Margaret didn't belong on the Court with Bobby

By RICK STARR
Assistant Sports Editor

(The greatest afternoon in American tennis history or, What more appropriate way to spend Mothers' Day than watching a 30-year-old mother get hustled by the world's biggest ego?)

TV commentator and Boston Globe columnist Bud Collins tagged it the biggest day ever in tennis in the United States. And all you had to do to get in on it was stay home and let mom cook dinner while you joined the millions who tuned in on the current boom on the sports scene.

NBC led off the afternoon with the climax of the World Championship of Tennis in Dallas, a serious confrontation between Stan Smith and Arthur Ashe for a $50,000 payday, and CBS followed right on its heels with a lighter but just as serious contest involving women's tennis champion Margaret Court and the cool, little hustler who calls himself Bobby Riggs.

Perhaps calling it the strangest afternoon in American tennis history would be a bit more accurate, but regardless of which adjective you use to describe it, the afternoon of prime TV gave tennis a big shot in the arm as one of the fastest growing spectator and participant sports in America.

In the legitimate confrontation Stan Smith upped his year's earnings to $154,000 after a four-set triumph over Ashe in a contest that heated up quite a bit at the end. Smith was a winning machine throughout most of the afternoon and Ashe didn't even get a shot at breaking his serve until the first game of the third set. By then it was too late, and Smith struggled through two more sets to become the first American ever to capture Lamar Hunt's extravaganza.

In the final set, with Smith holding a one-game advantage at 5-4 on Ashe's serve, the big Californian chipped back a return that some in the crowd whistled at, claiming it had bounced twice. The shot apparently caused some hard feelings, for when the match ended a few points later, Smith's victory then was whistled at.

But when Ashe walked up to receive his $20,000 loser's check, he made a nice gesture stating: "I'd like to lay to rest any controversy concerning the shot that some feel bounced twice. Stan has always been fair and honest so if he said it bounced once, it bounced once."

Then it was Smith's turn at the mike, however, he forgot what he had to say. Finally he began thanking everyone he could think of in a scene that was embarrassing to watch.

Switching immediately over to CBS, one could just catch women's tennis player Rosie Casals utter, "Riggs is living on his past and I won't be surprised if he has a coronary out there."

Thus, the illegitimate contest had begun.

In what was by far the more interesting match, Riggs backed up his rhetoric with his racquet as he demolished a nervous Ms. Court 6-2, 6-2. Margaret was painful to watch and only the most piggy chauvenist pig couldn't help pulling for her on Mother's Day.

Even Riggs made note of the day when, after being introduced, he gave Margaret a bundle of roses. It was not his last surprise.

Bobby oiled his way around the court and put on an exhibition on how to beat the weekend hacker that had to be seen to be believed. Strangely enough, Court never bothered to exhibit her power except in one brief game, which she easily won. Margaret saw more soft balls, drop shots, lobs and bloopers than she normally sees in a year and she admitted afterwards that the repertoire had upset her rhythm.

Scattered in between the massacre, one could catch glimpses of John Wayne and Ricardo Monteban and that, coupled with Charlton Heston's performance in Dallas at the WCT affair, made the Sunday afternoon seem quite normal afterall.

After Margaret had made her final mistake of the match, Riggs charged the net to congratulate her and carefully jumped over it. But the show wasn't over yet. Riggs was just coming to the mike.

