Mann Not Quite So **Imposing** Nelson Beat Cancer

By Tom Friend

Charles Mann won't go sackless out of sympathy Monday night. On he other hand, he will find no spe-nal thrill in blowing past Karl Nel-son either, not when Nelson most ecently beat cancer.

Some players have preseason nuries; last year, the New York liants tackle had chemotherapy. Ie had been hospitalized last August for shoulder surgery, expected o miss a few weeks, and tests in-tead diagnosed Hodgkin's disease, which could have caused him to

his life. His wife, like any sensible per-on, became hysterical. He became shilosophical. Doctors advised that he disease had been identified reltively early, which meant recovery vas 95-percent certain. Life was vithin sight, thank heavens, but, hen again, so was the 1988 football

"It's what I was going to do all ong," he said of playing right tack-Monday night in front of millions people in a national television of people in a national television audience, not to mention the thou-ands at Giants Stadium for the

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biants-Redskins season opener.

His job will be to get in Mann's
vay, easy for running backs to do,
act so simple for linemen. In his
lay—pre-1987—Nelson was a premer run blocker for a right-handed
eam and a right-handed runner,
oe Morris. But the team looked
hort-handed last season without
mm. Morris slumped, the team
lumped, and General Manager
jeorge Young said it can be directy attributed to Nelson's illness.

If anything, Young said, it made
dayers come to tight grips with
heir own mortality, not what you
yant in a game like football, where
entativeness and too much thinkag is a no no, especially along the
diensive line.

On the other hand, now that Nelon is starting again, his Giants
eammates shoot back with a rare
ollective confidence, smirks all
round. Their new saying is: Don't
vorry, be happy.

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vorry, be happy.

Nelson is in what's known as remission. Of course, that's not dismission is recommended and discomfort in
is left shoulder—the same injury
hat led to the disease being discovred—because surgery eventually red—because surgery eventually as performed, and the pain there as eventually returned. The caner is not the problem now; it's the usettling tissue in the shoulder. See REDSKINS, D7, Col. 5

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Sixth-seeded Jimmy Connors, on his 36th birthday, hands a 6-0, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1 less to Gilad Bloom.

Connors, Evert Breeze in Open

Agassi Also Victorious as Present, Future U.S. Stars Shine

By Rick Warner

Associated Press

NEW YORK, Sept. 2—The proud past and the promising future of U.S. tennis were showcased at the U.S. Open today. Jimmy Connors and Chris Evert,

who together have won 11 U.S. Open singles titles, easily beat youthful opponents to move into the third round at the National Tennis

They were followed on center court by Andre Agassi, 18, who

showed why he is a rising star by beating Rick Leach, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3,

beating Rick Leach, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4.

"I'm happy I got things together as the match went on," Agassi said after winning his 20th consecutive Grand Prix match. "One more match under my belt and I'll start picking things up."

Connors celebrated his 36th birthday with a 6-0, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1 victory over 21-year-old Gilad Bloom of Israel, and Evert defeated 19-year-old American Halle Cloffi, 6-1, 6-0.

"I've been coming here so long, it's natural for me to be here on my birthday," said Connors, the No. 6 birthday," said Connors, the No. 6 seed who is playing in his 19th straight Open. "But I don't look back. I'll have time to do that when I'm not playing anymore. Right now, it's still fun to go out there and

Agassi, who has won six tournaments this year, shows the same spirit as Connors even though he is half his age. "I've always admired his deter-

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NFL Suspend Bills' Smith, 49ers' Taylor

By Dave Sell

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Washington Post Staff Writer

All-pro defensive end Bruce
Smith of the Buffalo Bills and second-year wide receiver John Taylor
of the San Francisco 49ers yesterday were suspended for 30 days for
violating the National Football
League's substance abuse policy,
bringing to 14 the number of players who have been suspended.

Both players are barred from
playing or practicing until atleast
Oct. 2, which means they will miss
the first four games of the regular
season. Buffalo opens the regular
season Sunday at home against
Minnesota, while San Francisco begins the season at New Orleans.

The 30-day suspensions are the
second phase of the league's substance abuse policy, meaning those
players suspended have tested posritive for drugs for a second time. A
third positive test results in a lifetime suspension, though players can
appeal after one year. Running back
Tony Collins was the only one of the
14 to be hit with the lifetime suspension.

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"We're talking about a guy's health here," Bills General Manager Bill Polian said, dismissing ques-tions about what the loss of Smith will mean to the team.

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The 6-foot-4, 285-pound Smith played at Booker T. Washington High School in Norfolk, and was an all-America and Outland Trophy winner while playing for Virginia Tech. He was the first pick in the 1985 draft and the most valuable player in last season's Pro Bowl. Only New England's Andre Tippett (38½) and Seattle's Jacob Green (34) have more sacks than Smith (33½) in the last three seasons.

