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## Lyle grabs British Open title

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SANDWICH, England — The turning point came on the 14th green, where Sandy Lyle hit a long, long putt from the fringe for a birdie. "I knew I was back in it. Tears came to my eyes," he said after converting the momentum of that dramatic birdie into a one-stroke victory yesterday in the 114th British Open Golf Championship.

"A great honor," said Lyle, who became the first Scot to win the Open Championship since Tommy Armour in 1921, and the first British subject to take this national title since Tony Jacklin in 1969.

"The Europeans have been coming on bit by bit," Lyle said. "It was just a matter of time before a Brit won."

Lyle, 27, came from three shots back with a closing round of par 70 — and was aided by the collapse of would-be contenders and claimed the ancient title with a 282 total, two shots over par on the windswept Royal St. George's links.

A pro since he was in his teens, the long-hitting Lyle twice led the British Order of Merit. He's won a dozen times around the world but has, from time to time, been criticized for not achieving more.

"I'm a professional player. I have broad shoulders. I take the beating with the winning," he said, then flashed a boyish grin.

"I've been a bridesmaid so often, this is a great one to be the bride in," he said. "Pinch me. I want to be sure it's real."

It was Payne Stewart, a casual, easy-going American, who second alone at 283. Stewart, playing about an hour in front of the other contenders, made par on the last two holes — an extremely difficult task this windy day — to finish off a round of 68, two-under-par.

"I'll just sit back and see what happens," he said. "It was with a certain fascination that he watched player after player come to the finishing hole with one of the world's great titles on the line, play their best shots and walk away with expressions of strained frustration."

Even Lyle was not exempt. On the 18th, when it appeared that he needed a par to avoid a playoff, Lyle missed the green to the left with his second shot and then thumbed his chip, moving the ball only a few feet.

He dropped to his knees, stared at the ball for a moment, then buried his face in the grass and wept.

But he got to his feet, missed the long putt for par and took a bogey.

That got him in at two-over-par and eliminated Stewart.

But David Graham, an Australian now living in the United States, and Masters champion Bernhard Langer of West Germany, the third round leaders and playing in the first group on the course, still were very much in it.

Each had a chance — a very longshot chance — to tie.

They went to the 18th, a 458-yard par-four playing into the wind, needing a birdie to catch Lyle.



Sandy Lyle

But Langer, who had a horrible day, missed the green with his approach and Graham was bunkered. Instead of birdie, each made a bogey.

That dropped them back into a tie for third with American Mark O'Meara, Christy O'Connor Jr. of Ireland, and Jose Rivero of Spain.

O'Meara, once within one stroke of the lead, had no chance after a bogey on the 17th and shot 72.

Rivero played the front in 31 and closed up with a 68.

O'Connor, who simply could not make a putt — the misses accompanied by sounds of Irish whistling rolling over the sand dunes — despite outstanding tee-to-green play. He, too, was once within a single stroke of the lead but, like the others, fell victim to the finishing holes and came in with a 72.

Tom Kite, still seeking the one major tournament title he needs to confirm his place in the game, once led by two strokes.

But Kite chopped up the 10th hole, one-putting for a double bogey, played the back in 40 and dropped out of contention with a 72.

## Noah in D.C. finals as Connors falters

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WASHINGTON D.C. — France's Yannick Noah, ending five years of frustration, defeated top-seeded Jimmy Connors last night, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2, to advance to the finals of the \$200,000 D.C. National Bank Tennis Classic.

Noah, seeded third, will face 11th-seeded Martin Jaito of Argentina, who outlasted fellow countryman Marcelo Ingano earlier yesterday, 6-4, 5-7, 6-2. Noah, who earlier this year won the Italian Open on clay, will be vying for his second title of the year tonight.

"I feel very good about my chances in the finals although I have never played him (Jaito)," said Noah, the world's 10th-ranked player. "The past few years, if I play as well as I can, I have felt I can beat anybody."