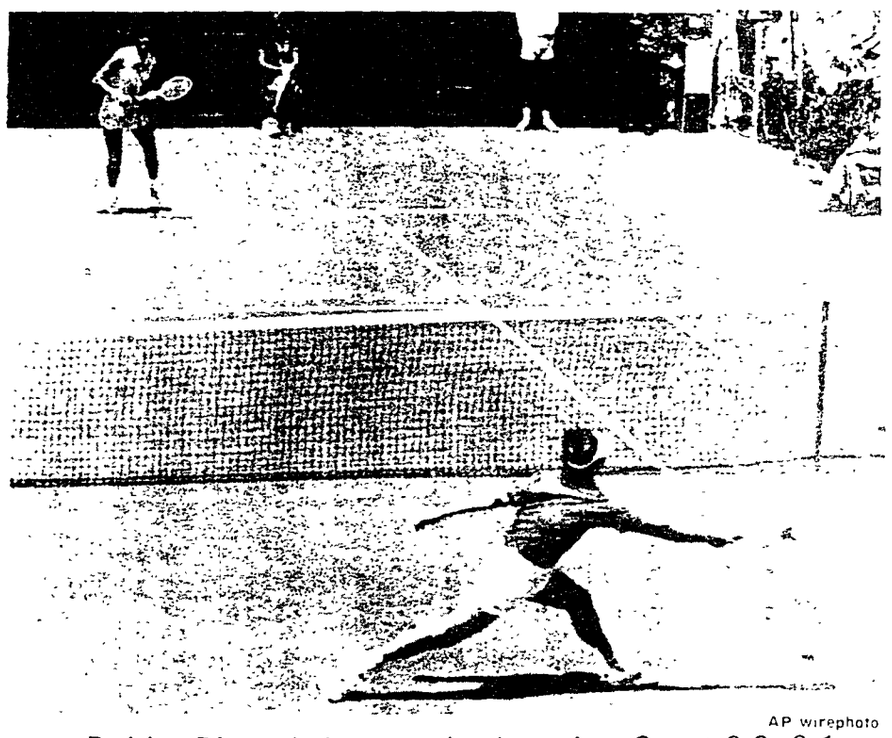
The first thing he tried to do was start a crap game with Wayne and CBS commentator Pat Summerall.

"I am the best pressure player in the world and I knew Margaret couldn't handle the pressure from the women," he then said.

He then mellowed a bit and conceded, "I have six children and she just has one, so perhaps she took it easy on me."

A final thought comes out of all this. How about Bobby Riggs as a member of the women's tour, playing a match after every final against a top female swinger?

They couldn't sell enough tickets to the first tennis Battle of the Sexes. For the sake of the men's tour, one hopes the idea never catches on.



AP wirephoto

Bobby Rigged the match, dropping Court 6-2, 6-1

Photo by Carol McCloskey

Walker Shivar goes after number one spot in challenge

Bortner-Shivar today after farce

By BILL GUTHLEIN
Collegian Senior Reporter

The only thing missing was the Keystone Cops making a madcap dash across the varsity tennis courts in a Penn State-Army match that progressed like a script of an oldtime slapstick comedy. The Lions left laughing 7-2 victors.

The day began with Lion John Karr appearing at the courts to face the Cadets in his Navy t-shirt. Things descended from there. The match began outdoors under a stiff breeze that gradually increased as the sky darkened.

The strains of "Brown Sugar" filled the air from somewhere upwind. Then the thunder added some bass to the music and pretty soon the lightning provided an ominous light show. The wind, not to be upstaged, began doing strange things to the tennis balls. Some seemed to stop in mid-air while others seemed independently propelled.

The fans, not too appreciative of the comic situation, began leaving in droves as the scoring stand on the third court crashed to the ground Miguel Maurtua set it up only to watch it tip over again. As a few drops of rain warned of the coming downpour, coach Holmes Cathrall would only admit that the matches might be forced inside.

A few seconds later the issue was settled as fans and players ran for the indoor courts during the first of the day's showers. Despite the challenging weather conditions the Lion netters have been known to undergo much worse.

The conditions inside the tennis building allowed for a little more personal flair from the players. Shivar battled Bill Koch in a match that experienced a dramatic turn of events once inside. Koch rushed the net nearly every shot outdoors while Shivar had troubles knocking passing shots in the wind. The Lion senior finally managed a 7-5 win in the first set.

Once inside Shivar had no troubles handling his opponent. Twice he left Koch standing chagrined on the service line with backhand shots while dashing away from the net. Both times the crowd gasped in disbelief as he reversed what appeared to be sure points for Koch.

"I call it my desperado shot. I picked it up from Ilie Nastase (Rumanian tennis master)," Shivar joked.

Almost as thrilling as the unveiling of the new shot was Army coach Ron Holmberg's picking apart star pupil Jim Armstrong on a free court. The former pro showed flashes of his former abilities as he effortlessly picked apart Armstrong. The head Army netter wasn't too disturbed having come off a winner against Jan Bortner. Bortner went down in defeat muttering to himself, and probably with good reason. The Lion netter appeared rattled as he knocked serves into the net and overshot the baseline.

However Bortner's defeat wasn't the surprise of the day. Shivar and Tom Wright looked rusty against Armstrong and Koch. The State duo led by one game all the way in the 10-game pro set competition until they were within one game of victory. The Cadets then tied at 9-9. In the final game the visiting pair took the serve tied at three points each and forced two Penn State mistakes that made the upset.

