't know why. I was able to just stick with picking my targets and staying within myself."

Duval birdied four holes, all from within 12 feet, and bogeyed the par-5, 529-yard 13th hole.

"I played well and I hit it where I

wanted to," said Duval, who also finished second at the Memorial in June. "I just didn't make as many putts as I needed to. On 18, I felt like I had to make eagle to have a chance. It's a hard hole to eagle but not to par."

Michael Bradley, who started the day five shots back, carded a 72 to finish in sole possession of sixth place at 10-under.

The tournament was reduced to 54 holes for the first time in its history after Hurricane Fran forced the cancellation of the third round.

Twenty-year-old Tiger Woods, playing his second tournament as a professional, carded a 68 to finish six shots off the pace at 8-under 208. He earned \$37,500.

Mark O'Meara, the defending champion, shot a final-round 72 to finish at 5-under 211.

ALBERTO COSTA ADVANCES

Top seed Alberto Costa of Spain cruised past Michael Geserer of Germany, 6-0, 6-3, in opening-round action today at the inaugural \$369,370 Bourne-mouth Open in England.

Costa, a claycourt specialist, is coming off a first-round defeat at the U.S. Open, a hardcourt surface.

He is currently ranked 15th in the world after capturing titles at the Swiss Open in July and in San Marino, Italy in August, defeating Spaniard Felix Mantilla in the final.

GYMNASTICS CHAMPS COMING

The conclusion of the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta marks the beginning of the John Hancock 1996 Tour of World Gymnastics Championships for the rest of America.

A 30-city arena tour starring American and World Olympic team gymnasts in two-hour live exhibition performances will take place and include a November 9th show at 7pm at the Rose Garden.

A cast starring 15 of the world's greatest Olympic gymnasts including: Dominiques Dawes, Shannon Miller, Dominique Moceanu, John Roethlisberger, Kurt Thomas, Kim Zemeskal, Jaycie Phelps, Amanda Borden, Kerri Strug, and others, will perform on the tour.

Men's activities will include the high bar, parallel bars, still rings, the floor exercise and the pommel horse.

Women's disciplines will include the floor exercise, uneven parallel bars and the balance beam.

In addition, Rhythmic Gymnas-

tics will also be performed.

Shannon Miller is the most decorated American gymnast, winning more Olympic (five) and World Champion (nine) medals than any other American gymnast, male or female, in history. Shannon is the current U.S. national champion.

Dominique Moceanu, at 14 years old, is the 1995 national champion.

Dominique Dawes is a four-time World Championship Team Member, a 1992 Olympian and the 1994 U.S. national champion.

John Roethlisberger has won four All-Around national championship titles, is a three-time NCAA champion and was named "Athlete of the Year" in 1990, 1992, 1993, 1994, and 1995 by his teammates.

Tickets are on sale now for the November 9th performance at the Rose Garden at 7 pm. Tickets are available at the Rose Quarter Ticket Office and all Ticketmaster Ticket Centers or by calling (503) 224-4400.

HOOP IT UP '96

The Hoop-It-Up World Tour—the official 3-on-3 street basketball tournament of the NBA—comes to Tom McCall Waterfront Park in Portland on Saturday, September 21 and Sunday 22.

Entry fee is \$92 per team (\$108/Top Gun competition).

Each team is guaranteed at least three games, and proceeds benefit Portland Parks and Recreation.

Basketball-themed contests and special events, including the new Gatorade's Michael Jordan Experience, are open to players and spectators alike.

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NBA'S NEW 96-97 SEASON SCHEDULE

Oct. 4-Training camps open.
Oct. 10-28-Exhibition season.

Oct. 31-Opening day rosters set.

Nov. 1-Start of 1996-97 season.

Jan. 10-All player contracts guaranteed for full season; 10-day contracts may be signed.

Feb. 7-9-All-Star Weekend, Cleveland.

Feb. 20-Trading deadline.

April 20-Regular season ends.

April 21-Playoff rosters set by 3 p.m. EDT.

April 24-Playoffs begin.

May 18- Draft lottery.
June 25- NBA draft, Charlotte, N.C.

TOP 20 NBA PLAYER CONTRACTS

Approximate three-year contract values for 1996 first-round draft choices, based on the rookie salary scale (x-signed, y-rights renounced, signed as a free agent by L.A. Lakers.):

1. Allen Iverson, Philadelphia, \$9.3 million.
2. Marcus Camby, Toronto, \$8.4 million.
3. x-Shareef Abdur-Rahim, Vancouver, \$7.5 million.
4. x-Stephon Marbury, Minnesota, \$6.8 million.
5. x-Ray Allen, Milwaukee, \$6.1 million.
6. x-Antoine Walker, Boston, \$5.6 million.
7. x-Lorenzen Wright, L.A. Clippers, \$5.1 million.
8. x-Kerry Kittles, New Jersey, \$4.6 million.
9. x-Samaki Walker, Dallas,

- \$4.3 million.
10. x-Erick Dampier, Indiana, \$4 million.
11. x-Todd Fuller, Golden State, \$3.8 million.
12. x-Vitaly Potapenko, Cleveland, \$3.6 million.
13. x-Kobe Bryant, Charlotte, \$3.5 million.
14. Predrag Stojakovic, Sacramento, \$3.3 million.
15. x-Steve Nash, Phoenix, \$3.1 million.
16. x-Tony Delk, Charlotte, \$3 million.
17. x-Jermaine O'Neal, Portland, \$2.8 million.
18. x-John Wallace, New York, \$2.7 million.
19. x-Walter McCarty, New York, \$2.6 million.
20. x-Zydrunas Ilgauskas, Cleveland, \$2.5 million.

GOLF INVITATIONAL SUPPORTS WORTHY CAUSE

You and your favorite golf clubs could be standing among the colorful trees at the prestigious Oregon Golf Club this fall. Player slots and sponsorships are still available in City of Hope's 2nd Annual Oregon Golf Invitational and Auction on Monday, September 30.

Join in the fall fun—a perfect opportunity to see the trees in their fall splendor—and benefit the City of Hope National Medical Center and Beckman Research Institute.

The outing is sponsored by City of Hope's Pacific Northwest Food Industries Circle Executive Committee. To register, call City of Hope at 206/646-9530.

There are three entry level fees available:

-**Entry Fee, \$300:** includes 18 holes of golf, a shared cart, lunch, a tee prize and two tickets to dinner and the live and silent auctions.

-**Tee Sponsorship Fee, \$850:** includes 18 hole of golf for two, a cart, a tee sign, special recognition, a half page ad in the Harvest Ball Journal, lunch, tee prize and four tickets to

dinner and the live and silent auctions.

-**Major Sponsor Fee, \$1850:** includes 18 holes of golf for four, carts, tee sign, special recognition, a full page ad in the Harvest Ball Journal, tee prizes and eight tickets to dinner and the live and silent auctions.

There will also be contests, including a longest drive and closest to the pin contest, with wonderful prizes awarded from local vendors. A golf clinic begins at 11:15 am, followed by a noon lunch. The shotgun start takes place at 1:45 pm and the evening of dinner and auctions kicks off at 7 pm.

The City of Hope National Medical Center and Beckman Research Institute, is renowned for its treatment and research to combat leukemia and other forms of cancer, diabetes, HIV/AIDS and other life-threatening illnesses. By collaborating on projects with medical leaders across the country, City of Hope physicians and scientist are able to find treatment and cures for major illnesses.