The loss marked the eighth time this year Connors has reached the semifinals without coming away with a tournament championship.

The possessor of a record 105 career singles titles, Connors had won here previously in 1976 and 1978.

"I'm just going to continue to play . . . I'm not going to change my style, I like playing like I do," said Connors.

In beating Connors for the first time in a six-match series dating back to 1980, Noah used a steady baseline game complemented with a powerful serve.

"I served very well. I knew I could count on one or two aces with every game. I was very confident," said Noah, who served up 11 aces in the match. "I tried to keep him away from the net, hit high, and change the pace."

Connors, who had walked into the semifinal round without meeting a seeded player, dropped his first set of the tournament in the opening set against Noah, with four aces and seven service winners, kept Connors from using his most potent weapon, the service return.

Connors blamed the defeat on both his own poor play and a series of questionable calls by chair umpire Leon Lipp.

"He was screwing us both from the first game of the match, and that set the precedent," said Connors, who would be cited later in the match for shouting obscenities at Lipp.

"I've won and lost before," Connors said. "Losing doesn't leave a

bad taste in my mouth, but I have a bad taste in my mouth for him (Lipp)."

In the second set the two traded two service breaks as Connors enjoyed a four game lead to three.

In the eighth game of the set, Noah's reliable serve abandoned him. Connors, taking advantage of four second service, won the game for a 5-3 lead. He then held serve to win the set.

In the decisive third set, Noah broke Connors in the fourth game and then held serve in a game featuring three successive aces to build a 4-1 lead.

Connors, visibly upset and arguing with the umpire on the validity of the final ace, was cited for a code-violation for using obscene language.

At five games to two, Connors staved off two match points, but on the third and fourth games into the net to end the two hours and 15 minutes match.

The winner of the eight-day tournament takes home a check for \$34,000, with the runner-up getting half that amount.

The meeting between the 11th-seeded Jaito and Ingrano was the first ever between the long-time friends. Jaito used a steady forehand and backhand passing game to defeat Ingrano, who was attempting to reach a tournament final for the first time in his three years as a professional.

A finalist last week at the U.S. Pro Championships at Brookline, Mass., Jaito advanced to the championship round here by defeating Peru's Jaime Ycaza and Pablo Arraya, Czechoslovakia's Libor Pimek and Ingrano.

"Yesterday, Jaito won the pivotal ninth game of the first set to take a 4-1 lead. Ingrano, who had backed back to deuce from 15-40, dropped his second set to drop the game. In the final game of the set, Ingrano missed a drop shot at the net to bring up set point and then was caught at the net as he fired a cross-court forehand to capture the first set.

Ingrano won the second set after breaking Jaito at love in the fourth and 12th games.

In the deciding set, Jaito broke a tiring Ingrano in the fifth and seventh games to take a commanding 5-2 lead.

Ingrano, who beat his idol Guillermo Vilas in a two-hour match Saturday night, admitted the match had taken much out of him.

## Forsman wins first at Quad Cities Open

COAL VALLEY, Ill. (AP) — Dan Forsman, never before a PGA winner, yesterday fought off his own erratic front-nine golfing and a mid-round charge from Bob Tway to win the \$300,000 Quad Cities Open.

Forsman, 27, who had begun fourth-round action with a one-stroke, 10-under-par lead, birdied six holes to make up for fourth-, fifth- and 18th-hole bogeys and finish with a 13-under 287 — a stroke in front of second-place Tway, 26, a PGA novice and the tourney leader at the halfway mark.

Each golfer laid the ball poorly on their second 18-hole holes and both wound up with one-over bogeys there.

Forsman earned \$54,000 for his top finish at the par-70, 6,514-yard Oakwood Country Club near the Quad Cities of Illinois and Iowa — boosting his 1985 winnings to \$114,000.

Forsman's highest previous finish had been a fourth-place tie at the Phoenix Open in January and an eighth-place tie a month later at the Honda Classic in Coral Springs, Fla.

