Austin trips Navratilova for second Open crown

NEW YORK (AP) — Tracy Austin overcame swirling winds and Martina Navratilova's devastating serve and volley Saturday to capture her second U.S. Open women's singles crown.

And she overcame all three with a patented baseline game that carried her to a 1-6, 7-6, 7-6 victory.

Earlier in the day, defending men's champion John McEnroe, the top seed, shook off an ankle injury to outlast No. 15 Vitas Gerulaitis, 5-7, 6-3, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3, and move into today's final (3 p.m., WISC-TV, Ch. 3) against second-seeded Bjorn Borg of Sweden, who beat No. 4 Jimmy Connors, 6-2, 7-5, 6-4, in the day's final match.

Borg, who struggled in overcoming Connors at Wimbledon, cruised past the American with relative ease, apparently unbothered by a reported death threat.

Austin, 18, who became the youngest singles champion in the history of America's premier tennis event when she won her first title in 1979, said, "I think this means more to me than the first one. At 16, everything came too fast. . . . I think I was too young to realize how important it was."

The loss, however, crushed the hopes of Navratilova, who broke down as she received a standing ovation at the awards ceremony immediately following the match.

Navratilova, who has won Wimbledon twice, defected from her native Czechoslovakia following the 1975 Open and became a naturalized U.S. citizen a little over a month ago. This was the first time she had reached the tournament final.

Tracy Austin

"I tried too hard," Navratilova said. "It would have meant so much more to win it (the U.S. Open) as an American. But it didn't turn out that way.

"Next year."

Navratilova began the match as if she would crush Austin, who pocketed in excess of $60,000, easily, winning 10 of the first 11 points with her powerful serve and accurate volleys.

"I thought she really had me after the first set," Austin said. "She came on like gangbusters. She came out of the blocks really fast.

"The first set, I was going really fast," she said. "I was hitting extremely short. I didn't get a rhythm."

But the teenager from Rolling Hills, Calif., finally found that rhythm and fought back with her own game, drilling shot after shot from the baseline, repeatedly passing Navratilova whenever the left-hander ventured to the net.

Yet it came down to two tiebreakers — a best-of-12-points formula that would seem to favor the big server.

Austin made it her own territory, capturing the first, 7-4, then sweeping to victory in the second, 7-1. Navratilova double-faulted on the final point.

"When you want something to happen so bad, you freeze out there," Navratilova said. "And I froze out there a couple points. I tried so hard.

"I had a problem putting her away. I guess I'm going to have to play better when I'm ahead."

Austin's victory was made sweeter since she had been sidelined for almost four months earlier this year with a lower back injury. She returned to the women's tour in May, but skipped the French Open, the first of the Grand Slam tournaments, before winning at Eastbourne, England, and reaching the quarterfinals at Wimbledon.

The McEnroe-Gerulaitis match ended in controversy as McEnroe's winning cross-court overhead landed on the sideline. Gerulaitis disagreed with the linesman and umpire, and as McEnroe stood at the net ready to shake hands, Gerulaitis was standing at the sideline, pointing his racket to a spot just outside the court.

Gerulaitis then stormed the umpire's chair, uttering profanities which were picked up by both the umpire's microphone and CBS-TV's microphone.

"It's unfortunate to end a match like that," McEnroe said.

"I wasn't robbed," Gerulaitis said afterward. "I'm not saying I would have won the next point . . . but he (McEnroe) was getting very tight."

Gerulaitis broke McEnroe in the 12th game to capture the opening set, but McEnroe came right back, breaking Gerulaitis in the opening game of the second set.

In the third game, leading 2-0, McEnroe became visibly upset when, during a rally which Gerulaitis won, a ball at McEnroe's feet appeared to be long. It was the game winning point and McEnroe stared at the linesman before making the changeover.

But McEnroe pulled even at a set each when he broke Gerulaitis again in the ninth game, dropping only one point.