"There are youngsters who look up to the players, and I feel terrible about that" Polian told the Associated Press.

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"I agree with the policy," Bills Coach Marv Levy said, adding that Smith had been warned before. "This is the way to rid the league of drugs."

Taylor, who played at Delaware State, caught nine passes for 151 yards last year, and was to be used on punt returns this season by the 49ers.

"The team is supportive of the league policy in principle, but the timing of this announcement is unfortunate," said San Francisco Coach Bill Walsh. "We're aware of

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Crisscrossed Terrapins: Teams at the Crossroads



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YNN: Despite earlier reports a contrary, veteran outfield-red Lynn is ineligible for cason play and can't be i to the Detroit Tigers' ros-

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LYNN: The Orioles paid 1,000 of the \$250,000 that received to waive his noclause. They're also picking 400,000 of his \$1.55 million y m 1989.

IE LYNN: The Tigers spent 00 to charter a jet to get 1 from California to Chicago re the deadline. They also ed for pitcher Ted Power, his commercial flight from as City was considerably per. It cost \$34.

20 MAN: Bo Jackson's 22 runs and 23 stolen bases in Kansas City Royals' his-Amos Otis did it in 1978, 22 homers and 32 stolen

DIUM VOTE: Opponents of a state-aided stadium for the , state-aided stadium for the ago. White Sox have struck in their bid to block the pro-A judge has upheld the vote in Illinois House that cleared way for a \$150 million ball-for the American League. The vote taken in the wan-The vote, taken in the wanands of the spring session, challenged in court.

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miss the entire Milwaukee series this weekend because of a pulled groin muscle.

STORM IN OAKLAND: Storm Davis, the former Oriole, has won nine straight decisions. The A's have won each of his last 12 starts, and Davis' 14 victories ties his career high.

CLOSE CALL: Texas' Rangers scouting director Sandy Johnson was scheduled to be on Delta flight 1141 that crashed Tuesday fight 1141 that crashed tuesday in Dallas. Just before he was to leave for the airport, Rangers General Manager Tom Grieve phoned and asked Johnson to stop by Arlington Stadium to meet a prospective buyer of the team. Johnson missed the flight.

NUMBERS: The San Francisco Giants are zero for 34 against Mets' reliever Randy Myers . . . The Toronto Blue Jays have scored six runs in Mike Flanagan's last six losses . . . Cincinnati's Eric Davis has stolen 32 consecutive bases, six short of Davey Lopes' 1975 record.

GOOSE COOKED: Rich Gossage's fight with Cubs Manager Don Zimmer has cost the reliever his job as Chicago's closer and Drew Hall will replace him during late innings for the remainder of this season

Gossage, who challenged Zimmer earlier in the week after being hit hard, met yesterday with General Manager Jim Frey and said afterward, "If I want to get my job back as the closer on this team, it's all up to me.
"No one has to tell me how badly I've been pitching," said Gossage (2-2, 12 saves, 4.58 ERA). He has blown 10 of 22 save opportunities.

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URIOLES MOVES: Baltimore purchased the contract of Southern League batting champion Butch Davis from its Class AA Charlotte affiliate. Davis, 30, an outfielder who hits from the right side, batted .301 with 13 home runs in 101 games, and was second in the league with 82 RBI. ORIOLES MOVES: Baltimore pur-

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ASSOCIATED PRES Irtina Navratilova's resolve is evident in a backhand to Anne Minter.

Connors, Evert, Agassi Advance; Noah Out

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mination and desire to stay out there and fight," Agassi said of Con-nors. "His aggressive game is what's really attractive to me."

Evert, 33, has won six Open ti-tles, one more than Connors. But

"There's certainly no pressure on me, that's for sure," said Evert,

Navratilova, seeking her third straight Open championship, moved into the fourth round with a 6-1, 6-3 wictory over Anne Minter of Australia. But 10th-seeded Claudia Kohde-Kilsch and No. 13 Mary Joe Fernandez were eliminated. The men's top seed, Ivan Lend,

continued his bid for a record fourth consecutive Open title with a 6-2, 6-4, 6-1 win over American Jay Berger.

"It's just a question of time before he gets tired," said Lendl, who struggled to a five-set win over Amos Mansdorf in the opening round. "It was a fight to get to 3-1 in the first set, which took a half-hour, but then all of a sudden it went quickly."

The only men's seed to lose was No. 7 Yannick Noah, who retired after falling behind Jason Stoltenberg of Australia, 6-2, 6-7 (11-9), 5-1. The hard court aggravated No-ah's ailing knees, which are afflicted

an's aims knees, which are afficted with tendinitis.

"It's difficult to go out of a tournament this way," Noah said. "This is very, very disappointing considering the amount of work I put in."