Tway, the 14th Quad Cities Open's opening day co-leader and sole leader after Friday's second round, took home \$22,400 for second place.

Tway had begun the final 18 holes in a three-way tie for second place, one stroke off Forsman's pace. He birdied the fifth through seventh holes, bogeyed the eighth and then birdied the 10th and 11th holes to put himself at 13-under — in good shape if Forsman faltered.

But Tway's second shot on the 18th hole was no better than Forsman's, so he had to settle for second place.

PGA-novice Brad Fabel, whose best so far had been 11th-place ties in both Phoenix Open and the Honda Classic, double-bogeyed the 18th to miss a chance at winning — or tying second.

Forsman and forcing a sudden-death playoff.

DANVERS, Mass. (AP) — As Judy Clark walked the 18th holes on her long path to victory, she wasn't concerned about controlling just her golf shots. She fought to control her emotions.

"Just the thought of finally coming in and winning made me want to sit down and bawl on the golf course," Clark said after capturing her first LPGA tournament with a three-stroke victory yesterday in the Boston Five Classic.

The eight-year tour veteran was the runner-up last Sunday in the U.S. Women's Open. In the SKH Golf Classic at St. Petersburg, Fla., in late April she led by seven strokes after two rounds but shot consecutive 75s to finish in a fourth-place tie.

"After St. Pete, I was destroyed," said Clark. "I had a three-hour car ride home and just cried. I said, 'why am I doing this?'" The last hour I pumped myself up . . . I've just had so many long drives when I've been close, you can't give up.

Clark started yesterday's final round with a four-stroke lead over Rosie James and Jane Geddes, who were tied at 180.

"I just told myself, 'don't give them anything. Make them come get you,'" said Clark, who had a one-under-par 71 yesterday and finished the tournament at eight-under 280.

The winner of 24 tournaments but none since her 1981 victory here, shot a final-round 69 on the par 72, 6,008-yard Tara Ferncroft course and ended at 293.

Geddes, who had two double bogeys in the first 11 holes, finished strongly with birdies at the 12th and 13th holes to tie Caponi for second.

## Timely moves give Elliott Pocono win

LONG POND, Pa. (AP) — When Bill Elliott won the Van Scoy Diamond Mine 500 at Pocono International Raceway June 9, he attributed the victory to luck. Yesterday, he gave ability credit in his race at the NASCAR Summer 500.

"I'd say I just made the right moves at the right time," said Elliott, who took the lead for good on the 2 1/2-mile mountain oval with just 10 laps to go.

Despite handling problems coming off Pocono's three corners, Elliott was seldom out of the top five all afternoon, passing the eventual runner-up, Neil Bonnett, for his first lead shortly after the race's halfway point.

For the final 200 miles, the race narrowed to four competitors — Elliott; Bonnett; Bonnett's teammate, pole-sitter Darrell Waltrip, who came in third; and Geoff Bodine, who finished fourth.

"I'll tell you, nobody gave me that one," said Elliott, the Winston Cup point leader. "I never worked so hard to win a race in my life."

Elliott, who for most of the season has experienced little trouble with his Ford Thunderbird, had no such luxury yesterday. During a practice session Saturday, the Ford's drivetrain broke, destroying the transmission and rear end.

"We just about had to rebuild the engine car," Elliott said. "It was a hell of a race. I never ran as well as it has before this season. We had trouble getting out of the corners. It ran better near the end of the race, but we never got it really right."

"I was OK once I could get in front — I could use traffic and open up a little — but when they were all running with me, we had all kinds of trouble."

Elliott also ran into trouble when he overshot his pit and was shuffled to sixth for lap 178 behind Harry Gant, who ended the race in fifth place.

Four laps later, Elliott moved into third and on lap 186 caught up to Bonnett and Bodine, whose brakes failed with 150 miles left in the race.

