

Top Seeded Tennis Greats KO'd In U.S. Tourney

The first U.S. Open tennis tournament, which ends Sunday at Forest Hills, N.Y., has produced some staggering results. Neither the No. 1 nor No. 2 seeded players will be around for the title match. Rod Laver, the Wimbledon champ and favored at Forest Hills, was knocked out by Cliff Drysdale of South Africa, 4-6, 6-4, 3-6, 6-1, 6-1. Fellow Australian Tony Roche, ranked No. 2, was ousted

in an equally stunning upset when Pancho Gonzalez, 40 and now gray, played like he was 15 years younger in roaring to an 8-6, 6-4, 6-2 victory. Peaches Bartkowicz, the hope of Michigan, also was sidelined, but not until she extended Britaine Ann Haydon Jones, 10-8, 6-8, Mrs. Jones was ranked No. 2 in the women's division.

BILL MAHER of the Detroit Boat Club has won a place on the U.S. Olympic rowing squad. He'll team with John Mum, formerly of Ecorse, at the Games. The pair placed first in the trials held at Long Beach, Calif.

lost to Minnesota for the rest of the season with a collarbone separation, is the current leader with a 239 start. In contrast, Pete Rose of Cincinnati, the National League leader, is hitting .345.

WEATHER PERMITTING, there'll be a big road on the Detroit River between Belle Isle and the mainland Sunday. The cream of the boat world will be on deck trying again to stage the Gold Cup classic, starting at noon. The race originally was scheduled for late June, but had to be postponed because of rough conditions on the water.

At least 12 boats are slated to start with defending champion Miss Bardahl the favorite. THE CURTAIN DROPS on what has been an unhappy season for the Detroit Cougars soccer team Monday night when they host Atlanta at Tiger Stadium.

The Cougars have managed six victories and can't move out of last place in their division. Crowds have been disappointing, but the team's management says it'll be back next season.

WHEN SEPTEMBER comes, fall and winter can't be far ahead...and it isn't. The Red Wings and Pistons both start practice this week. The Pistons greet their rookies Thursday at Marysville High School while new coach, Bill Gadsby assembles the Wings at Fort Huron the following day.

SPORTS FANS will go crazy trying to keep abreast with television during this weekend. There were five football games on the docket, plus the game-of-the-week in baseball, the world series of golf and the semifinals and finals in the first U.S. Open tennis tournament. Golf's world series is a four-man affair pitting the four major champions — Bob Goalby (Masters), Gary Player (British Open), Lee Trevino (U.S. Open) and Julius Boros (PGA). What, no Arnie Palmer or Jack Nicklaus? They'll play a two-day, 36-hole tourney.

TALKING ABOUT pro golf, rookie Bob Murphy has become the hottest new name of the stakes. He won the Thunderbird Classic at Clinton, N.J., with a 277 to up his earnings to \$70,000 for the last three weeks. He previously had won the Philadelphia Classic and tied for second in the Westchester (N.Y.) meet.



THREE OBSERVERLAND gridders, all candidates for the Central Michigan University varsity, are shown with Head Coach Roy Kramer as fall practice starts. The trio includes: (from left) Dave Wilson, Clarenceville; Dan Harris, Thurston; and Jim Prisk, Clarenceville. Prisk, a junior, is a returning letterman while Harris and Wilson are sophomores.

U-M Hopes To Solve Defensive Weakness

Ann Arbor — If there was one single factor that cost Michigan a winning season in 1967, it was the inability to come up with the "big" defensive play. The situation at end and linebacker was unsettled for most of last fall because of a variety of reasons. Coach Bump Elliott feels that situation was stabilized during spring drills.

Stincic logged 240 minutes as an end in his sophomore year, and last season switched to linebacker in midseason. His play at the new position was good enough to earn him first team All-Big Ten honors.

TEAMING WITH Stincic on the right side will be junior Cecil Pryor (6-4, 230). Pryor, from Corpus Christi, Tex., showed great promise a year ago, but didn't play up to his potential and didn't log enough playing time to enter.

He showed great improvement in spring drills and nailed down one of the first-team linebacking assignments, at least for the start of the fall practice.

A pair of veterans should hold down the starting defensive end jobs. On the left side it's Phil Seymour, the 6-4, 195-pound junior who won a starting position during the second half of last season. Seymour is from Berkeley and a cousin of Notre Dame's All-American end, Jim Seymour.

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Shaw inherits some experienced personnel, but hastens to add, "They are not experienced in the College of Michigan defense. We are going to return to the 5-2 alignment this fall after experiments with multiple defenses last fall."

After Michigan lost four of its first five games last season, suffering some key injuries, a switch was made to a four-man front with three linebackers.

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the sidelines and consult with the entire coaching staff instead of just one coach during a timeout situation.

Still another college-rule change bars a player who signals for a fair catch on a punt from letting the ball bounce away and then his blocking out an opponent.

MORE AND MORE, the colleges, the professionals and the high schools are coming closer to each other with their rules.

One major difference still centers around pass interference. The colleges and pros award the offensive team the ball at the spot of defensive interference and rule it an automatic first down.

In high school football, when there's defensive interference, the ball goes back to the original spot from which the ball was snapped and the defensive team is tagged with a 15-yard penalty. The offense always gets a first down.

The feeling is that high school defenders may be more anxious than their college brothers in the pro and college ranks. Hence it's felt that it's too steep a penalty to permit a team to advance 20 or 30 yards on a defensive-interference call.

On such situations, the ball goes back to the original spot and a 15-yard penalty is slapped on the offense.

We might add that football referees are pretty sharp people. Most of them know the rules.



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