

SPORTS

BRIEFS

Milton named AL Player of the Week

SPORTS TICKET
NEW YORK (Ticker)—In a week of dazzling pitching performances, Eric Milton of the Minnesota Twins had the best of all. Milton, who tossed the fourth no-hitter in Minnesota Twins history Saturday, today was named American League Player of the Week for the period ending Sunday. Milton, acquired prior to last season from the New York Yankees in the deal that sent Chuck Knoblauch to the Bronx, retired the final 18 batters.

Uruguayans Bid Farewell to CART Driver Killed in Practice

The crash occurred Saturday in Monterey, Calif., where Rodriguez died of massive head and neck injuries, authorities for the CART Indy-car FedEx Series said. Rodriguez was approaching the famed corkscrew turn on the road course at Laguna Seca Raceway when his brakes locked and his car hurtled off the track, struck a tire barrier and slammed into a concrete wall behind the tires, then launched in the air before landing upside down. After Saturday's accident, team owner Roger Penske withdrew his team, including veteran driver Al Unser Jr., from the event. The crashed stunned Uruguayans and dominated newspaper and television coverage. "We will never forget you," read one banner hoisted at a sports stadium after word of the crash spread.

Hal Sutton Wins Canadian Open

BY DOUG FERGUSON
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OAKVILLE, Ontario (AP) - With a six-stroke lead that looked like it would get even larger, Hal Sutton blasted another perfect drive down the middle of the 11th fairway at the Canadian Open and put on a game face that belongs in a sudden-death playoff. Sutton finished at 275 for the widest margin of victory in the Canadian Open since Curtis Strange won by three strokes in 1987.

"I hit a couple of real good iron shots, and he hit a couple of bad shots, and that's where the whole thing turned around," said Sutton, who earned \$450,000.

McGwire Sits with Injured Left Groin

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ST. LOUIS (AP) - Mark McGwire missed a chance to gain on Sammy Sosa in the home-run race Tuesday, sitting out with an injured left groin.

"He's still got a little pinch in there," manager Tony La Russa said. "If I had to bet a dollar, I'd say Friday" as the Cardinals are off Thursday. With 55 homers, McGwire was four behind Sosa. He finished four ahead of Sosa in his record 70-homer season last year.

Open Champs Bring Life Back to Tennis

By STEVE WILSTEIN
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NEW YORK (Sept. 13)—One of the most memorable images of the U.S. Open is Serena Williams launching herself toward the net for a volley, her legs spread wide far above the court, her racket high, poised to strike.

In that moment of attack, when the light glints off her taut, thick muscles and her face is filled with voracious delight, she resembles no one so much as Michael Jordan on a fastbreak, tongue wagging as he leaps to dunk the ball.

Williams brought a new level of athleticism to women's tennis in her surge to the Open title Saturday, just as Martina Navratilova did in the early 1980s and Steffi Graf did later that decade.

More than that, the 17-year-old Williams and her big sister Venus, a finalist at the same age two years ago who, no doubt, will be a champion herself someday, brought a new level of interest to tennis.

That interest goes beyond the obvious, the hundreds of black fans suddenly sitting in a crowd that had always been a sea of white faces. Even if there were thousands of black fans, as well there might be in years to come that



Serena Williams' upset of No. 1 Monica Hingis made for excitement in the women's final. (AP)

change would be little more than superficial.

What the Williams sisters brought goes deeper. Their success, their unabashed cockiness, their youthful coolness from the beads in their hair to their revealing dresses, is capturing millions

of young people, black and white, who might never have paid attention to the sport.

One indication: The television ratings for the women's final between Serena Williams and Martina Hingis were up 92 percent over last year, when another American, Lindsay Davenport, beat Hingis.

Unlike the 1950s when Althea Gibson shook tennis with her triumphs at Wimbledon and the formerly whites only West Side Tennis Club in Forest Hills, there is an opportunity now for tennis to broaden its

roots to include players of all races.

That is precisely the goal of the U.S. Tennis Association's inner city program, the Arthur Ashe Foundation and John McEnroe, the new U.S. Davis Cup coach who is bound to add his own charisma to the resurgence in tennis.

Andre Agassi's Super Summer

The French Open title to complete a career Grand Slam, the runner-up finish at Wimbledon, the U.S. Open championship Sunday — is also one of the best things that could have happened to the sport.

For all of Pete Sampras' talent and his 12 Grand Slam titles, he's never ignited the passion of fans the way the flamboyant Agassi does. Now that Agassi is back, winning the majors and No. 1 in the rankings again, tennis has a champion who also is among the most popular athletes in the country and the world.

Tennis is among the most international of sports, with four events all

over the globe. The rankings in the men's and women's game are filled with players from every continent.

McEnroe and others blamed the injuries on the nearly year-round season, the ranking system that encourages players to appear in more tournaments and the emphasis on ever more power in the game.

Whatever the causes, the injuries to Sampras, Patrick Rafter, Mark Philippoussis and seven other players during the Open hurt the tournament.

Agassi's victory wasn't cheapened by their absence, but there was a dimension of excitement that was missing on the days he didn't play.