As he moved alongside Bonnett in turn one, they bumped and swapped paint. Elliott got past Bonnett, but Waltrip passed both and led until lap 190, when Elliott took the lead and gradually drew away.

The lead changed 36 times among a Summer 500 record of 12 drivers.



Tim Richmond crashes his car into the wall on the first turn of Pocono International Raceway yesterday during the running of the Summer 500 NASCAR Race. Richmond was uninjured in the crash. Bill Elliott continued his domination of the circuit by posting his eighth victory in 16 races this season. Neil Bonnett finished second and Darrell Waltrip third.

There were six caution periods for a total of 24 laps. The most serious mishap occurred on lap 161, when Tim Richmond's car blew an engine, slid through the infield grass, back across the track and into the wall in turn one.

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## Mets' offensive explosion crushes Atlanta

By The Associated Press

The way George Foster sees it, the New York Mets may mean bad news for the rest of the National League.

"Our entire lineup is contributing now and the way we're going, no team is going to be able to hold us down," Foster said after driving home five runs yesterday at the Mets' outlast the Atlanta Braves 15-10.

The victory came one day after the Mets drubbed the Braves 16-4.

"It was just a matter of breaking out of our slump and getting it together," said Foster, who went 3-for-3, including a three-run homer and a double.

In other National League games, Cincinnati got past Philadelphia 7-6, Houston beat Montreal 5-4, San Francisco shaded Chicago 2-1, Pittsburgh defeated San Diego 2-2 and St. Louis beat Los Angeles 4-2 in 10 innings.

In the American League, Texas rallied past Detroit 7-5, Toronto hammered Oakland 11-4, Baltimore beat Kansas City 6-4, Boston downed California 8-4, Milwaukee edged Seattle 5-4, New York topped Minnesota 5-2 and Cleveland defeated Chicago 4-3 in 10 innings.

The Mets have gone 15-3 in the month of July, and set a team record by scoring 31 runs in two consecutive games. Those two high-scoring affairs have raised the Mets' batting average 12 points to .342.