Today the best tennis since Penn left in a huff will grace the Nittany Courts sometime between two and three p.m After suffering through the likes of Pitt and West Virginia, fans can witness Walker Shivar and Jan Bortner play each other for the number one spot.

After playing the top spot for the two previous years, Shivar wants to regain it to challenge Navy's Craig Dawson. The pair have split two previous encounters, always in three tough sets

In the second slot Shivar has yet to yield a match Although his victories have come from weaker competition, his game has reached a new peak. On the other hand Bortner has had troubles against the tough opponents, most recently against Army's Jim Armstrong.

Shivar's game features a diversified bag of skills and tricks that he has sharpened this year. He also owns a collection of Spanish phrases and English ad libs that keep the fans interested no matter the score.

Bortner emphasizes a baseline game that can outdo any competition the Lions have faced all year However he has not developed a net game to complement his burning forehand and serve His attempts to rush net against Army were only partially successful

During a match Bortner remains quiet and apparently calm, working on his shots but each can be rattled if his game doesn't progress properly.

Today's challenge is apt to be short and sweet Both competitors are quick to capitalize on chances in their own individual ways

Penn State 7, Army 2
Singles

Jim Armstrong (A) def. Jan Bortner 6-4, 6-4. Walker Shivar (PS) def. Bill Koch 7-5, 6-3. Miguel Maurtua (PS) def. Dan Hubbard 6-2, 7-5. Tom Wright (PS) def. Bill Brown 7-5, 6-3. Bruce Isaacson (PS) def. [illegible] John Karr (PS) [illegible] Crockett 6-1, 6-2.

Doubles

Armstrong and Koch (A) def. Shivar and Wright 6-9. Bortner and Maurtua (PS) def. Crockett and Brown 10-[illegible] Singer and Karr (PS) [illegible] Koch [illegible]

O'Neill ties Rodarte as linksters romp

It was the same old story at the Blue Course Saturday. Penn State met Army and Bucknell in its last home golf match of the season, and when it was all over, the Lions had racked up wins number ten and 11 with a team total of 389, 11 strokes better than the Cadets' and 13 better than the Bisons'.

After convincingly destroying both teams in last week's Easterns, it wasn't expected that the Lions would have much trouble in capturing the team victory, but the race for medalist honors between Eastern champion Dan O'Neill and Army captain Dave Rodarte went down to the final hole.

O'Neill covered the front nine in 38 to grab a one-stroke lead from the Army challenger at 39. But Rodarte quickly came back to sink a 12 foot birdie putt on 14 to knot things up.

It looked like the Army captain might take the lead on 15 when O'Neill's approach shot bounced over the back of the green. But a close chip and a good putt preserved his par.

On 16, the Lion number one man regained the lead as Rodarte's tee shot to the par three hole caught a trap, and he was unable to chip close enough to get down in one. Rodarte came right back on 17, when O'Neill's approach shot came to rest in the sand and he bogied.

It wasn't a photo finish, however, as both captains parred out on 18 to turn in 74s and split medalist honors, something O'Neill usually carries home alone.

"To stay even with Danny is an accomplishment in itself," Rodarte said after the contest. "But I wish I would have beat him.

"Last year on our course I beat him by three strokes, then in the Easterns, he beat me by two. This time around I wish I could have done him in, but he always comes through when it counts, so what can I say."

One thing Rodarte did have to say was his opinion of the crazy weather that always seems to be in the air when Army battles Penn State

"This place is strange," Rodarte said, "twenty minutes ago it looked like we had a hurricane on our hands and now look, perfectly clear skies and no wind Even the birds are happy about it, you can hear them chirping."

—Guy Guerriero

Penn State 389, Army 400
Bucknell 402

Dan O'Neill (PS) 74, Dave Rodarte (A) 74, Greg Von Barger (PS) 78, Mondell Chorine (PS) 78, Gordon Jaehne (A) 78, Chuck Wagner (B) 78, Rick Ferguson (PS) 79, John Krumrine (PS) 79, John Twohig (A) 79, Dan Stetz (B) 80, Mike Sinkus (B) 80, Dave Maier (B) 82, Mike Heffner (B) 82, Bill Weber (A) 83, Harry Hamilton (PS) 83, Greg Mordas (B) 83, Greg Stone (A) 85, Bob Dine (PS) 86, Jeff Ford (A) 86, Bill Mathner (A) 87, Frank Root (B) 87

Gal golfers win; softball cancelled

In other action, the women golfers beat Bowling Green 8½-6½ in Ohio, Penn State's Andrea Dutcher shared medalist honors with an 85

The women's softball team was rained out at Cortland Saturday with no makeup slated. The Lion women finished their season at 2-3

Can you wiggle your belly? It isn't as easy as you think, and it isn't as sexy as... anyway, get your copy of Focus now! Just 35¢ On sale Wednesday at all stands and in the HUB.