Jefferson High's Football team gears up for 1999-2000 season. Photo by M. Washington

Holmgren/Seahawks Debut Spoiled

By JIM COUR
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SEATTLE (AP) - The Detroit Lions showed they can run the ball without Barry Sanders, and pass it without Herman Moore. They also showed they can win without both of them.

"Anytime someone loses a player, the guy replacing him wants to show that he can really run the ball," new Seattle Seahawks coach Mike Holmgren said after the Lions' 28-20 victory on Sunday. "They did."

"This was a big challenge to recover from the loss of Herman and not having Barry," said Detroit's Germane Crowell, who caught two of three touchdown passes from Charlie Batch.

The Lions upset the Seahawks without the ser-

vices of the retired Sanders and without a reception from Moore, who was lost because of an injury in the first quarter.

"Not many people gave us an opportunity to win," said Moore, who is expected to be sidelined for about four weeks because of a

sprained left knee. "This is the most enjoyable win that I've been associated with in a while."

The Lions ruined Holmgren's coaching debut for a franchise that made him the highest paid coach in the NFL in January when it lured him out of Green Bay.

NFL Scores

Detroit 28	Seattle 20
Jacksonville 41	San Francisco 3
Chicago 20	Kansas City 17
Tennessee 36	Cincinnati 35
St. Louis 27	Baltimore 10
Indianapolis 31	Buffalo 14
Green Bay 28	Oakland 24
New Orleans 19	Carolina 10
Arizona 25	Philadelphia 24
New England 30	New York Jets 28
Dallas 41	Washington 35
Minnesota 17	Atlanta 14
New York Giants 17	Tampa Bay 13
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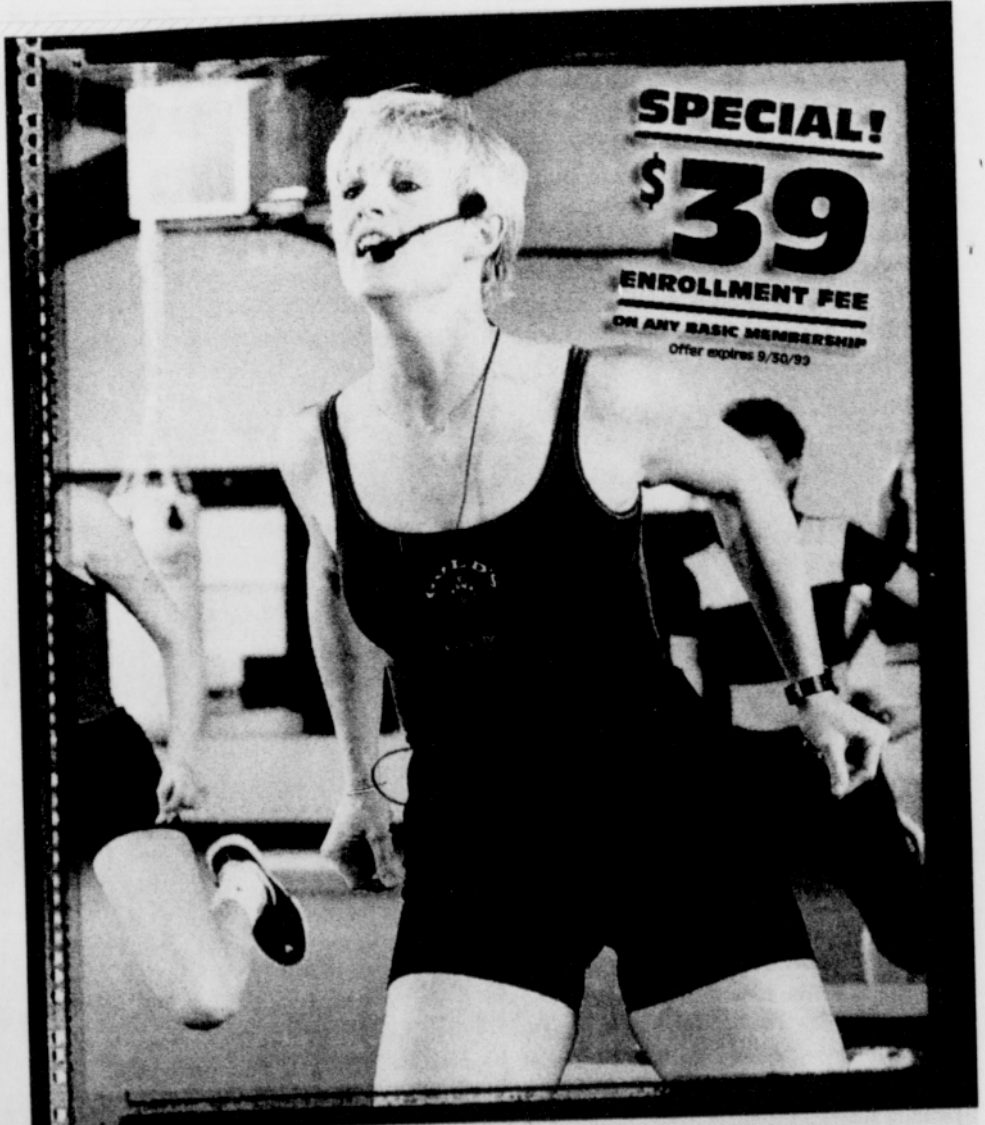
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