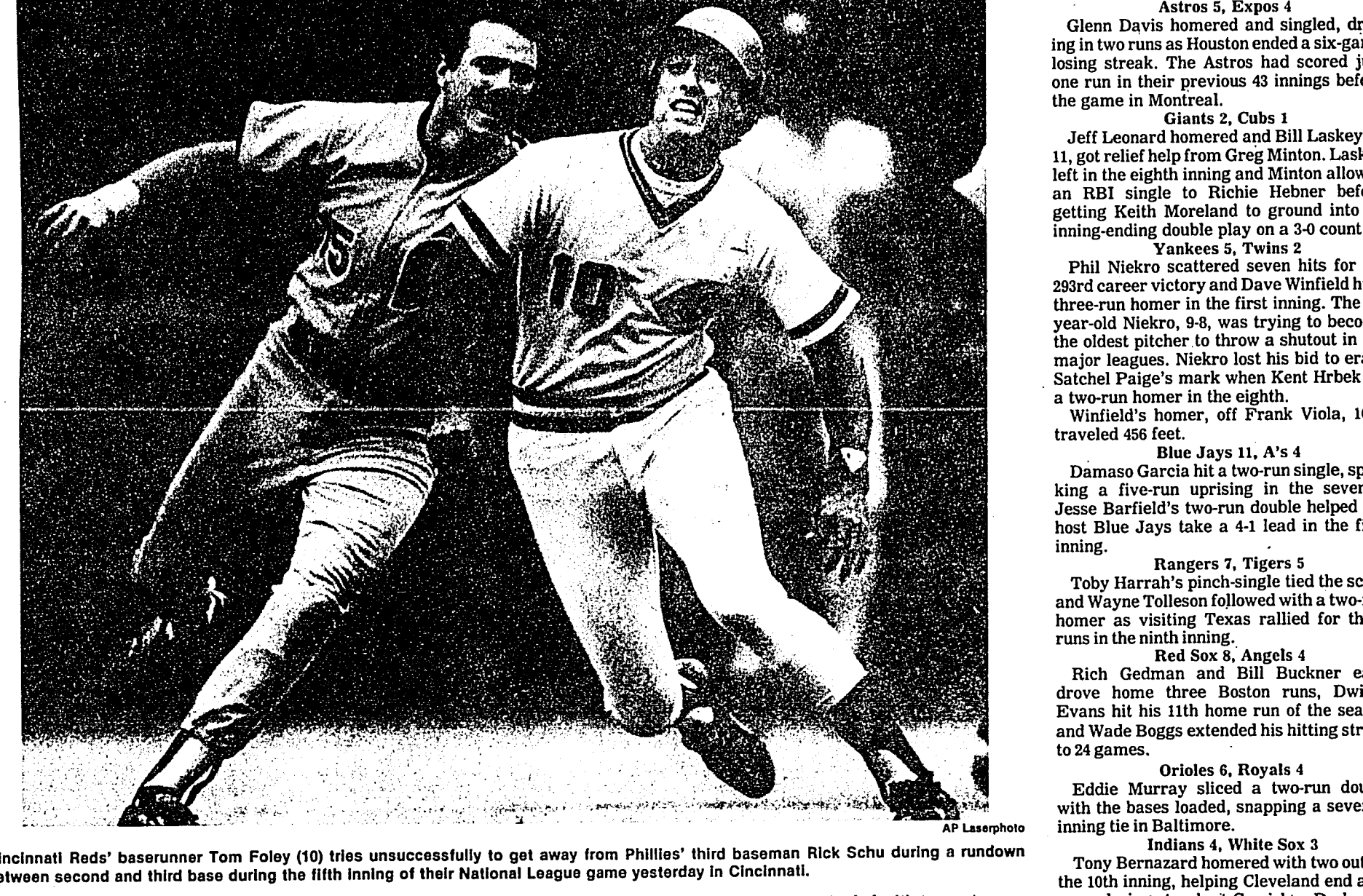
Foster, meanwhile, is batting .368 in his last 18 games. He has three homers and 15 RBI in his last 10 games.

"All of that is nice," Foster said. "But I'm not doing this by myself. You need guys on base to make things happen. Guys like Keith (Hernandez), Gary (Carter) and Darryl (Strawberry) have to be hitting, too."

"My best year statistic-wise was with Cincinnati (1977, when he batted .320 and hit 52 homers), but we didn't win anything. (Dale) Murphy has had great years, also, but the Braves haven't won anything. Neither did Montreal with Carter."

Howard Johnson hit a two-run homer off loser Pascual Perez, 1-6, and Hernandez drove in two runs with a pair of doubles and a single.

Dale Murphy, Claudell Washington and Terry Harper for the Braves, who trailed 9-1 before rallying within 9-7 in the seventh.



Cincinnati Reds' baserunner Tom Foley (10) tries unsuccessfully to get away from Phillies' third baseman Rick Schu during a rundown between second and third base during the fifth inning of their National League game yesterday in Cincinnati.

Cardinals 4, Dodgers 7  
Pinch-hitter Steve Braun hit his first home run of the season, a two-run shot in the 10th inning, that lifted St. Louis over Los Angeles.  
The victory kept the visiting Cardinals one-half game ahead of New York in the NL East. Los Angeles leads the NL West by one-half game over San Diego.  
Reds 7, Phillies 6  
Dave Parker's two-run homer in the seventh inning carried Cincinnati past Philadelphia. Farker hit his 17th home run of the season, surpassing his 1984 total by one, after Pete Rose singled with two outs.  
Pirates 5, Padres 2  
Lee Tunnell ended his 11-game losing streak over two seasons with his first victory since June 2, 1984. Tunnell, 1-6, pitched six innings. Sammy Khalifa hit a two-run double for Pittsburgh in the game at San

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