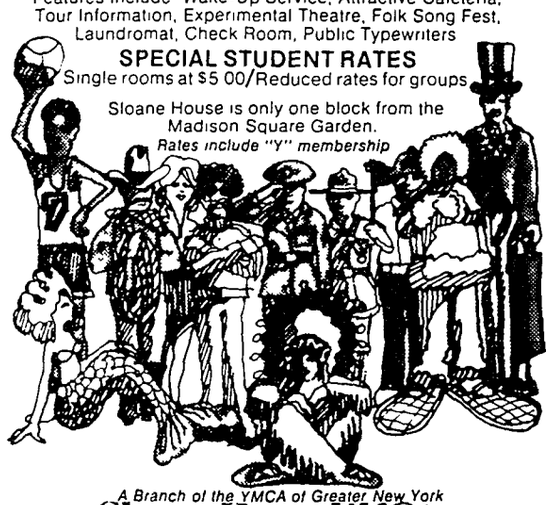
5 more days 'til The Grand Prix

3 Days Til Colloquy

INDIA WEEKEND CELEBRATION

Cultural Programs FREE — Schwab Auditorium, 7.30 P.M., May 19, 1973
Exhibition — Kern Bldg. Lobby, 11 A.M. - 5 P.M. on May 19, 12 P.M. - 8 P.M. on May 20
Indian Dinner — 102 Kern Graduate Bldg., 6:00 P.M., May 20, 1973
Tickets $3 00 at HUB and Kern Desks

ISRAEL
THE PLACE TO BE 1973
WORK-STUDY-TOUR:
Summer Programs
Summer in Kibbutz
Israel Summer Institute
Folk Dance Workshop
Archaeology Dig
Drama Workshop
University Study Groups
Art Seminar
Open ticket available
AZYF-PVI
401 S. Broad St.
Phila., Penna.
Financial Assistance available for residents of the Phila area.

Come one, Come all!
For Economy and Convenience...
When in New York City, make your headquarters Sloane House YMCA
Sloane House is within walking distance of most city attractions and events Open 24 hours a day.
Features include Wake-Up Service, Attractive Cafeteria, Tour Information, Experimental Theatre, Folk Song Fest, Laundromat, Check Room, Public Typewriters
SPECIAL STUDENT RATES
Single rooms at $5 00/Reduced rates for groups
Sloane House is only one block from the Madison Square Garden.
Rates include "Y" membership

A Branch of the YMCA of Greater New York
Sloane House YMCA
356 W 34th St, New York City 10001, (212) OX 5-5133
1490 Rooms for Men, Women & Groups

BEEN SCREWED (by a landlord) LATELY?

Have trouble getting a security deposit refunded? Can't get repairs made?
Two democratic candidates for Borough Council would like to stop these abuses. PAUL ABPLANALP is one of them.
Quit bitching and vote.
ABPLANALP — No. 2 on the Democratic ballot.

Ron Comess & George Heaton
will speak on
Velikovsky - The Bonds of the Past
7:30 tonight — 101 Kern — GSA

Be WQWK Conscious
a chance to win a record album and a hoagie each evening 10:30

HUMAN LIFE
If you are interested in promoting an increased respect and concern for human life and dignity, sign one of the Human Life Amendment Petitions in the HUB or Residence Hall Union Buildings today.
Students for Human Life

Turtle at Rumple's

RESEARCH MATERIALS
ALL TOPICS
Write or call for your up-to-date mail-order catalog of thousands of outstanding research papers Enclose $1.00 for postage and handling.
WE ALSO DO CUSTOM-MADE RESEARCH
COLLEGIATE RESEARCH
1429 Warwick Avenue (Suite #1)
Warwick, Rhode Island 02888
(401) 463-9150
We Need A Local Agent