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Jimmy Connors shows his two-handed backhand as he swings to victory over Arthur Ashe in the finals of the U.S. Pro Tennis Championships on Monday night at Longwood Cricket Club.

Connors Outlasts Ashe For U.S. Pro Tennis Title

BROOKLINE, Mass. (UPI) — Young, unseeded Jimmy Connors overcame the methodical and smooth Arthur Ashe, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2, Monday night to win the \$12,000 first prize at the 46th U.S. Professional Tennis Championships at Longwood Cricket Club.

The two players fought a seesaw battle, with each apparently waiting for errors and fatigue to set in. The long duel lasted three hours and 10 minutes.

Connors, 20, of Belleville, Ill., refused to give up as the second-seeded Ashe, 30, of Miami, Fla., utilized all of his experience to force Connors into making bad shots.

Connors took the set lead 2-1, and almost came back to tie the fourth set, breaking Ashe's service to make the score 4-3.

But the foxy Ashe, after being down 40-love in the eighth game, rebounded to tie the game and broke

service to make it 5-3. Ashe dramatically won the fourth set 6-3 on a 40-love game score.

From then on, Connors, who defeated Stan Smith of Sea Pines, S.C., the number one seed of the tournament, 6-3, 6-3, in the first round, was in charge.

He broke Ashe's service early in the last set and held on to win the set 6-2, breaking Ashe in the final game at love.

Smith and Eric van Dillon won the doubles championship by defeating Marty Riessen and Egypt's Ismail El Shafei, 4-6, 6-4, 7-5.

The victory was worth \$2,500 to the winning team, with the losers splitting up \$1,200.

Soviets Lead U.S. In Track Meet

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A powerful Soviet team took a 65-51 lead over the United States men in the first day of a dual track and field meet despite the brilliant running of young sprinter Steve Williams.

The Soviet women cracked American domination in the sprints, finishing 1-2 in both the 100 and 400-meter dashes and taking the 400 relay to spurt to a 53-20 first-day lead.

Williams, a 6-foot-3 tiger even on the soft Minski track that held down times, won the 100-going away in a good 10.1 seconds. Herb Washington of Flint, Mich., was second in 10.3.

Williams, from New York City denied a head-to-head 100-meter duel with the "world's fastest human," Valery Borzov, who picked up Olympic gold in both the 100 and 200 meters at Munich, showed Borzov his heels in the relay.

Running anchor on the 400 team, Williams got the baton about three meters behind Borzov and left the Russian a good three meters behind at the tape.

In the 5-3-2-1 scoring system, the U.S. team had expected to pick up five points in the pole vault. But Mike Cotton of Ocala, Fla., reinjured a hamstring muscle in his first effort and had to abandon the competition. The Russians took first and second.

Russia's Alex Metreveli, the Wimbledon runnerup, defeated Patrick Proisy of France, 6-3, 6-8, 7-5, 6-2 Monday in their rain-delayed European Davis Cup semifinal match.

Metreveli's win evened the score at 1-1 in the five-match series. . . Hakoah of Tel Aviv, Champion soccer team of Israel, the Middle East and Asia, will play the Boston Astros of the American Soccer League in an exhibition game Aug. 7 at Boston College, it was announced Monday.

featured in the 8 p.m. game will be Hakoah center forward Rhoi Hshuruk, a World Cup all-star selection.

Carmine Abbatiello heads into the final two days of the Yonkers Raceway meeting with a five victory



edge over Lucien Fontaine for the drivers championship . . . Abbatiello has 52 wins compared to 47 for Fontaine.

Bruce Crampton, finishing second in the St. Louis Classic, increased his money-winning lead on the PGA circuit this week, his \$24,290 check raising his year's total to \$235,944. . . Jack Nicklaus, who passed up St. Louis, remains in second place with \$193,946. . . David Pearson will reach another high point in the Talladega 500 Aug. 12 if he should finish in one of the top three positions and lead enough laps . . . if he does, he will become the second driver in NASCAR's 25-year history to pass \$1 million in track winnings.

The first was Richard Petty, who accomplished it two years ago. . . The final round of the Sports Car Club of America's L&M Championship series for Formula 5000 cars is scheduled for Sept. 30 at Seattle International Raceway near Kent, Wash., it was announced Monday. . . The first stop on a proposed Grand Masters Tennis tour was a disappointment at the gate, but a triumph on the court Sunday for Australian Frank Sedgman, who won the singles championship and shared the doubles' crown.

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Oparowski Wins Cross Country

East Longmeadow's cross country ace Paul Oparowski covered Forest Park's 2.2 mile cross country course in 11.14, running to an easy victory in Monday night's Park and Recreation race.

