

Elway battling 2 foes in debut

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PITTSBURGH — John Elway sees two major obstacles to hurdle in his pro football debut Sunday with the Denver Broncos: lots of hype and the Pittsburgh Steelers' physical defense.

"They've always been good on defense," Elway said yesterday of the Steelers. "They're a physical team. If you don't go at them, they'll run right over you," said the celebrated rookie quarterback from Stanford. "They're a physical team, so you have to be physical with them."

Pittsburgh sacked opposing quarterbacks 19 times in five pre-season games and forced 15 turnovers, and Coach Chuck Noll says the Steelers will try to confuse Elway by constantly switching defenses.

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Britain's 'Victory' scores upset

By JAMES SIMON
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NEWPORT, R.I. — Victory '83 of England posted a major upset in the America's Cup trials yesterday, defeating Australia 11 and its vaunted winged keel by 13 seconds in the first race of the foreign finals.

The British boat, which has experimented with removable wings on its own keel, grabbed a trail at any of the marks in the 24-mile race, held under 15-knot winds and sloppy seas on Rhode Island Sound.

"Victory '83 now leads 1-0 in the best-of-seven series that determines which 12-meter foreign yacht will challenge a U.S. boat for the sailing world's top prize."

Australia 11's innovative wing-like keel has helped the boat dominate the windward legs of races all summer. But the Aussies cut the British lead by only three seconds on the first windward leg yesterday and lost 27 seconds on the second windward leg.

The British boat held a 49-second lead on the U.S. final's continued leg. The Aussies made up 32 seconds during a furious tacking duel on the last leg, but Victory '83 crossed the finish line 13 seconds ahead.

Both boats flew protest flags, which will force an immediate hearing on any rule infractions. The outcome of the protests was expected to be announced by the end of the day's final race.

Meanwhile, Liberty and Courageous split two shortened races yesterday. Liberty won the first race, and Courageous led by 1:06 in the two-leg second match.

A foreign challenger and a U.S. defender will battle for the Cup in a best-of-seven final series beginning Sept. 13.



Ted Turner (right), former skipper of the Courageous, speaks with manager of the Courageous Martin O'Meara concerning the America's Cup trials. The Courageous is racing against Liberty in the present trials of the America's Cup series.

Cup by Sept. 8. The two 12-meter yachts have almost identical records in the final series, making Liberty the NYYC's job tougher, although Liberty has a better overall record this summer.

The start of the foreign finals had been delayed for three days due to fickle winds.

Australia 11 had roared through the preliminary races with a 44.5 record and was a heavy favorite to quickly defeat the British boat. Victory '83 was 31-18 in the preliminaries, but had won only two of nine races against the Aussie yacht.

Networks set to defend title

Win a conference championship without any seniors? Well, that's what the women's tennis team will be trying to do this year as it gets set to defend its Atlantic 10 conference championship.

Without any seniors it sounds very difficult, but second year coach Jan Bortner is confident and hopes to improve on last year's performance.

"Because our youth has experience, they know what to expect from me this season and they know what it takes to win the Atlantic 10 Championship," Bortner said. "It's our goal to defend our title."

Although Penn State only lost its No. 1 player Sue Whiteside to graduation and Bessie Paragas, who's taking a year of absence, Bortner said the team will feel some added pressure.

"You can't replace your No. 1 player right away because everyone is expected to move up one notch and play that much better," Bortner said.

"We'll all have to pick up the slack this year instead of depending on Sue," Lady Lion Janet Whiteside said. "Sue was a real leader. She would always be cheering us on and we knew we could count on her to win her match. We're really going to miss her."

Bortner said the players came back in better shape than the beginning of last season. She said the competition for the 11 spots on the roster was superb.

"We started practice on August 22 and we're training real hard," Bortner said. "Everyone is raring to go." Robinson added.

Penn State opens its season on Sept. 15 at West Chester.

—By John Baranowski

St. John's may lose forward

Judge makes ruling today on basketball player's future

By HAL BOCK
AP Sports Writer

Walter Berry stands 6-4, and that makes him about as big as the bureaucratic bungle which has snared him in a classic Catch-22 situation.

A federal judge decides today whether Berry should be allowed to play basketball for St. John's University this winter. The university is seeking injunctive relief from an National Collegiate Athletic Association ruling which would keep the Redmen's gymnasium off-limits to this particular youngster.

As far as the NCAA is concerned, Berry can join the chess club at St. John's or run for treasurer of his class or join the student newspaper.

Berry earned in that program at St. John's, and, sitting in regular freshman-level courses, achieved a 2.25 grade-point average on his equivalent diploma. But that was not done for the NCAA, which insists instead that students in his situation take a standardized test to qualify for their equivalent diplomas before they may compete in intercollegiate athletics.

"That seems simple enough. All Berry needs to do is take the General Equivalency Diploma exam. The catch — Catch-22 for him — is that the test may