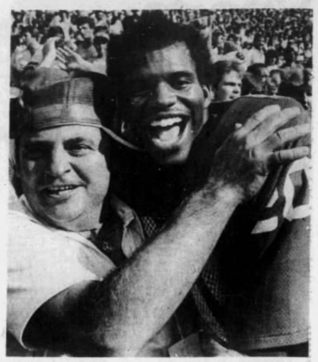
By the third set, McEnroe found the range with his passing shots, hitting lines and running Gerulaitis all over the court. McEnroe's quickness and foot and hand speed also came into play as he recovered several times to turn seemingly impossible shots into winners.

Gerulaitis was later fined $750 for "verbal abuse of an official" by the Men's International Professional Tennis Council.

Borg's booming serve produced 14 aces under the lights against Connors. It was most productive in the sixth game of the second set when, down love-40, the Swede snapped off three straight aces to pull to deuce.

He hit a fourth ace when Connors had another break point, then won the next two points on a backhand winner and a service winner.

Borg broke Connors, a three-time champion here, in the first and fifth games of the first set.



Cheering on Wisconsin

Fans, coaches, players, vendors, cheerleaders, band members. Every last soul cheering for the University of Wisconsin football team got in on the celebration Saturday at Camp Randall Stadium as the Badgers shocked Michigan, 21-14. Wisconsin flanker Thad McFadden and an unidentified fan share a moment of elation as a backdrop of thousands of fans share in the joy after the final gun had sounded, shooting down Michigan's hopes to stave off the upset bid.

— State Journal photos by L. Roger Turner

Dave Mohapp (28) celebrates and Carlton Walker (74) observes as Chucky Davis scores touchdown No. 2 for UW.

Badgers pull off ultimate upset

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screen pass from a shotgun formation to tailback John Williams, who outran the Michigan defense after getting a crunching block from flanker Marvin Neal.

"After those first three guys threw those blocks (Carlton Walker, Bob Winckler and Ron Versnik), it was really good," Williams said of his 71-yard touchdown. "I sprinted up the field and had a lineman in front of me.

"I was just weaving back and forth from his (Neal's) left shoulder to his right to see how the block was gonna come out. I cut back to the inside and two other guys started after me. Marvin Neal just cleaned 'em up for me."

A happy Neal said of his key block, "I sacrificed my body. I just laid my body out there and tried to get as many as I could. I got two or three, I don't know."

Michigan scored first after recovering Dave Keeling's fumbled punt on Wisconsin's 33 with 12:06 left in the second quarter. Quarterback Steve Smith guided the Wolverines to the end zone in six plays, including all-American Anthony Carter's only reception of the game, an 11-yard gain on the first play.

Smith scored on a keeper around right end and Haji-Sheikh booted the first of his two conversions.

That kind of break might have cracked some recent Wisconsin teams, although the Badgers did falter for a few minutes. And Brian Carpenter soon returned a David Greenwood punt 48 yards to Wisconsin's 24.

Here the Badger defense stiffened and Krumrie sacked Smith for a seven-yard loss on third down, forcing a Haji-Sheikh field-goal try from the 37, which failed. He also missed a 41-yard attempt during the scoreless first quarter.

Cole then led the Badgers 71 yards in seven plays, including his scrambling pass out of another shotgun formation to tailback Chucky Davis, who wasn't corralled until reaching Michigan's 41.

An interference penalty gave Wisconsin a first down on Michigan's 28 and three plays later Cole sailed a picture pass to Neal in the southeast corner of the end zone over Carpenter for 17 yards and a touchdown. It marked the first score for Wisconsin against Michigan since 1976. During that stretch the Wolverines outscored the Badgers, 176-0. More history!

The first of Mark Doran's three conversions tied the score at 7-7 with 3:47 left in the first half. Incredibly, Cole engineered a go-ahead touchdown before the half with Davis lunging over from the one with two seconds left on the clock.