Oparowski, who will be a senior at East Longmeadow High in September, had little trouble with the rest of the field. Second place finisher Don Bamford, track and cross country coach at Minnechaug, took second place honors with an 11.45.

Finishing five seconds behind Bamford was Cathedral's Tom Wolfe.

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Rubis, Jamrog Pro-Jr. Champs

By DICK OSGOOD
Union Staff

LUUDLOW — Ed Rubis owns a host of golf titles, but until Monday never had won a Connecticut Section PGA Pro-Junior title.

Now he has it, thanks to the help of Chicopee High's Paul Jamrog at the Ludlow Country Club.

The 16-year-old Jamrog, who played No. 2 for Chicopee this past spring, aided the 44-year-old Rubis with birdies on three and nine.

The back side was mostly Rubis. The 5-4, 140-pound veteran birdied 11 from eight feet, 12 from 10 feet and 16 from two feet.

He could have made par on No. 17 but struck out on a four-footer. A maintenance cast had driven across the 17th fairway prior to Rubis' chip from the edge of the green. "It shook me," confessed Rubis, who chipped short and missed the putt.

But Eddie bagged a routine par on No. 18 to nose out Oxford's Bob O'Neill and Joe Grochmal, Frank Guerrero and Pete Sossong of Chase and Lehigh Rubenstein of Fairchild-Wheeler in Bridgeport, for the top prize. These three shared second spot with three-under par 69s.

The St. Anne's duo of George McGowan and Jeff Orr and Chuck Lasher and Bill Hermanson of Clinton, Conn. followed at 70.

Western Mass. teams of Dick Stranahan and Tom Mitchell of Longmeadow and the father-son duo of Ed and Tom Twohig of Amherst were next at 71.

Rubis, who will compete in the PGA championship next month in Cleveland, took blame for both his team's bogies.

He three putted four, in addition to missing the four-footer on 17.

Paired With Arnie

Rubis, 1972 Conn. Section Player of the Year, will be playing in the PGA for the second time. Last time he played was in 1966 at Akron when he was paired in the third round with Arnold Palmer.

Five birds by the 14-year-old Grochmal was a big plus for Bob O'Neill.

Grochmal, who will be a freshman this fall at Chicopee High, birdied three, four, 11, 16 and 18.

O'Neill birdied two, meaning his team was three under after four. But they took bogies on five, seven and eight and it got tougher.

Grochmal's 18-foot birdie drop on the final hole gave them a share of second place.

CHIP SHOTS — Grochmal's brother, Dave, captained Chicopee High in 1969. . . he's now at UMass. . . Rubis qualified for the PGA as Conn Section Player of the Year for 1972. . . Jamrog and Rubis — despite a gap in age — figure they weight the same. . . Rubis is 5-4 and Jamrog 5-7. . . both tip the scales, however, at a

slender 140, so Rubis says. . . Orr, who helped McGowan with birds on nine and 18, finished 12th over the weekend in the Insurance Youth Classic at New Bedford. . . he's an Agawam High junior. . . McGowan was growing over bogies on 15 and 16. . . the 63-year-old Twohig had a 73 on his own ball. . . his son is captain of three sports at Easthampton — soccer, basketball and golf. . . Tom Sutter left after the round for Portsmouth, N.H., to compete in the New England Amateur beginning today. . . Tom and his dad, John of Shaker Farms checked in with a 74. . . Paul Quinn, young man behind the scenes at Longmeadow, kept the scoreboard in the absence of Ray Harper. . . Harper had to pass up the tournament to serve the Jimmy Fund Celebrity Tournament at Tumble Brook in Bloomfield, Conn. . . Quinn, who has been working at Longmeadow for 11 years, came off a busy weekend. . . he gets credit for keeping a very readable scoreboard during the Longmeadow Invitational.

State Babe Ruth Playoffs Open in Longmeadow

LONGMEADOW — The Massachusetts State Babe Ruth playoffs begin here today at 5 p.m. Gov. Francis W. Sargent will be on hand to throw out the first pitch for the opening game, according to Longmeadow Baseball Association president George Shenias.

Leominster, the defending state champion and this year's Section 1 winner, will meet Longmeadow, the host team, in the only game today.

Others competing in the double elimination tournament are Burncoat (Section 2), Barnstable (Section 3) and Wakefield (Section 4).

Burncoat will play Wakefield Tuesday at 1 and Barnstable will meet the winner of the Longmeadow-Leominster game at 5.

All games will be played at Strople Field. The tournament runs through Saturday.

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