

## British air views on McEnroe

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WIMBLEDON, England — The critics were spreading their claws for John McEnroe yesterday even before Wimbledon started.

"Send him packing," and "Crack down on the bad boys," screamed the headlines in the British Sunday papers.

McEnroe, nursing an injured left shoulder, will be trying to win his Wimbledon title back from Jimmy Connors in the big tennis tournament opening today. They are seeded to meet in the final July 3.

The critics and the fans still think of McEnroe as the man who argues with referees, said in an interview with the Sunday Express. "None of them, not even Muhammad Ali, would speak to me the way McEnroe speaks to umpires."

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with breaches of the code of conduct. But he did not mention McEnroe by name.

"You can count the bad boys on the fingers of one hand," Burnett said. "I believe that conduct can be tightened up further, and to some extent I try to influence that."

"Anybody who transgresses at Wimbledon will be punished."

As armies of workers got the famous courts ready for today's first-round matches, it was clear that Wimbledon was ready to pounce on trouble makers.

Fred Perry, the last Briton to win the Wimbledon singles title 47 years ago, said, "I can see it reaching the point where someone says to a player like McEnroe: 'That's it, you're out.'"

Connors and McEnroe spent the last two days before Wimbledon practicing quietly. McEnroe gave no indication of the state of his shoulder injury, which he said two days ago was "so-so."

## AL investigates Martin

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NEW YORK — Billy Martin appeared to find a small island of safety yesterday in the sea of controversy surrounding his third tenure as manager of the New York Yankees.

On the brink of losing his job over a clubhouse row with a New York Times researcher, Martin met Sunday George Steinbrenner.

After the meeting, it appeared that an American League investigation of the incident would come up empty.

The New York Times lodged a protest with Steinbrenner over the incident which occurred Friday afternoon. The researcher, Deborah Henschel, complained to her boss that Martin cursed at her while she was doing a Times survey regarding the All-Star Game.

On Saturday, three members of the Yankees, coach Don Zimmer, pitcher George Frazier and assistant trainer Mark Letendre, backed Martin in his contention that he had not sworn at the woman.

"Today, two people went into George's office, a reporter and a photographer, to tell him that I did not swear at the woman," Martin said.

American League President Lee MacPhail was at Yankee Stadium yesterday to conduct the investigation.



Yankees owner, George Steinbrenner, right, and embattled manager Billy Martin greet each other yesterday before the start of the game with Milwaukee at home. Rumors have been running rampant that Martin will be fired for his problems on and off the field.

tion himself. MacPhail said he was asked to investigate the incident by the Baseball Writers Association of America.

"Now, I hope to talk with the young lady. It should be about two or three days before I have anything more to say."

## Boston upends Tampa Bay, 24-17

BOSTON (AP) — Doug Woodward, making his first start of the United States Football League season at quarterback, fired two scoring passes and Dennis Johnson had two touchdowns to lead the Boston Breakers to a 24-17 victory yesterday over the Tampa Bay Bandits.

Boston's victory in the league's only game of the day left both teams with 10-6 records. The Breakers improved their chances for the wildcard playoff berth, while the Bandits dropped a full game behind first-place Chicago in the Central Division.

The Breakers never trailed, but the game was close all the way after they took a 14-3 first-quarter lead. Johnson

scored both touchdowns in the period, on an 11-yard pass from Woodward following a lost fumble by Tampa Bay's Gary Anderson on the first play from scrimmage and a 3-yard dive, while Zenon Andrusynyn kicked a 35-yard field goal for the Bandits.

Woodward, who has been with the team all season and threw only three passes before yesterday, went all the way in place of Johnny Walton, who has a strained left knee.

The attendance on a sunny day with temperatures in the 80s was 15,530, Boston's third highest in eight home games.



Handcuffed

Phillies shortstop Ivan DeJesus mishandles a Bill Madock infield hit in Philadelphia 14-2 romp over the Pirates in Pittsburgh. With yesterday's win, the Phils moved to within 2 1/2 games of frontrunning Montreal and St. Louis.

## scoreboard

### major league baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE	W	L	Pct.	GB
Montreal	32	28	.533	—
St. Louis	32	28	.533	—
Phillies	28	29	.491	2 1/2
Chicago	30	32	.484	3
Pirates	23	39	.369	8 1/2
New York	22	37	.377	9 1/2

WEST DIVISION	W	L	Pct.	GB
Los Angeles	43	21	.672	—
Atlanta	38	27	.585	5 1/2
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