

## Faces King tomorrow

# Vitamin-aided Riggs set

HOUSTON (AP) — "Hey, Rho, where are my pills?" Bobby Riggs yelled. "I'm ready for my pills."

Rheo H. Blair, nutritional scientist from Los Angeles, rushed across the red carpeted room and placed a plateful of white pills in front of tennis' most celebrated has-been.

Bobby poured the whole batch—perhaps as many as 20—into his hand and swallowed them with one gulp. He washed them down with a glass of lemonade. "Ah," said Bobby. "I feel better."

"This is what will beat Billie Jean King," said Blair, a specialist who has treated several Hollywood and television personalities. "These nutrients don't just give you strength. They sharpen the mind."

"Bobby will have such power of positive thinking, such concentration that you couldn't distract him with a bomb."

Two days before the highly ballyhooed, \$100,000 winner-take-all match at the Astrodome tomorrow night with the 29-year-old Wimbledon title-holder and feminist, Riggs relaxed in his hotel suite surrounded by bottles of pills, sparring partners and friends.

"There are 70 known nutrients," said nutritionist Blair, who is being paid \$15,000 to oversee Riggs' physical well-being, "and Bobby is getting all of them."

"The pills are like food, just don't take up as much room. In a day, Bobby gets the equivalent of 2,000 fresh oranges, two pounds of liver, four pounds of beefsteak and two gallons of milk."

"Our aim is to have Bobby take 415 a day. Sometimes the number falls to around 300. Bobby doesn't keep his mouth closed long enough."

"The way I see it," Riggs said, "Billie Jean will either

go out and blow me off the court in straight sets—and I don't think it's possible, understand, but just conjecture—or she'll meet the same fate as Margaret Court."

"That was the day Margaret was led to the guillotine—the Mother's Day Massacre, May 13."

Riggs referred to his 6-2, 6-1, victory over the reigning queen of tennis at San Diego last spring.

"This is not so much a match of physical power and skills as of concentration and emotion," argued Riggs. "Women lack the stability of men. If Billie Jean doesn't beat me quickly, she can come apart at any stage of the match."

"That's what I'm counting on."

The two antagonists have adopted drastically conflicting approaches to the big match.

After winning two matches in a women's tournament Monday, Billie Jean announced that until Thursday night she would avoid private interviews and public appearances.

"I'm sorry, guys," she told a news conference. "I want to spend the next three days resting, practicing and concentrating for this match."

"I'm taking this match very seriously. I love to win. I welcome the responsibility and the pressure. Bobby had better be ready."



Riggs: a 'lady-like' chauvinist pig

## Kansas City loses \$30,000 on opener

# Bad seats may bar Eagle sellout

HARRISBURG (AP) — Two Pennsylvania legislators, hoping to plug a hole that could forestall local telecasts of the Philadelphia Eagles' home game, proposed a bill yesterday that would fine the team for selling seats with obstructed views.

The fines would be \$100 for each seat sold from a bloc of 500-field-level seats located behind the players' bench at

Veterans Stadium.

Eagles owner Leonard Tose announced Monday that he would not permit home games of the National Football League team to be televised locally unless all seats were sold including the 500 with obstructed views.

Tose said he was following the letter of the new federal law which lifted the television blackout on games sold out 72 hours prior to kickoff.

"We're not going to let them get away with that kind of arbitrary action," said Sens. Henry J. Cianfrani and Joseph Smith, both Philadelphia Democrats. "A fan who pays good money to get in the stadium to watch the Eagles deserves a seat where he can see."

The \$8 seats stirred a controversy two years ago when the late Sen. Benjamin R. Donolow bought a number of the seats unaware the view of the field was blocked when players stood up along the sidelines.

Donolow threatened similar action, but relented after Tose agreed to reseat people who held tickets in that area and stop selling the seats.

Cianfrani originally indicated that he would be satisfied if Tose agreed to mark the tickets for the field level seats as having an obstructed view and sell them for a reduced price.

Later he and Smith issued a statement saying that plan would be unacceptable.

The Eagles lost the season opener to St. Louis last Sunday before a hometown crowd. The next home game is Sept. 30 against Washington.

KANSAS CITY (AP) — The new federal law providing for

local televising of sold-out professional football games resulted in a \$30,000 loss to the Kansas City Chiefs Sunday and may be only the tip of the iceberg, the National Football League Chiefs said yesterday.

Jack Steadman, executive vice president and general manager, said the 15,718 fans who stayed away from the opener against the Los Angeles Rams here Sunday caused a \$20,000 loss to concessions, \$6,000 in parking fees and \$4,000 in program sales.

"More important than the financial loss to me is that ticket holders failed to use those tickets for opening day, which proves the effect local television can have when you are competing against it," Steadman said.

Sunday was the first test of the new law which permits local televising of games sold out 72 hours in advance.

# Pirates defeated, hang on to first

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Don Hahn singled in two runs to break a 4-4 tie as the New York Mets rallied for a 6-5 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates last night.