Davis, voted the outstanding player of the game by members of the media, accounted for 29 of the drive's 55 yards on four carries, and Cole's 14-yard pass to freshman split end Michael Jones put the Badgers in scoring position on the three with 26 seconds on the clock.

There was some concern that time would run out aftrer two runs failed, but Cole remained cool, regrouped his team without a huddle and sent Davis hurtling over the right side of the line.

"I knew what was going on," Cole assured everyone afterward. "First, I couldn't go anywhere. I hollered, 'At the line! At the line!' I'd already called two plays in the huddle. And that was a nice run by Chucky. He had to run over a guy to get in."

Doran's conversion sent the Badger into halftime with a 14-7 lead and left Wisconsin partisans on this sunny, windless day drained of emotion during Michael Leckrone's halftime band performance.

Woolfolk took some heart out of the fans with his game-tying run early in the second half, but it didn't faze the Badgers, who bounced right back with Williams' touchdown in their next possession.

Wisconsin missed a chance for more points early in the final period, when Cole was sacked for a 10-yard loss at Michigan's 22. Eventually, Doran missed a 24-yard field goal try.

Then Vanden Boom's interceptions killed three of Michigan's final six possessions, the last on Wisconsin's 17-yard line with two seconds left in the game. That's when Cole chalked up the victory.

"I knew we were going to win for sure when I went back for that fall-down sneak (on the last play of the game)," Cole laughed.

He insisted he wasn't kidding and added, "They could have broken a last-second whoop-de-do with Carter and he'll come up with a big play. He has that kind of luck."

But this wasn't Carter's day and Michigan's long mastery over Wisconsin finally ran out.

"I knew this would be a good team," Michigan Coach Bo Schembechler said of Wisconsin. "Obviously they're a better team than everybody thought they'd be. Obviously we're not as good as everybody thought we'd be.

"The game never got away from us, but I believe Wisconsin was a better team than Michigan today."

McClain had special praise for Davis and fullback Dave Mohapp, who led the Badgers with 87 yards rushing in 19 carries. Davis finished with 69 yards in 15 tries along with two pass receptions for an additional 48 yards.

Davis didn't enter the game until late in the first quarter and he said, "It took 'em a long time to get me in there, but once I got in I felt good."

Cole, who engineered victories over Northwestern and Minnesota to wind up last season and scored four touchdowns against the Gophers, added, "This is a greater victory (than over Minnesota) because it comes at the beginning (of the season) and it's going to mean something. We have to suck it up and do the best we can the rest of the season now."

Cole wasn't born the only other time Wisconsin defeated Michigan here and he admitted, "When I sit down and talk with my dad, that's when I'll appreciate the victory."

Besides being intercepted three times, Smith completed only three of 18 passes for 39 yards. Woolfolk led all rushers with 119 yards but did little except on the long score.

Krumrie summed up the victory by saying, "I felt very confident after the first series, when we held 'em. I felt we were going to have an excellent ball game.

"I was really fired up and after the first series everybody had a sparkle in their eyes when we came off. I knew the next series were were gonna do the same thing."

Double plays save Brewers

By Bill Brophy
State Journal sports reporter

MILWAUKEE — On a night when the Milwaukee Brewers gave away a car and 46 other prizes to their fans, the Brewers couldn't afford to give away another game.

So they went out and scored four runs in the first inning off Jim Palmer and then backed the pitching of Randy Lerch, Reggie Cleveland and Rollie Fingers with five double plays and beat the Baltimore Orioles, 6-3, Saturday at County Stadium.

"We had to win this game," said Ted Simmons, who had three of the Brewers' 13 hits and drove in three runs. "We had to win to stay close."

The Brewers' first victory in three games and only their second victory in the last six games put them in a tie for second place with Baltimore and New York, three games behind division-leading Detroit in the American League East.

"It (the victory) means we're still in the race," said Brewer Manager Buck Rodgers, whose job security may ride on the outcome of the race. "If we lose, we're four games back and that's a little too far back."

