

Steelers to report

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Pittsburgh Steelers, champions of the National Football League, will open training camp at St. Vincent College in Latrobe with rookies reporting on Sunday and veterans joining the first-year players three days later.

The Steelers will have a crop of 39 rookies and free agents plus the three veteran quarterbacks for workouts on Monday, and 46 veterans plus running back John Fuqua and linebacker Henry Davis on Wednesday.

Fuqua missed the NFL playoffs last year with a broken wrist and Davis sat out the entire season with a neck injury.

The Steelers will have about two complete weeks of practice before meeting the College All Stars in Chicago on Fri., Aug. 1.

A quiet announcement made by Jimmy Connors' seconds during the Wimbledon matches said that the "enfant terrible" of international sports would play an unnamed opponent for the nice round figure of

existed on either side, the tennis sweethearts could be

Court revenge?



Charlie Troy
Out in left field...

\$500,000—winner take all of course

Surprisingly, the sports-writers offered no hints of who was to be the hearty challenger. My first inclination was to shout out Chris Evert. It would definitely be the sporting event of the century. And to show that no hard feelings

married at the net after the match.

The American public would love such an event: fierce competition tempered by sentimentality.

All of this conjecture came before Connors got his comeuppance from the old pro, Arthur Ashe. Now a pairing of these two an-

tagonists truly can't miss.

Ashe would have an opportunity to vie for the really big money and to prove that his Wimbledon victory over Connors was not a fluke. Connors, on the other hand, could vindicate himself by smashing Ashe when the lump was up—the money on the line.

The American public would love this event even better than the Connors-Evert clash, for it would have the perfect combination of fierce competition and hatred. And as far as their legal differences, maybe they could settle them on the court instead of out of court.

Title IX or no Title IX, female athletes who are

fighting to control their destiny in the male-dominated sports world of the high school and the campus may have it even rougher if they plan to continue their exploits in the professional ranks—at least in women's golf.

Ray Volpe, former vice president of marketing of National Hockey League Service, was named the new commissioner of the Ladies Professional Golf Association Tuesday.

This is not to imply that he won't fill the bill—presumably to get bigger purses and more press coverage for the women. But I have heard rumors that lady golfers would like to have as their commissioner someone who

truly understands their problems—presumably another woman.

I must have heard wrong though in light of Carol Mann's comments. "We want people to know we have a strong man who has as much authority as commissioners in other professional sports," the president of the LPGA said.

Now that presumably rules out a strong woman—or a strong person.

For all the disheartened supporters of PennPIRG, the message is you are not alone. The National Football League Players Association—the spearhead group who fought the owners for more rights and fringe benefits—is broke.

"That's primarily because the owners have taken away the checkoff in their continued effort to break the union," claimed Ed Garvey, the group's executive director.

Ashe says no challenge match ahead

By RICK STARR
Special to the Daily Collegian
PITTSBURGH — Just two days after demolishing the world's best tennis player on Wimbledon's center court Arthur Robert Ashe, Jr. was answering volleys from a friendlier source—Pittsburgh sports writers.

Even though he had just beaten Connors 6-1, 6-1, 5-7, 6-4 for the championship of the world's premier tennis tournament, there weren't many questions about his stunning triumph. So there weren't many answers.

As usual, Ashe, the slender—even willow—son of a Richmond, Va. policeman, was asked for his comments on a wide spectrum of off-the-court topics such as the plight of poor blacks and whites in tennis, tennis challenge matches, the Davis Cup, World Team Tennis, and Bill Riordan, Connors' manager.

Ashe, who boggled the minds of a few unsuspecting shoppers as he strolled through a Pittsburgh department store Monday filling a promotional commitment, later paused long enough to meet with reporters over a doughnut and a cup of coffee.

In his wooden sandals, blue jeans and blue denim jacket, and using his calm, assured smile as his only emotional punctuation, Ashe turned to each subject.

The first, briefly, was Wimbledon.

"Winning Wimbledon was the one thing I wanted to do before I hung up my racket, but I'll be going full-force next year," Ashe said. "It's not my greatest victory. I would have to rank it a co-No. 2 along with Forest Hills in 1968. My first Davis victory was No. 1.

That Davis Cup victory also came in 1968 when Ashe took the U.S. team to Adelaide, Australia and returned with the Cup to break more than a decade of Australian domination.

Ashe also talked at length about World Team Tennis.

"I don't like World Team Tennis for me," Ashe said. "I think the timing was all wrong. Our Pro Association was only six years old. Then along comes the Nouveau Riche who want a toy to play with. There's no stability to it. Every team is losing a half-million dollars every year, and when they lose, they sell out, they don't stick around."

"Suppose Willie Stargell was traded every year just for the hell of it. Who wants to watch a man from Australia who changes teams every year? How can you build any loyalty? I personally wouldn't get any satisfaction from playing for a team with my salary already fixed."

Ashe, as he has often done in the past, also expressed disdain for the tennis challenge concept.

"It appears they're trying to load TV with packaged tennis matches," he said. "But our bread and butter is the tennis tournament. This only means that the rich get richer. Connors has already made three-quarters of a million dollars, so why should he continue playing this year? He can go to the beach for six months. The latest gossip is Connors won't be playing again until Forest Hills, which won't do anything to help the summer tour."

Ashe said he talked with Connors in the lockerroom at Wimbledon two weeks ago about the possibility of discussing their differences together without lawyers, agents or league officials present. Ashe said Connors agreed to a meeting at first. "Then Bill Riordan called and nixed it," Ashe said.

"I think all of his off-court notoriety is not of his own devices," Ashe said in reference to Connors and Riordan. "He's handled like a prizefighter, and he picks his fights very carefully. He's misguided by his manager, but basically, I think Connors is a nice guy... We wanted Jimmy to play Davis Cup last year. He's the best in the world."

Ah, ah, ah, don't touch that writer

Frank Dolson, of the Philadelphia Inquirer, asks, shouldn't a manager (or

player) know the price he'll have to pay for slugging an interviewer? Shouldn't a writer

(or announcer) know the risk involved in talking to a manager or player?

Of course, he should. Here then, in the interest of fair play, is a proposed schedule of fines and penalties for baseball personnel attacking members of the media:

Reporter—\$25 fine plus cost of iodine, bandages, etc.

Local Columnist—\$50 fine, house call by club trainer.

National Columnist—\$500 fine plus three days suspension for each stitch required to close wounds; if he reaches more than one million readers, double that.

Local Broadcaster—\$100 plus \$10 for each day victim is unable to speak following attack.

National Broadcaster—\$500 plus \$50 for each day unable to speak.

Howard Cosell—Fine waived: \$50 bonus for each day victim is unable to speak plus free legal counsel for attacker.

There will, of course, be special bonuses given out by the Players Association for attacks on official scorers.

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