Hahn's one-out single up the middle capped a five-run Met uprising in the ninth.

Despite the defeat the Pirates maintained their first-place edge in the National League East by one game over the Montreal Expos, who dropped a 7-4 decision to St. Louis.

The Mets remained in fourth, 2½ games back. St. Louis is 1½ games out, in third place.

In the ninth, pinch hitter Jim Beauchamp singled and Wayne Garrett doubled, both runners scoring on Felix Millan's triple. After Rusty Staub walked, reliever Ramon Hernandez was replaced by Dave Giusti, who gave up the tying run on pinch hitter Ron Hodges' single and then filled the bases by walking Cleon Jones on a 3-2 pitch.

Giusti then went to 3-2 on Hahn before the Met pinch hitter stroked his game-winner.

The Pirates scored all four of their runs in the fourth.

Bob Moose's walk, Dave Cash's infield single and a walk to Al Oliver loaded the bases before Richie Zisk singled home a pair of runs. Manny Sanguillen then lined a double down the left-field line for two more.

## Cardinals 7, Expos 4

MONTREAL (AP) — Luis Melendez belted his second homer of the season — a three run shot off Balor Moore in the third inning — and bobbled twice and came around to score two more St. Louis' runs, leading the Cardinals to a 7-4 victory over the Montreal Expos yesterday.

The victory moved the third-place Cardinals to two games behind the front-running Pirates in the National League East and dropped the runnerup Expos to 1½ games back, pending the outcome of last night's Pittsburgh-New York game.

The Cardinals opened the scoring on Joe Torre's RBI single in the first.

Ted Sizemore led off the third with an infield single for St. Louis and moved up on a base hit by Ted Simmons before Melendez blasted his homer.

The Expos rallied for three runs in the third inning on run-scoring singles by Ken Singleton, Mike Jorgensen and Bob Bailey.

## Reds 1, Astros 0

CINCINNATI (AP) — Andy Kosco's run-scoring, pop fly single with two out in the eighth inning drove in the game's only run and Don Gullett pitched a four-hitter for his ninth straight victory, giving the Cincinnati Reds a 1-0 victory over the Houston Astros yesterday.

Kosco's game-winning blow scored pinch runner Ken Griffey and broke up a tense pitching duel between Gullett, 18-8, and Jerry Reuss, 15-12. Reuss allowed only five hits.

## A's 5, Angels 4

OAKLAND (AP) — Jim "Catfish" Hunter became a 20-game winner for the third straight year yesterday by teaming with Darold Knowles and Rollie Fingers to pitch the Oakland A's to a 5-4 victory over the California Angels.

Hunter, 20-4, was relieved by Knowles in the eighth before Fingers snuffed out a California rally in the ninth.

Sal Bando accounted for the two Oakland runs on run-scoring singles in the first and second.

# Delaware retains number 1 rank

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Delaware, the college division football champion the past two years, grabbed the top spot again in The Associated Press' first weekly college division poll of the 1973 season.

The Blue Hens, who overwhelmed West Chester

State 49-14 Saturday to raise their record to 2-0, received 706 points—including 23 first-place ballots—from the nationwide panel of 43 sports writers and broadcasters participating in the poll.

No other school received more than four first-place votes.

Trailing Delaware in second place was Grambling, which got 536 points and three first-place mentions. Tennessee State edged South Dakota for the third spot, 392 points to 361. Each team is 2-0.

North Dakota State, 3-0, grabbed fifth place with 301 points, including four first-place votes. Eastern

Michigan, 2-0, got two top mentions and placed sixth with 251 points.

Completing the top ten were Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo, 1-0, 242 points; North Dakota, 2-0, 219; Ashland, 2-0, 183; and Boise St., 1-0, 180.

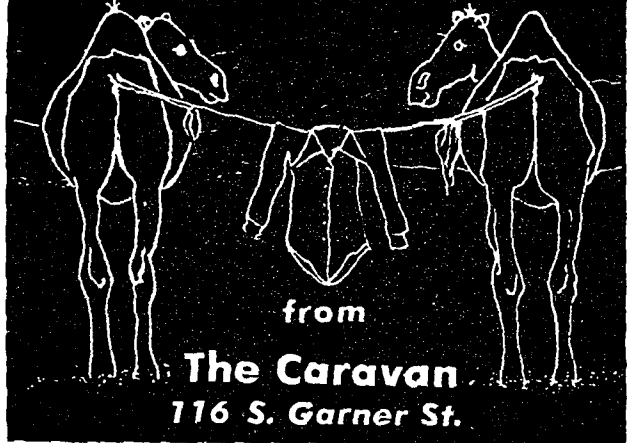
Hawaii, 1-0, and Louisiana Tech, 1-1, tied for 11th with 159 points apiece. They were followed by McNeese St., 1-0, 132; Carson-Newman, 2-0, 125; and Jackson State, 2-0, 107.

Four schools received first-place votes but did not make the top fifteen. Monmouth, Ill., Jacksonville, Ala., State, Northeast Louisiana and Bridgeport received one first-place vote apiece.

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