Simmons agreed. "Three games back is close. Four games is too many," he said.

While we're talking numbers, five double plays is a lot.

"I can't ever remember seeing more by one team," said Rodgers.

"I can't remember any more either," said second baseman Jimmy Gantner who had a hand in all five.

The most spectacular twin-killing came in the ninth when Baltimore had the tying run at the plate and no outs. John Lowenstein laced a one-hop shot up the middle past Fingers. Gantner dove, fired to shortstop Robin Yount who turned the double play.

"That's the type of play a pennant contender makes," said General Manager Harry Dalton.

"When he hit the ball," said Rodgers. "I said, 'Oh bleep.' And then when Jimmy made the play, Earl Weaver said 'Oh bleep.' "

Weaver, the Orioles' manager, was probably saying the same thing in the first inning when Palmer looked more like an underwear model than a former Cy Young Award winner.

Paul Molitor started the barrage off Palmer (5-8) with a lined single off third baseman Doug DeCinces' glove. One out later, Cecil Cooper, who had three hits, doubled to left. Simmons drove in both runners with a single and went to third on Ben Oglivie's single. Thomas' line single to left scored Simmons and Palmer made his exit.

Roy Howell greeted Scott McGregor with a run-scoring single. The Brewers added a run in the second when Cooper singled in Gantner with two outs to make it 5-0 and make Lerch's job much easier.

Lerch (5-8), who hadn't won since Aug. 16, had a shutout until the fifth when Gary Roenicke lined a homer to left field.

After Milwaukee got another run in the fifth on a double by Cooper and a single by Simmons, the Orioles chased Lerch with two runs in the sixth.

Ken Singleton and Eddie Murray started the rally with singles and Benny Ayala's double sent Lerch packing. Cleveland came in to retire DeCinces on a grounder.

Reggie didn't allow another runner until the eighth when Singleton singled with one out. A Gantner-to-Yount-to-Cooper took care of that rally and Gantner's sparkling play in the ninth took care of the O's final threat.

"You've got to give the pitchers a lot of credit for throwing those ground balls," said Gantner, whose game-saver won't show in the box score. Fingers' major league-leading 24th save will show.

In the opinion of Rodgers and Simmons, it may have saved the season.

BALTIMORE	ab	r	h	bi
Sakata ss	4	0	0	0
Dauer 2b	4	0	0	0
Singleton rf	4	1	3	0
Murray 1b	4	1	2	0
Ayala dh	2	0	1	1
Dwyer ph	0	0	0	0
DeCinces 3b	3	0	0	1
Roenicke cf	2	1	1	1
Lownstein lf	3	0	0	0
Corey lf	1	0	0	0
Bumbry cf	2	0	0	0
Dempsey c	3	0	1	0
Total	31	3	8	3

MILWAUKEE	ab	r	h	bi
Molitor cf	3	1	2	0
Yount ss	4	0	0	0
Cooper 1b	4	2	3	1
Simmons c	4	1	3	3
Oglivie lf	4	1	1	0
Thomas rf	4	0	2	1
Howell 3b	4	0	1	1
Gantner 2b	4	0	0	0
Bosley dh	2	1	1	0
Hisle ph	1	0	0	0
Total	34	6	13	6

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Milwaukee	410	010	00x	— 6

E — Gantner. DP — Baltimore 1, Milwaukee 5. LOB — Baltimore 5, Milwaukee 5. 2B — CCooper 2, Thomas, Ayala. HR — Roenicke (2). S — Molitor.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Baltimore						
Palmer L (5-8)	1-3	5	4	4	0	0
McGregor	7 2-3	8	2	2	0	5
Milwaukee						
Lerch W (5-8)	5 1-3	7	3	3	2	0
Cleveland	2 2-3	1	0	0	1	0
Fingers S, 24	1	0	0	0	1	0

Cleveland pitched to one batter in the ninth.
PB — Simmons. T — 2:19. Att. — 25,398.

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