# McEnroe comeback slow to start

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — The stars of the ennis world are hoping that John McEnroe's comeback problems

McEnroe returned to the tour a month ago from more than a halfyear's sabbatical. In his first three ournaments, he lost in a semifinal to Boris Becker, was beaten in the third round by Robert Seguso and lost in a

Then came Tuesday's opening round loss to Paul Annacone in the U.S. Open — and the realization that McEnroe is not yet ready for the lofty competition of a major tournament. "I think that when I came back, I worked too hard," McEnroe said. "I overworked myself, maybe . . . the mistake was that after the first tournament, I just felt a big letdown. I tried to get myself in good shape, but what happened was I didn't figure on

a lot of other factors coming into it." Those other factors include loss of enthusiasm and concentration and a lack of mental toughness. Those are the things his fellow professionals say will be the most difficult for McEnroe

"Like John says, no matter how much you win you always wonder whether you can come back and win another," said Martina Navratilova, the women's No. 1 seed in the U.S. Open. "It's tough enough when you're in it but it has to be that much tougher when you've been out of it for a while "I mean, I've won Wimbledor enough times (seven, including the last five). but I still wonder at times

whether I could pull it off. "You can't win without confidence and you can't have confidence without winning, so it's a Catch-22." McEnroe's most recent victory was her. After losing in the first round of the Masters at New York in January,

While he was away, he married actress Tatum O'Neal, who had delivered the couple's son earlier in the

During McEnroe's absence, several players — most notably Jimmy Connors, the other dominant American of the past decade — mentioned his importance to the tour. Those sentiments were expressed again after McEnroe's quick exit in the U.S.

Despite his determined efforts, John McEnroe has fallen upon hard times since

International in McEnroe's 1986 tour getting comfortable on the court and debut, holds no ill feelings toward the getting confidence."

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"He grew up in New York and it has

bitter semifinal match at the Volvo "It's a matter of winning a few and

For McEnroe, a patient attitude "I'm sorry for him because he is may be the hardest thing to master. rying to make a comeback," Becker The competitive drive to excel, along said after McEnroe's loss. "Maybe he with the masterful strokes that carried him to the top, seems to have fled. While Lendl, Becker and Connors, for example, have continued to display a fiery attitude on court McEnroe's attack often has appeared halfhearted.

Does he still have the enthusiasm

for the game? "That's something I have to look

at." McEnroe said. "You know, look at myself in the mirror and ask myself that question because, so far, it certainly hasn't seemed to have been there a whole lot. It's just not

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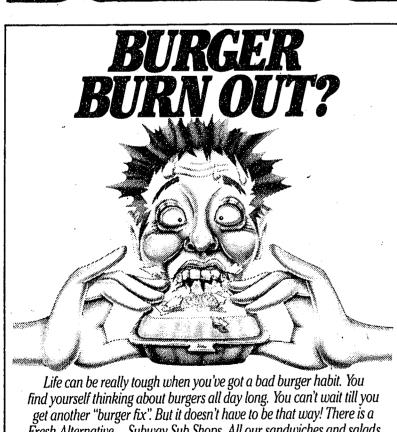
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## sports briefs

## Davis to remain at Pitt

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Brian Davis, a highly recruited running back who is academically ineligible for the 1986 season, will remain a student at the University of Pittsburgh and not transfer to

Davis, from Washington, Pa., said he will attempt to regain his eligibility for the 1987 season, when he would be a sophomore. "I like the atmosphere here," Davis said, after deciding not to transfer to Akron University.

Despite missing nearly half the 1985 season with injuries, Davis was Pitt's third-leading rusher with 298 yards and debuted with a 100-yard performance against Boston College. Davis was suspended from spring drills by new Pitt Coach Mike

Gottfried after he skipped some classes and team workouts. He was later declared academically ineligible. Davis was the 1984 Parade Magazine national high school coplayer of the year at Washington (Pa.) High School.

### Rivers scheduled to leave ICU

ELKHART, Ind. (AP) -Notre Dame basketball guard David Rivers, who was seriously injured in an auto accident last weekend. was expected to be transferred out of the intensive care unit Wednesday at Elkhart General Hospital, his surgeon said. "We will be transferring David out of intensive care to a surgical

floor today," Dr. Kirby Gross said in a statement released by the hospital. "He remains in good spirits and is in good condition." Rivers, 21, Notre Dame's leading scorer the past two seasons, received a deep cut across his stomach in a traffic accident early

scheduled for any further surgery and would be released from the hospital in eight to 12 days, depending on his progress. The Jersey City, N.J., native suffered a gash 12-15 inches long across his stomach when he was hurled through the windshield of a

released at the hospital. Doctors say they believe Rivers, a junior, will be able to play in

PITTSBURGH (AP) - The Pittsburgh Penguins will open a sixgame exhibition schedule Sept. 20 with a home game against the Montreal Canadiens, the defending Stanley Cup champions. The Penguins will play the Canadiens three times and the Quebec Nordiques, the Hartford Whalers and the Minnesota North Stars once each each. The Sept. 20 game against the Canadiens will be the Penguins' only home contest.

The Penguins' exhibition schedule: Sept. 20, Montreal, 7:35 p.m.; Sept. 27, at Montreal, 8:05 p.m.; Sept. 29, vs. Montreal at Chicoutimi, Quebec, 7:05 p.m.; Sept. 20, at Quebec, 7:35 p.m.; Oct. 1, at Hartford, 7:35 p.m.; Oct. 4, at Minnesota, 7:35 p.m.

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Ken Barlow, received only minor injuries and was treated and the upcoming season, but not before late November.

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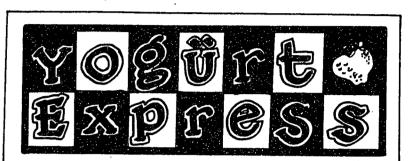
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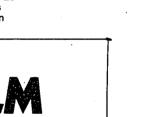




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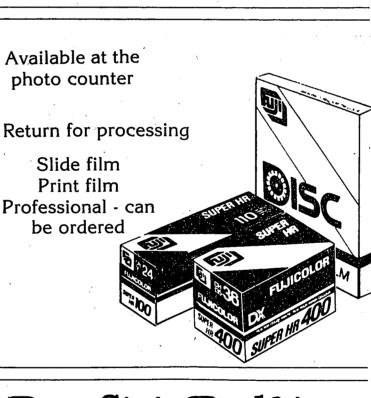
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