Connors has been plagued by foot or the property wars but that

problems in recent years, but that didn't stop him from running Bloom off the court before an appreciative stadium crowd.
"This has always been a tourna-

ment and a place I love to play,"
Connors said, "There are some
places where you go and you just fit in and belong no matter how you

"It could be Belleville, Illinois [his home town or some other small town, but for me it happens to be

Evert, another crowd favorite, breezed past Cioffi in 58 minutes as

ing set.
"I would have liked a tougher match today, but I'll compensate by practicing and playing doubles," said Evert, who has allowed six games in two matches. "The next round [against Michelle Torres] will be a

ittle tougher.

"Today was my first time on center court and it was so noisy. You have to learn how to concentrate and block out the airplanes and the people. That's what I worked on today."

The most intimidating force in women's tennis right now is Graf, who is trying to complete the first Grand Slam in 18 years. Graf has lost only two matches this year and dropped just one set in Grand Slam competition, but Evert said the West German isn't a lock to win the tournament.
"The bottom line is that everyone

is human and everyone can be beat-en," she said. "It will probably take someone who is playing 10 percent over their head, but it can be done." After beating Minter in one hour,

Navratilova was asked if she was looking ahead to a possible show-down against Graf.

"You can't think about the finals when you're in the third round," she

said. "So I don't worry about her at all. Whether she's playing well or badly doesn't concern me." Kohde-Kilsch lost her third-round

match to American Stephanie Rehe, 6-3, 2-6, 6-3; Fernandez was beaten by Elna Reinach of South Africa,

by Elna Reinach of South Airica, 7-5, 6-3.
Although Kohde-Kilsch was a quarterfinalist here last year, her defeat was not a major surprise. Rehe, 18, from Highland, Calif., won a tournament in San Diego last month and has risen to No. 16 in the world rankings, just six spots behind Kohde-Kilsch.

Joining Rehe in the fourth round were 11th-seeded Zina Garrison and No. 16 Larisa Savchenko.

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Six other women's seeds moved into the third round with straight-set victories—No. 16 Manuela Maleeva, No. 7 Helena Sukova, No. 9 Lori McNeil, No. 12 Barbara Potter, No. 14 Katerina Maleeva and No. 15 Sylvia Hanika.
Tim Mayotte, the No. 9 men's seed, moved into the third round with a 6-3, 7-5, 6-4 victory over Gianluca Pozzi of Italy.

G'Days in Tennis

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By David Aldridge Washington Post Staff Writer

NEW YORK, Sept. 2—Perhaps the U.S. Tennis Association should think about the suggestion that it rename the U.S. Open the Austra-lian Open.

name the U.S. Open the Austra-in Open.

Though there's already one tour-

ament by that name, the performance of Australian players in the men's draw here has perked up some ears, eager to hear the story of the overnight success of the Australian's tennis development program.

Of course, it has been a much longer tougher climb than that But the

er, tougher climb than that. But the

Australians have brought a number of

Australians have brought a number of players here from the junior ranks that have had great victories in the opening rounds, knocking out all three of the seeded players that have been eliminated thus far.

Darren Cahill beat fifth seed Boris' Becker, Mark Woodforde dumped John McEnroe for the second time in a row, and today, Jason Stoltenberg won over seventh seed Yannick Noah after Noah's tendinitis in both knees forced him to retire in the third set, down 5-1.

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Canil has been the nottest player this summer, but Woodforde made the semifinals at Toronto. Simon Youl lost a third-set tie breaker at the semifinals in Livingston and Stoltenberg made the fourth round of the Australian Open before losing a tongh third set to Stefan Edberg.

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Like many other countries, Australia has made tennis development
a matter for national and government assistance. Tennis is one of 17
sports represented at the Institute
of Sport, begun earlier this decade

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and based in the capital city of Canberra. The program reaches thousands of players each year and was the starting point for Cahill, Woodforde, Stoltenberg and Pat Cash, the 1987 Wimbledon champion.

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Having produced a slew of champions during its heyday—Rod Laver,
John Newcombe, Evonne Goolagong

and others—Australia was in a very similar predicament at the beginning of the decade to what the United States is trying to address now. No

matter what happens from here, the performance of these Australians and others such as Youl and Wally

Masur all year are proof that the institute is succeeding.

"We had a very lean period from a very great era," said Ray Ruffels, the national coach at the Institute

for eight years. "Much by the initiative of John Newcombe, we started the junior development program. And he's combined with Tennis Australia and the combined with Tennis Aus

nis Australia and the government and McDonald's [which has lent its name to the program] to bring about where it is now."

Happy Birthday, Again

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seeded third behind Steffi Graf and Martina Navratilova. "Nobody expects me to win this year."

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There's nothing new about Jimmy Connors celebrating his birth-Ski Chalet's In-Store August

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oit's Fred Lynn, looking a little weary after trying to beat ight trading deadline Wednesday, can rest after season. AL has rated Tipers can't put him on rester for league play offs